LANCE CORPORAL JOHN GOWER JONES (37963)

9TH BATTALION, ROYAL WELSH FUSILIERS

John Gower Jones was born in Llangyndeyrn, in Gwendraeth valley in Carmarthenshire, one of 6 children of Anne Stone and Llewelyn Goronwy Jones. His middle name, Gower, refers to the relationship with his great-uncle, John Gower, for many years Vicar of Trefriw. His paternal grandmother was the Reverend Gower's sister.

The family moved to Dyffryn Conwy some time before 1898 when John's brother Lewis Aneurin was born at Llanrhychwyn. By the time of the census in 1901, they were living at Gower Bridge House, Llanrwst, and John's father occupation was recorded as a Milk Manager – perhaps because of proximity to the railway goods yard.

John attended school in Llanrwst between 1905 and 1910.

By the time of the census in 1911, the family had moved to Maes yr Haf, Trefriw, and Llewellyn Jones's occupation is recorded as farmer. John is also working on the farm.

When John enlisted in Llanrwst on 12th December 1916, aged 23 years, 4 months, he was a student, probably living at Belmont in Llanddoged. (He is on the war memorial in Llanddoged church.) The North Wales Weekly News, 9 March 1916, records that John Gower Jones and David Jones, sons of Cllr. Llew Jones of Maenan Farm, had joined the 21st Battalion in Kinmel Park. On his enlistment forms he gives his home address as Maenan Hall.

He was wounded in an engagement at Ancre Heights – part of the Somme battlefield – and died of those wounds at the 3rd Casualty Clearing Station on fifth of November 1916 aged 25. The Somme Roll of Honour records that he fought in the Hessian and Regina Trenches. He is buried in Puchevillers British cemetery.

John is commemorated on the memorial in Llanddoged church where his address is given as Belmont but his parents were living at Maenan Hall Farm at the time of his death.

When John's Father died in 1943, he was living at Pant y Carw, Trefriw. His mother Annie was living at Arosfa, Trefriw, when she died in January 1951.

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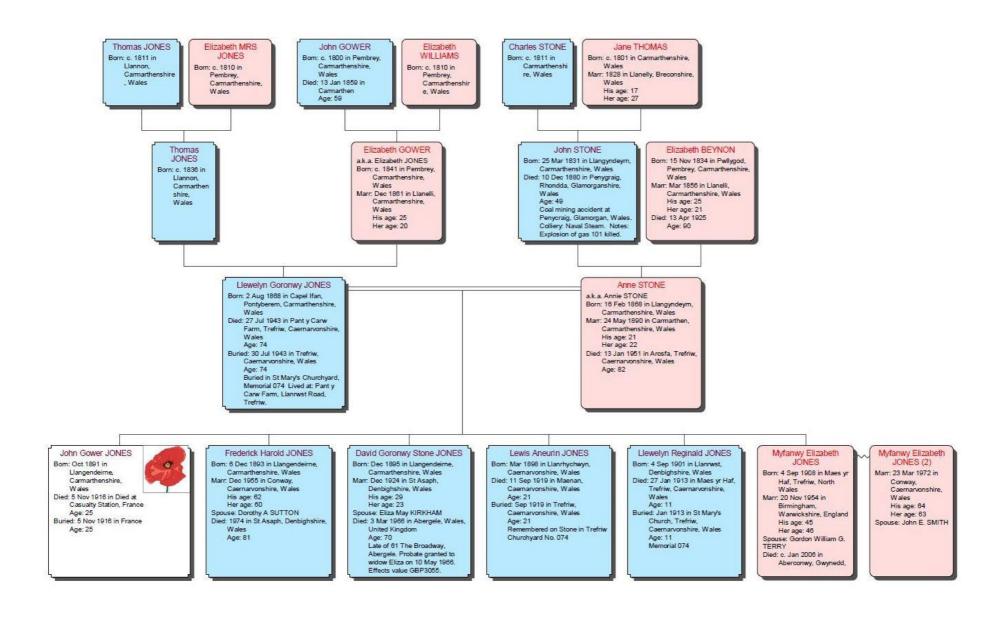
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Lance Corporal John Gower Jones Family Tree