

My Thomas Family History

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This document is about the life of:

John Thomas (1791-1844)

John Thomas was the father of

Walter Thomas (1826-1886)

who was the father of

John Thomas (1860-1938)

who was the father of

Hubert David Thomas (1889-1979)

who was the father of

Gordon David Thomas (1921-1985)

who was the father of

Roger Nicholas Hedley Thomas (1950-)

And Peter David Brandon Thomas and Michael Gordon Howard Thomas

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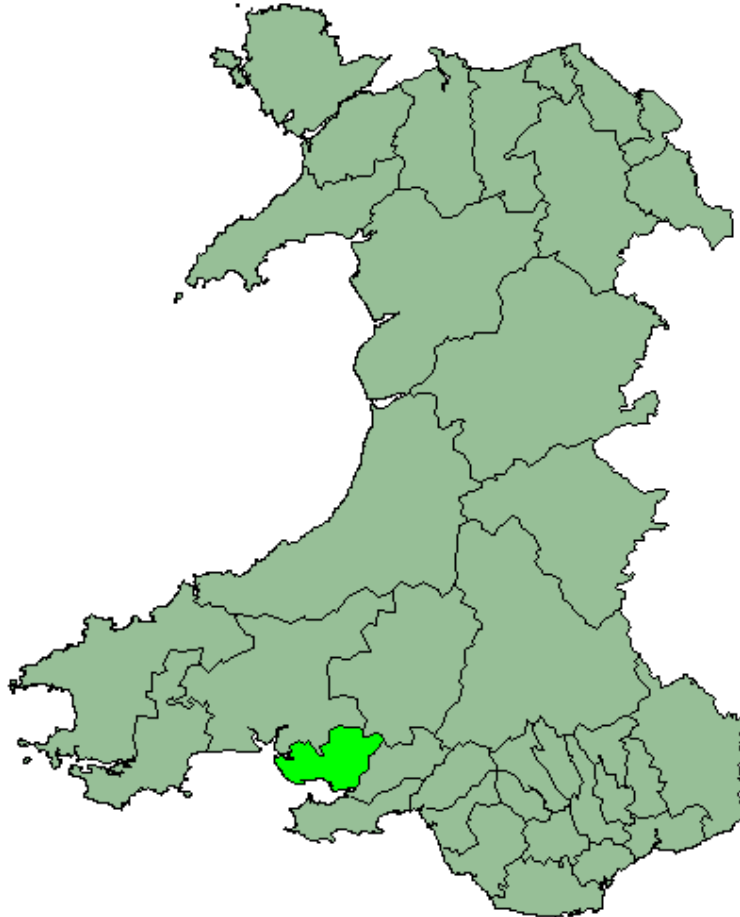
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John Thomas (1791-1844)

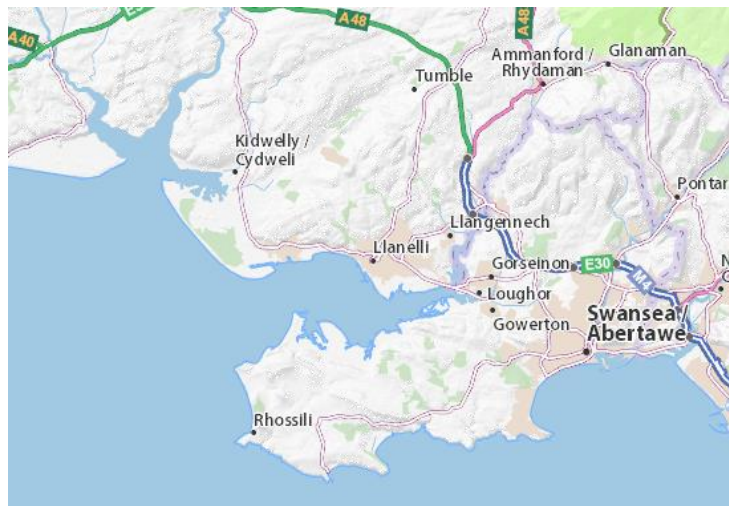
Early Life

The parents of John Thomas are not known. It was found to be an impossible task to trace his birth as “John Thomas” is such a common name in Wales.

John was born around 1791 in Llanelly, Carmarthenshire, Wales.



*District of Llanelli – highlighted
Llanelly is now spelt Llanelli*



Employment History

John was a Copper Refiner at the Seacombe Copperworks, in Wallasey, Cheshire.

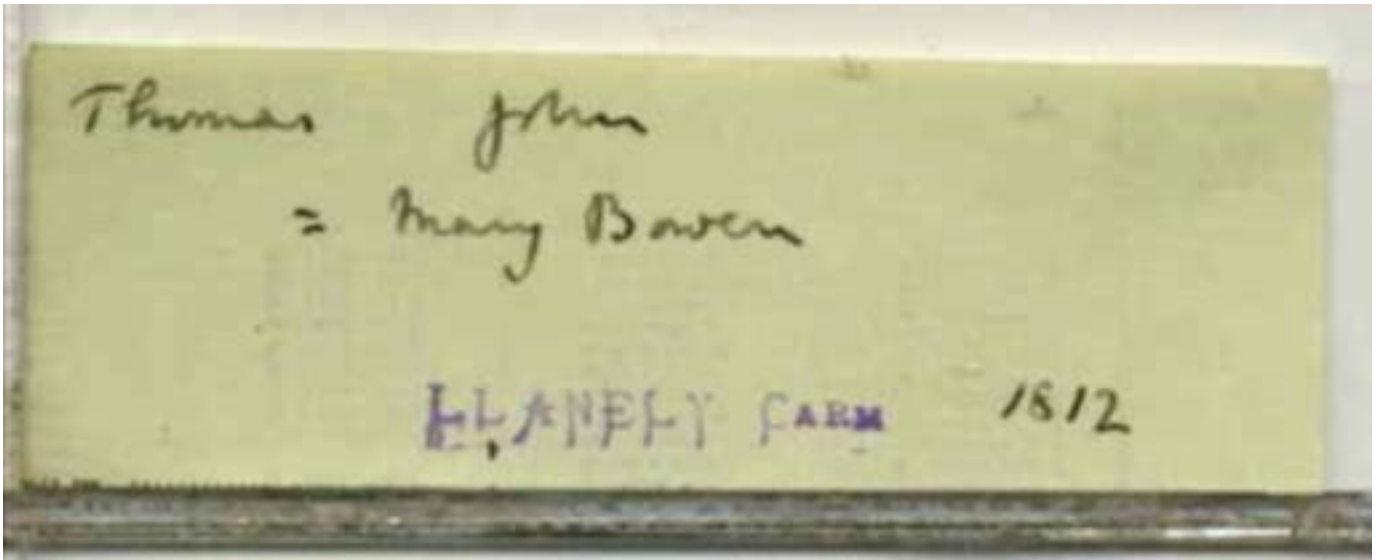
All of his male descendants in my direct line were involved in Copper Refining, Metallurgy etc.

Seacombe is an area in the district of Wallasey, on the Wirral, in Cheshire. It is now connected to Liverpool by the Mersey Tunnel.



Family Life

John married Mary Bowen on 28th August 1812 in St Elli Church, Llanelly, Carmarthenshire, Wales.



John Thomas and Mary Bowen marriage on 28th August 1812 from parish registers

County: Carmarthenshire
Place: [Llanelly](#)
Church name: [St Elli](#)
St Elli, Church Road, Llanelli
Register type: [Parish Register](#)
Marriage date: 28 Aug 1812
Groom forename: John
Groom surname: THOMAS
Bride forename: Mary
Bride surname: BOWEN



St Elli Church, Llanelly

He had 7 children:

- Mary, born around 1810 at Carmarthenshire, Wales
- John, born around 1815 at Copperworks, Llanelly, Carmarthenshire, Wales
He was christened on 15th December 1815 in Capel Als, Llanelly Carmarthenshire, Wales
- William, born on 24 May 1819 at Copperworks, Llanelly, Carmarthenshire, Wales
He was christened on 2nd February 1822 in Capel Als, Llanelly Carmarthenshire, Wales
- Rachel, born around 1822 at Copperworks, Llanelly, Carmarthenshire, Wales
She was christened on 2nd February 1822 in Capel Als, Llanelly Carmarthenshire, Wales
She must have died in infancy, as their next child was named Rachel too.
- Rachel, born on 27 November 1823 at Wern, Llanelly, Carmarthenshire, Wales
She was christened on 27th November 1823 in Capel Als, Llanelly Carmarthenshire, Wales
- Walter, born on 17 March 1826 at Wern, Llanelly, Carmarthenshire, Wales
He was christened on 16th April 1826 in Capel Als, Llanelly Carmarthenshire, Wales
- George, born on 26 March 1829 at Copperworks, Llanelly, Carmarthenshire, Wales.
He was christened on 23rd May 1829 in Capel Als, Llanelly Carmarthenshire, Wales

His son, Walter, is the direct line of my ancestry.

Between 1791 and 1829 he was living in Llanelly, Carmarthenshire Wales. This information is found from the births and christenings of his children.

In 1841, he and his family had moved to Poulton Cum Seacombe, in Wallasey, Cheshire, and he was working in the Copper Mills. He remained there until his death.

John died when he was 53 years old, on 8 April 1844 in Poulton cum Seacombe, Wallasey, Cheshire. The cause of his death was disease of the liver. His son, Walter Thomas, was the informant of his death.
[See Death Certificate in Appendix.](#)

He was buried on 11 April 1844 in St Hilary's Church, Claremount Road, Wallasey, in section 29, grave 21, with a slate flatstone.

His gravestone has the following inscription:

IN MEMORY
of John Thomas, Seacombe Copperworks
(Formerly of Llanelli)
who died April 8th 1844
Aged 53 years

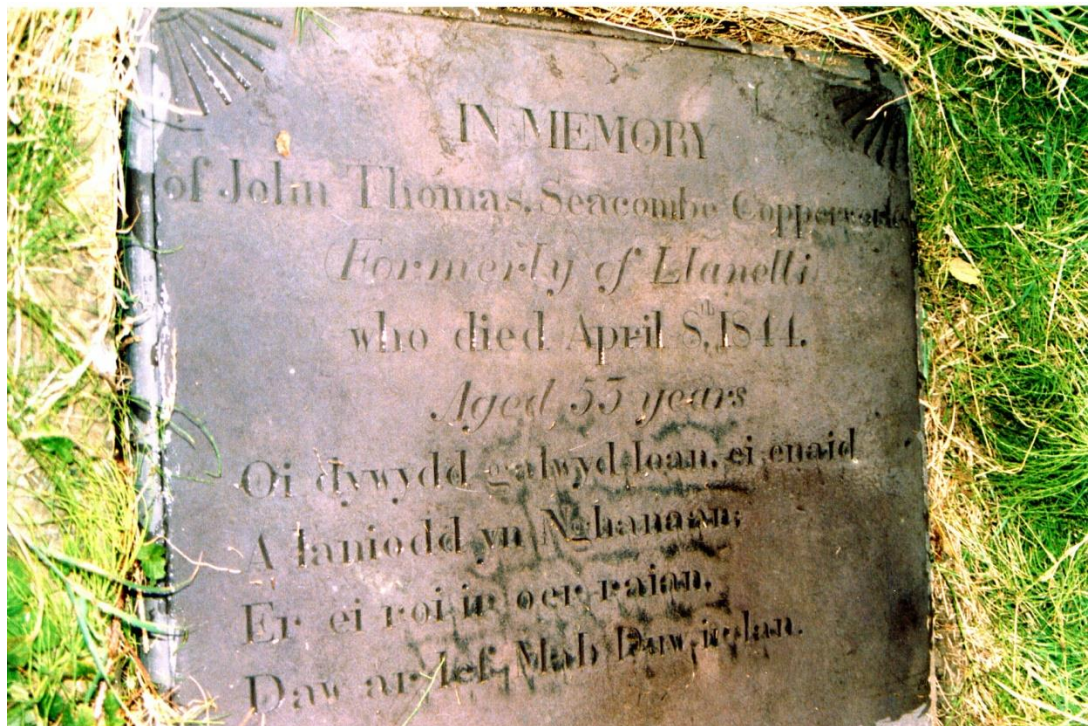
Oi dywydd galwyd loan, ei enaid
A laniodd yn Nghanaan:
Er ei roi ir oer raian,
Daw ar lef Mab Duw ir lan.

Transcribed as:
From Stormy weather loan was called
His Soul did land in Canaan
Despite being given to the cold gravel earth
God's Son will lead him ashore.

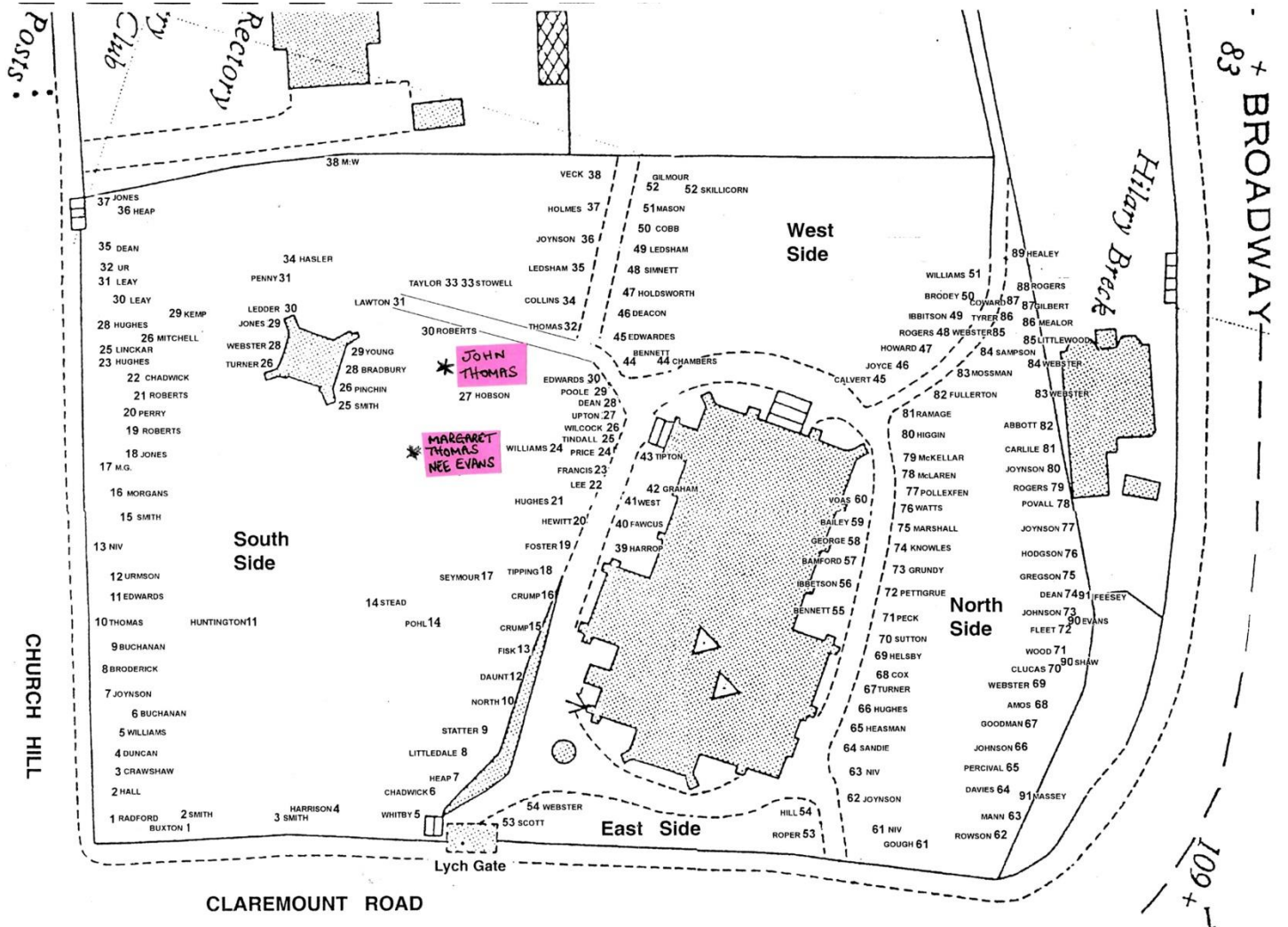
His wife, Mary Thomas (nee Bowen) died when she was 70 years old, on 10th April 1856, in Poulton cum Seacombe, Wallasey, Cheshire. (However, the age on her death certificate is shown as 75 years old, meaning that she may have been born around 1781). The cause of her death was disease Phthisis (tuberculosis). Her son, George Thomas, was the informant of her death.
[See Death Certificate in Appendix.](#)



John Thomas's Gravestone, St Hilary Church, Claremount Road, Wallasey, Cheshire



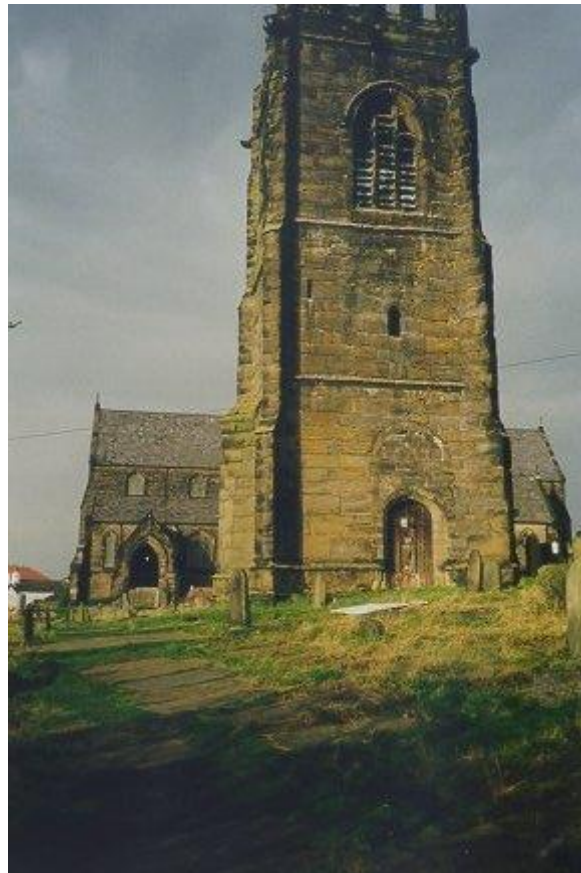
John Thomas's Gravestone, St Hilary Church, Claremount Road, Wallasey, Cheshire



*Layout of Cemetery at St Hilary's Church, Wallasey
Showing where John Thomas was buried,
and also Margaret Thomas, nee Evans, first wife of his son Walter Thomas*



St Hilary Church, Claremount Road, Wallasey, Cheshire



St Hilary Church Tower, Claremount Road, Wallasey, Cheshire

Appendix

Documents relating to John Thomas (1791-1844)

- Death Certificate of John Thomas
- Death Certificate of Mary Thomas (nee Bowen)

Appendix Death Certificate

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Pursuant to the Births and



ENTRY OF DEATH
Deaths Registration Act 1953

Registration District		WALLASEY							
1844 . Death in the Sub-district of		Wallasey				in the County of Chester			
Columns: -	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No.	When and where died	Name and surname	Sex	Age	Occupation	Cause of death	Signature, description, and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar
126	Eighth of April 1844 at Poulton cum Seacombe	John Thomas	male	53 Years	worker in Copper	Disease of the Liver	x the mark of Walter Thomas Son Poulton cum Seacombe Present at death	Ninth April 1844	Wm Peers Registrar.

Certified to be a true copy of an entry in a register in my custody.

Susan Marr Deputy Superintendent Registrar

21st September 1999 Date

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John Thomas (born 1791) Death Certificate on 8th April 1844

Appendix Death Certificate

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Deaths Registration Act 1953

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1856 . Death in the Sub-district of		Wallasey					in the County of Chester		
Columns: -	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No.	When and where died	Name and surname	Sex	Age	Occupation	Cause of death	Signature, description, and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar
340	Tenth April 1856 Poulton Curn Seacombe	Mary THOMAS	Female	73 Years	Widow of John THOMAS a Copper Smelter	Phthisis Certified	George Thomas Present at the death Poulton cum Seacombe	Twelfth April 1856	James Cross Registrar.

Certified to be a true copy of an entry in a register in my custody.

Shiner Deputy
..... Superintendent Registrar

30th September 1999 Date

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Mary Thomas (nee Bowen) Death Certificate in 10th April 1856