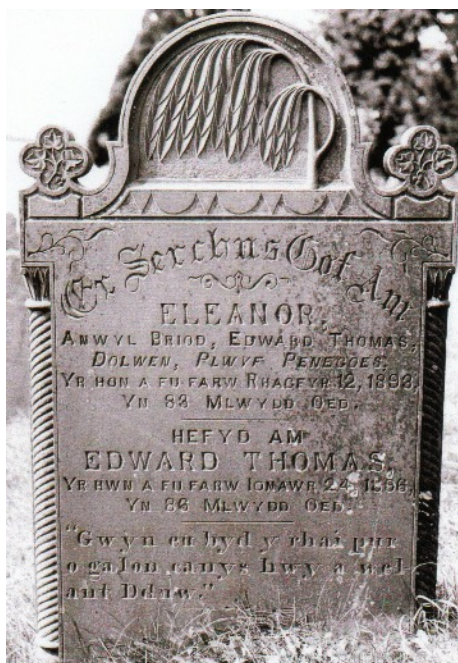




Aberhosan Chapel.



Julia Gunn



Julia Gunn visiting the grave of her G,G,G, grandparents Eleanor and Edward Thomas at Aberhosan Cemetery on the 14th of September 2008.

They lived at Dolwen, Aberhosan in the 1800s

We met the couple who lived here at Dolwen in 2008 and they allowed us to photograph the house.

Julia Gunn's Great,Great grandparents

Hugh Jones b. 26 Nov 1826 d. 22 June 1904 and Jane Richards b. 7 April 1829 d. 10 Dec 1905

They were married at the Bethlehem chapel, Aberhosan on the 16th March 1855



Hugh and Jane Jones at Penygraig, Aberhosan.

Children:- Some of these are estimated births from the Census of England and Wales.

Catherine Jones 1855 -

Jane Jones 1857 -

John Jones (My Great grandfather) 1860 - 1908

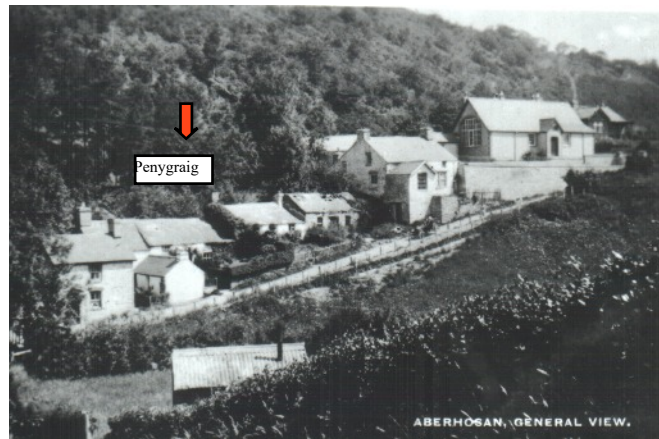
Hugh Jones 1863 - 1897

Elizabeth Jones 1865 -

Thomas Jones 1869 -

Mary Jones 1872 -

Anne Jones 1875 -



Bethlehem chapel, Aberhosan where Hugh and Jane were married and buried together. Photo by W.F. Gunn

Hugh Jones Penygraig's family was one of the oldest Aberhosan families. He fulfilled the role of the country veterinary surgeon, hence the word 'Torrwr', meaning castrator. However, his main source of income was his business as a repairer of brass, copper and pewter utensils. To announce his arrival, he used to sound a horn and people brought their utensils to be repaired. Hugh Jones also owned his house and a field to graze a donkey, therefore he was one of the few in Aberhosan who could vote at election time.

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Hugh and Jane Jones at Bethlehem chapel, Aberhosan.

Julia Gunn's Great grandparents

John Jones b.12th July1860 d.17th Feb1908 and Jane Richards.b.1st October1864- d. 21st March1938

They were married at the Registry Office at Machynlleth on the 22nd of September 1883

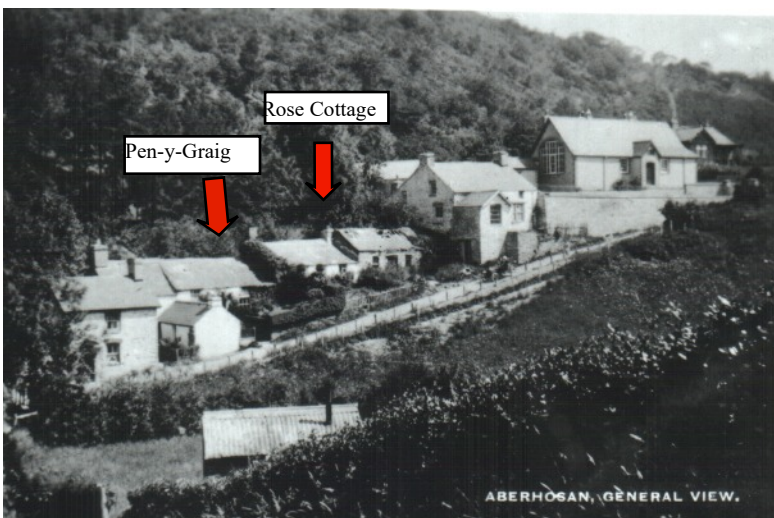


John and Jane Jones with some of their children:-
My grandfather John Gomer at the front, Anne at the back and Jane (Jennie) on the right.

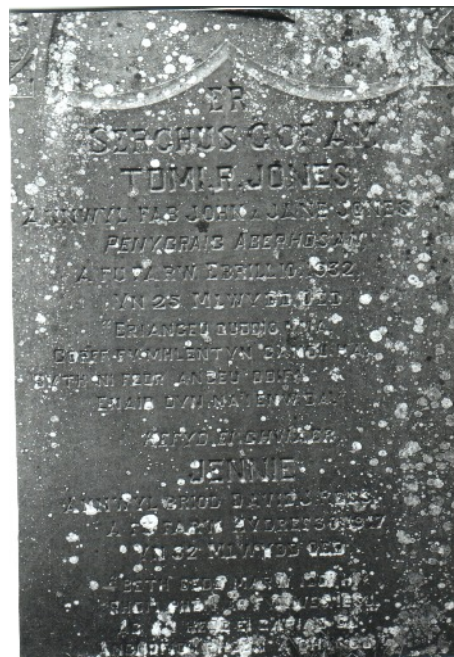
- Children :- Anne Jones b. 1884
Jane Jones (Jennie) b. 1885- 1917
Thomas Jones (Tommie) b. 1907- 1932
John Gomer Jones b. 1898-1945
Hugh Briwnant Jones b. 1891
Emma Mary



John and Jane are buried at the chapel cemetery in Aberhosan.



Part of Aberhosan village, John was born at Pen-y Graig and lived with Jane at Rose Cottage.



Tomie and Jennie's graves.
Thomas Jones died aged 25 on the 10th of April 1932
Jennie died on the 30th of October 1917.

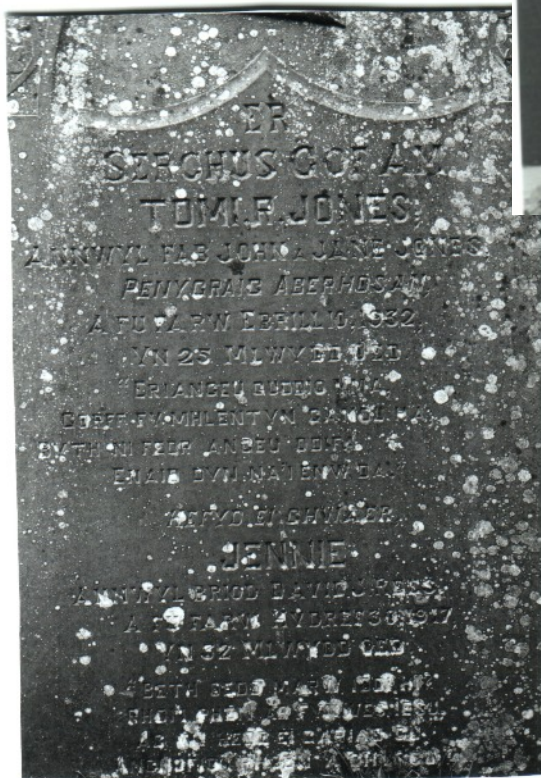


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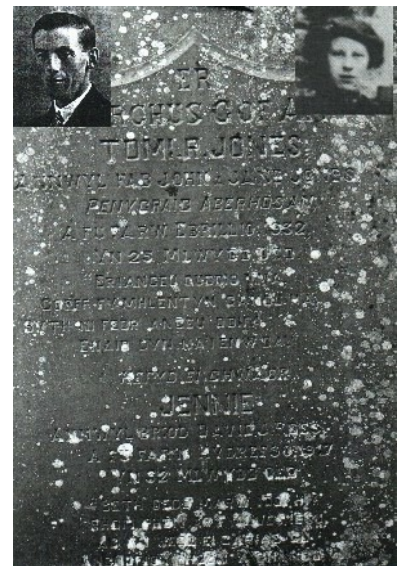
Jennie Jones (right) 1906 Teacher.

Gomer Jones, 4th boy from right at back. Julia Gunn's grandfather.

Jennie Jones (left)



Tomi and Jennie





Jane Jones, Hugh and Jane Penygraig's daughter 1857-1922. She married John Jones from Machynlleth. He was the Master at the Union Workhouse, Machynlleth for 27 years and Jane was the Matron.



John Jones 1859-1924 Jane Jones 1857-1922, also their daughter Mary Anne 1896-1898 who only lived for two years. They are buried at Bethlehem chapel cemetery, Aberhosan.



Mary Jones, Hugh and Jane's other daughter 1872-1947 who was assistant matron at the Union Workhouse, Machynlleth in 1891.

Workhouses were known to be very cruel and strict places where those unable to support themselves were offered accommodation and employment. Life in a workhouse was intended to be harsh to ensure that only the truly destitute would apply.

It was a surprise to me when I discovered that Jane and Mary (My Great, Great grandfather Hugh Jones's daughters) were employed there and also Anne (My grandfather John Gomer Jones's sister). I can only hope that they treated the inmates with some kindness.

John Jones

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					Maria Lewis	Daughter	S	18	Machynlleth	

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The Union Workhouse, Machynlleth which later became the King Edward VII Hospital, known as the Chest Hospital.

John e Jane Jones's son

ABERHOSAN

OBITUARY — The death occurred on Sunday week at King Edward VII Memorial Hospital Machynlleth of Mr Thomas R. Jones "Perygraig", youngest son of Mrs Jane Jones and of the late Mr John Jones. "Tommy", as he was popularly known was twenty five years of age and had been in ailing health for several months past. News of his death was received with much sorrow and regret. He was of a pleasant and amiable disposition and was an active member of the Sunday School and Young People's Society. Interment took place on Thursday week at Aberhosan graveyard. The Rev B Davies (pastor) officiated. At the chapel, Miss Hughes, Dolgrollog Hall played the Dead March on the organ and Mr David Martin conducted the singing. The beaters were messrs H. B Jones, J. G. Jones, John Richards and Joneth Hughes, while deceased's fellow friends carried the wreaths. The chief mourners present were, Mrs Jane Jones (mother), messrs, H. B and J. G. Jones (brothers); Mr e Mrs Joneth Hughes (sister and brother-in-law) Mr John Richards, London; Mr Thomas Jones Aberhosan (uncles); Mrs Tregonwg, Mrs Hughes Machynlleth; Mrs Mary Jones, Mt and Mrs John Thomas, Aberhosan; Mrs Rees Aberargll; Mrs Jones, Dinas Mawddwy; Mrs Morris Miss Thomas Machynlleth (aunts), Mr John Jones, Nurse Hilda Jones, Forge; Mrs Arthur, Miss Lewis, Cottis; Mr F. H. Lewis; Mr Hugh R Jones, Miss Dilys Richards, Machynlleth; Mr Trevor Jones, Derwenlas; Mr John Jones, Rhyngwynn:-

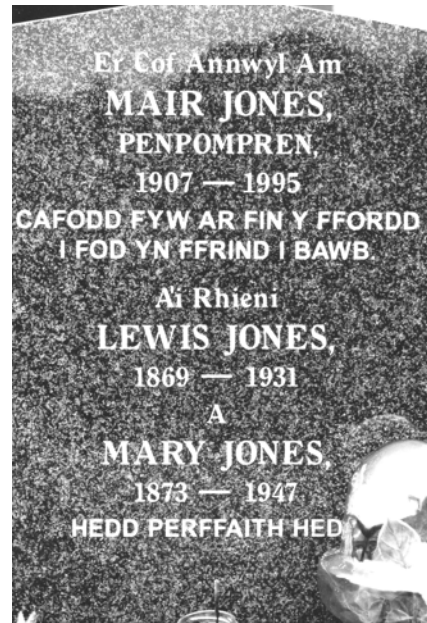
Mr & Mrs H.H. Jones, Cwmhafod; Miss Mair Jones,
 Penybont; Miss A. Davies, Malisbashedyre; Messrs.
 J. P. and Hugh Thomas, Madraz House (cousins)
 Others present were :- Mr W.P. Edwards, Machynlleth;
 Mrs Jones, Tyayplas; Mrs Roberts, Mr John Roberts
 Mr Robert Jones, Messrs Thomas (Cottis) Mrs
 D. J. Rees and Ceiriog, Miss A. Hughes;
 Miss L. Griffiths, Mr Jorweth Roberts;
 Messrs - John and Harry Breeze, Talybont.
 Miss Lewis, Caehilon. Floral tributes were
 sent by :- Ei fam, brodyr a chwiorydd; Er
 serchus Gof, oddiwrth Gymdeithas Pobl Ifanc
 Eglwys Aberhosar, an ei ffyddlondeb ai
 wasaraeth i Gymdeithas. Meow hi aeth dwys
 oddiwrth Aelodau Ysgol Sul Aberhosar;
 Lwyth a Modrys. Holloway; Uncle David and
 Auntie Lizzie) Sophie and Iwan; Iwan and
 Mary; Gwilym and Geridwen; Lil; Bromley, Kent;
 Jack and Claud, London; Auntie Kitty, Cottis
 ai plant; Teulu, Madraz Cottage; Edith and
 Pryce; Douglas; Mr and Mrs Jones ai plant,
 Tygwyr; Mr and Mrs Allport -



Thomas Jones, "Peyygraig"
 Aberhosar. Died, aged 25,
 April 10th 1932.
 He was a brother to my
 Grandfather: - John Gomer Jones.

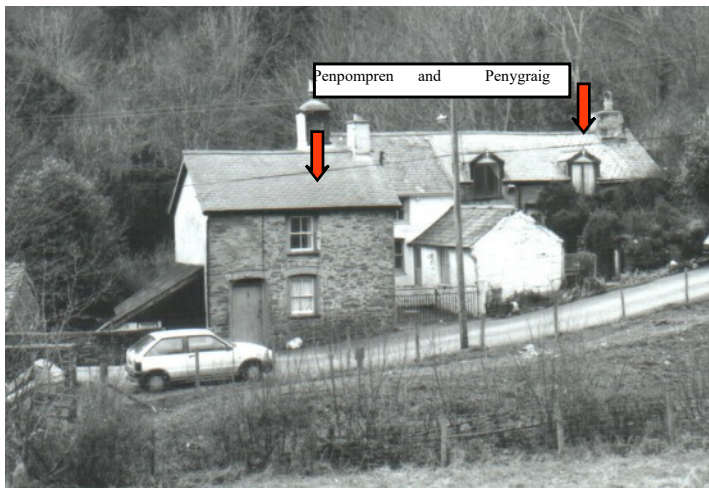


Left :- A photo of Auntie Mair's mother (Mary Jones)



Mary and Lewis Jones buried at Aberhosan cemetery with their daughter Mair Jones (Penpompren) or Auntie Mair, that's what mam and I called her.

Mary Jones, Hugh and Jane's daughter 1872 - 1947, she married Lewis Jones from Corris.



Ray and I were visiting Auntie Mair at Penpompren in 2001, that's our car outside. We used to live at Aberhosan in 1970 and she would come to see us and our baby Sharon nearly every night.

Auntie Mair was a dressmaker at Pumlumon House, Machynlleth.

I too have sewn all my life and was once a tailoress at Johnson's dry cleaners in Holyhead, so it must be in the genes. One day I showed her the very first quilt that I had made and she taught me how to make a cathedral square. A few years later, I made another quilt with cathedral squares for my daughter Sharon. I still have the square that Auntie Mair gave me in my sewing box today.

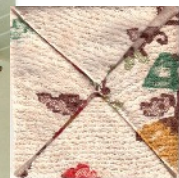
Hugh Jones (her mother's brother) was a tailor and there was a tailor's shop at Brynawel, Aberhosan just up the hill from Penpompren. When auntie Mair was about 13yrs of age, she remembered seeing five tailors sewing as they sat cross legged on a table.



My husband Ray (local postman) delivering presents and cards to Auntie Mair on her 88th birthday in 1995. He was very kind to her and would carry water from the well in the garden to see her through the day and would then have a cup of tea and cake before carrying on his post round.



The cathedral square quilt that I made for Sharon.



Auntie Mair's cathedral square



My daughter Sharon