

Chris Stephens wrote:

I'd read in a book about Pembrokeshire many years previously that Llysyfran boasted a master mariner who loved the sea so much that he named two of his daughters Fareast and Farwest, but I'd never found the grave. And here it was, a large cuboid-style monument with an obelisk on top. The word `mariner' caught my eye first, the rest was part-covered in ivy and moss, but as I read on, the gravestones (below) revealed the sad tale of the George children.

Back at the tombstones the next Sunday morning I found an actual reference to another familiar face, the Revd. George Williams, and his wife Elizabeth who turned out to be sister of the above-mentioned Martha, wife of Arnold George.

In the Haverfordwest and Milford Haven Telegraph (July 10th 1912.

The deaths took place on Monday of the Revd. George Williams, Llys-y-Fran, was the oldest Calvinistic Methodist minister in Wales and reputed to be the father of Welsh Non-Conformity. The deceased attained high office in his denomination of Moderator of the General Assembly, and he was the first student of Trevecca College. Less than a month ago he attended the monthly meeting of the Calvinistic Methodists. Deceased was in his 92nd year.

TO THE MEMORY OF
MARY THE BELOVED WIFE OF
DAVID BOWEN OF THIS VILLAGE
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE MARCH 31ST
1869

AGED 71 YEARS

"But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day"

ALSO OF THE ABOVE NAMED
DAVID BOWEN
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE SEPT 6TH 1876
AGED 77 YEARS

"The memory of the just is blessed"

ALSO ELIZABETH THEIR DAUGHTER
WIFE OF THE REVD, GEORGE WILLIAMS
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE MARCH 4TH 1904
AGED 71 YEARS

"THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED"

ALSO THE ABOVE REVD. GEORGE WILLIAMS
C. M. MINISTER
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE JULY 8TH 1912
AGED 91 YEARS

"WAITING FOR THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST"

ALSO OF
MARTHA THE BELOVED WIFE OF
ARNOLD GEORGE MASTER MARINER
AND DAUGHTER OF THE AFORESAID
DAVID AND MARY BOWEN
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE AT GWASTAD
AUGUST 26TH 1869: AGED 38 YEARS
"What is your life ? It is even a vapour
That appeareth for a little time, and then
vanisheth away"

ALSO MARY ELIZABETH FAREAST GEORGE
DAUGHTER OF THE ABOVE A. AND M,
GEORGE
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE JUNE 27TH 1873
AGED 7 YEARS

ALSO WILLIAM CAREY GEORGE THEIR SON
DEPARTED THIS LIFE OCTOBER 20TH 1873
AGED 13 YEARS

"He shall gather the lambs in his arms
And carry them in his bosom"

ALSO SARAH FRANCIS GEORGE THEIR
DAUGHTER DEPARTED THIS LIFE
NOV. 13TH 1878 AGED 17 YEARS

ALSO HELENA FARWEST GEORGE THEIR
DAUGHTER DEPARTED THIS LIFE
FEB. 22ND 1884 AGED 19 YEARS"
Blessed are the pure in heart"