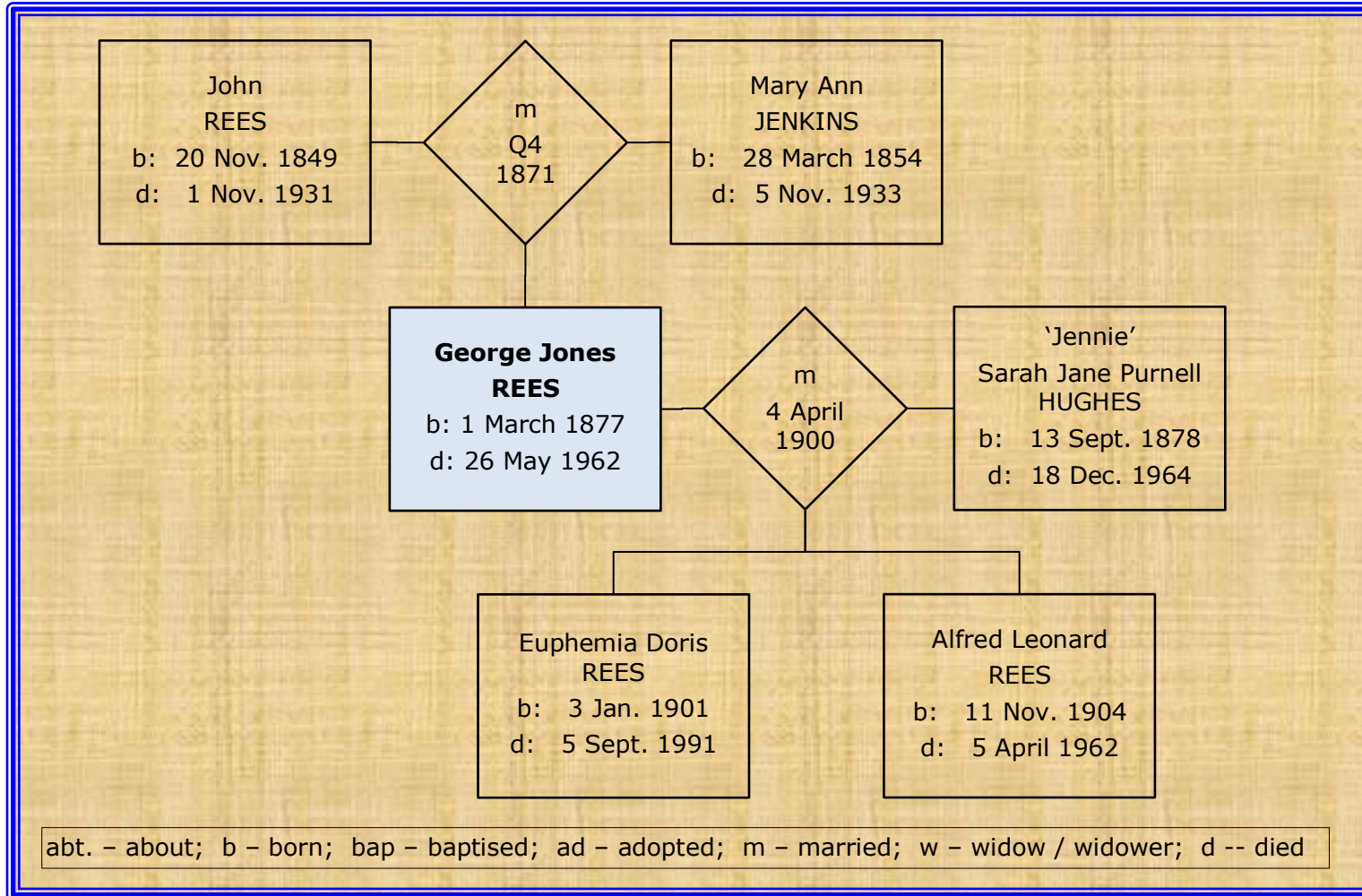


The Life of a Swansea Policeman
Inspector George Jones REES
1877 - 1962

by Chris Amundson (**April 2012**) – my great grandfather

Based on family history material gathered by the late-Mervyn V. Amundson (**1927-2004**) – grandson of Insp. REES.





John REES: the father of George Jones REES

Born:.....**20 November 1849.**

Baptised:.....**10 August 1851.**

Son of:.....Henry REES and Jane PERRIN.

Married:.....**3 December 1871,** to Mary Ann JENKINS.

Known children:.....**1 March 1877,** George Jones REES.

During **April – June 1872,** Thomas Henry REES.

Died:.....**1 November 1931,** Swansea, Glamorganshire, Wales; aged 82.

Interred:.....Grave 451E at Danygraig Cemetery Swansea.

Later in life, John REES went to sea as a carpenter; serving on board windjammers that rounded *Cape Horn*. He also sailed in the *Swansea* barques *Ogmore*, *Brighter Star*, *Stranger* and *Jessie Jameson*.

At the birth of their first child on **1 March 1877**, George Jones REES, gave up the sea and became a shipwright at the *Cambrian Dry Dock, Swansea*. At this time, they were living at *2, Williams Court, off High Street, Swansea*.

In **1872**, their second son, Thomas Henry REES, was born.

John REES worked until over 70, when ill health forced him give up.

In **January of 1890**, when he and his wife lived in *Clifton Rowe, Swansea*, he applied for permission to be buried in *Grave 451E at Danygraig Cemetery*, in which an Ann Jenkins had been interred on **13 December 1889**. This person was almost certainly his wife's mother, Ann JENKINS.

In **1909**, John REES was *Vice-Chairman of the Rule Committee of the Ship-construction and Shipwright Association Swansea*. He was also at one period, a founder member of the *Old Ragged School Total Abstinence Society*.

It would appear that in the final years, John REES and his wife Mary Ann, lived in *Park Place, Brynmill Swansea*.

BRYNMILL RESIDENT

Church Deacons at Funeral of Mr. John Rees

There was a large attendance at the funeral of Mr. John Rees, of Oakdale, Park-place, Brynmill, which took place at Danygraig Cemetery yesterday. The Rev. J. McLaren Cook, M.A., officiated at the house and cemetery.

The mourners were: Mr. Thomas Hy. Rees, ex-Police Inspector (George J. Rees (sons), Alfred L. Rees and Verley Amundson (grandsons), Capt. J. G. Chapman, D. J. Rees, G. D. Rees, Garfield Morgans (nephews).

Others present included Messrs. Fred Jackson, T. M. Clement, Wm. Fox, Wm. Williams, D. E. Jones, Noah Cole, Capt. Davies, Thos. Evans, James Beer, and F. Devonald.

Mount Peasant Baptist Church was represented by Messrs. W. R. Fortune, W. G. Beynon, H. G. Allen, T. R. Williams (deacons), and the following members: Messrs. Thomas Jones, Wm. Jenkins, Wm. Hardwick, R. Nener, George Williams, Wm. Stephens, W. Johns and George Williams.

SWANSEA CAPE HORNER

Death of Mr. John Rees at the Age of 82

At the age of 82 the death has occurred of a well-known Swansea docks figure, in Mr. John Rees, son of the late Capt. Henry Rees, pilot, and brother of the late Mr. George Rees, pilot.

Mr. Rees was an old Cape Horner and served in several Swansea owned wind-



Mr. John Rees.

jammers, including the barques: *Ogmore*, *Brighter Star*, *Stranger* and *Jessie Jameson*.

He leaves a widow and two sons, ex-Inspector George Rees, of the Swansea Police, and Mr. Thos. H. Rees, Penmaen-ter.

He was one of the oldest members of the Order of Foresters, and was on two or three occasions Chief Ranger of Court Douglas.

For many years Mr. Rees was employed as a shipwright at the *Cambrian dry dock*, and was also chairman of the local branch of the Shipwrights' Society.

He was one of the oldest members of *Mount Pleasant Chapel and Sunday School* and one of the founders of the old *Ragged School Total Abstinence Society*.

Mary Ann JENKINS: the mother of George Jones REES

Born:.....**28 March 1854** or possibly **1855**.

Baptised:.....**28 November 1855**.

Daughter of:.....Thomas JENKINS and Ann LEWIS.

Married:.....**3 December 1871**, to John REES.

Known children:.....**1 March 1877**, George Jones REES.

During **April – June 1872**, Thomas Henry REES.

Died:.....**5 November 1933**, *Swansea, Glamorganshire, Wales*.

Interred:.....*Grave 451E at Danygraig Cemetery Swansea*.



John and Mary Ann REES.



Family photograph...

John REES

George Jones REES

Mary Ann REES (nee JENKINS)

Thomas Henry REES

A Policeman is born...

CERTIFIED COPY of an ENTRY of BIRTH.

(Issued for the purposes of The Elementary Education Act, 1876. (39 & 40 Vict., cap. 79, sec. 25.)

Superintendent Registrar's District of Swansea

Registrar's Sub-District of Swansea in the County of Glamorgan

No.	When and where Born.	Name (if any)	Sex.	Name and Surname of Father.	Name and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Rank or Profession of Father.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.	Baptismal Name, if added after Registration of Birth.
71	First March 1877	George Jones	Boy	John Rees	Mary Ann Rees formerly Jenkins	Ship- wright	John Rees Father 2 Williams Court High Street Swansea	2nd April 1877	John Cakeslot Registrar	

I hereby certify that the above is a true Copy of an Entry of Birth in a Register Book in my custody.

Witness my hand this 8th day of December 1890

[Signature]

[Signature]
Supt
Registrar

[NOTE.—The word "Superintendent" to be prefixed to "Registrar" when the Certificate is given by the Superintendent Registrar.]

George Jones REES:

Born:..... **1 March 1877**, at *2 Williams Court, off High Street, Swansea, Glamorganshire, Wales.*

Baptised:..... Unknown.

Son of:..... John REES and Mary Ann JENKINS.

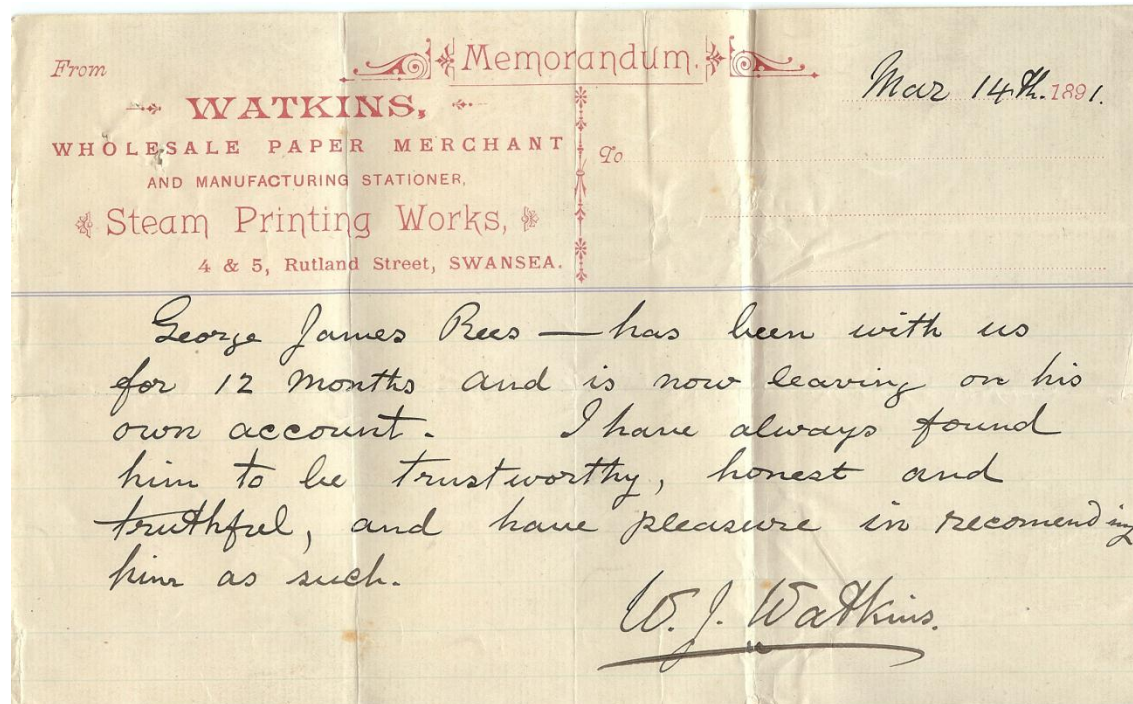
Married:..... **4 April 1900** (aged 23), to Sarah Jane Purnell HUGHES (aged 21), of *107, Rodney Street, Swansea.*

Known children:..... **3 January 1901**, Euphemia Doris REES.
11 November 1904, Alfred Leonard REES.

Retired:..... **21 February 1924**, Swansea, Glamorganshire, Wales

Died:..... **26 May 1962**, Swansea, Glamorganshire, Wales, Policeman; aged 85.

At age 13, he went to work for *Watkins Wholesale Paper Merchants, 4 & 5, Rutland Street, Swansea.*

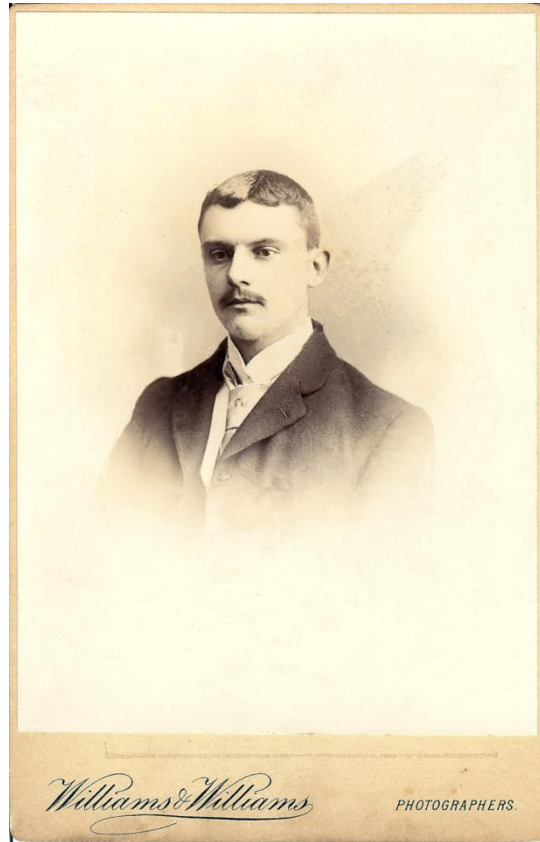


After 12 months, on **14 March 1891**, he left their employ of his own accord.

Letter of reference from
*Watkins Wholesale Paper
Merchants, 4 & 5, Rutland
Street, Swansea.*

On the **1 September 1891**, he was apprenticed to William LEWIS (*South Dock, Swansea*), to learn the art and trade of a blacksmith. During this period, he worked on the wrought iron gates of the *Swansea Market*, at the entrance from *Oxford Street*.

Five years later, on **1 September 1896**, he finished his apprenticeship.



Young George Jones REES.

South Dock
Swansea
Dec. 31/96

George Rees has been
with me for five years
up to Sept 1/96 when he left
and have found him to be
sober and steady during
that time that he was there
William Lewis

Testimonials written for
George Jones REES in
December 1896.

INGLEDALE,
UPLANDS,
SWANSEA.

Dec. 28th 1896

I have much pleasure in
stating that I have known
Mr. Geo. J. Rees for the past
six years, during which time he
has been in my Sunday School
class; I have always found him
steady & attentive, strictly truthful
& straightforward, I shall be

glad if he obtains the situation
he now seeks.

Geo. Scott

Indentures of Apprenticeship
of
George Jones Rees (Blacksmith)



His Indenture Witnesseth That George Rees son of John Rees
of the Parish and town of Swansea in the county of Glamorgan with the
doth put himself Apprentice to ^{consent of his father} William Lewis in the town of Swansea county of Glamorgan
to learn his Art and with the Master for the Manner of an Apprentice to serve from the day of date there off

unto the full End and Term of Five Years from thence next following to be fully complete and ended During
which Term the said Apprentice his Master faithfully shall serve these secrets keep the lawful commands every
where gladly do he shall do no damage to his said Master nor see to be done of others but to his Power shall tell
or forthwith give warning to his said Master of the same He shall not waste the Goods of his said Master
nor lend them unlawfully to any He shall not contract Matrimony within the said Term nor play at Cards or
Dice Tables or any other unlawful Games whereby his said Master may have any loss with his own goods or others
during the said Term without licence of his said Master shall neither buy nor sell he shall not haunt Taverns or
Playhouses nor absent himself from his said Master service day or night unlawfully But in all things as a
faithful Apprentice he shall behave himself towards his said Master and all his during the said Term
And the said ~~Mr~~ Lewis His Master shall use the utmost
endeavour to teach



he said Apprentice in the Art of a Smith His Parents and friends which he useth by the best means
that he can shall teach and instruct or cause to be taught and instructed finding unto the said Apprentice sufficient Meat Drink
Master as an encouragement to the Lodging and all other Necessaries during the said Term and the said
do allow the sum of four shillings per week for the first year and the sum of five the second year and the sum of six for the third year
the sum of eight shillings the fourth year the sum of ten shillings for the fifth and last year But if the
said apprentice should at any time during the said term be employed in any other service either by the parents or any other person
And for the true performance of all and every the said covenants and Agreements either of the said Parties bindeth himself unto the
other by these Parents In Witnesses whereof the Parties above named to these Indentures interchangeably have put their Hands and Seals
the day of September and in the Year of the Reign of our Sovereign
Lady Victoria by the Grace of God of the united Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland QUEEN Defender of the Faith
and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and ninety one

The Amount of the Money or the value of any other matter or thing given or agreed to be
given with the Apprentice by way of Premium must be truly inserted in words at length
otherwise the Indenture will be void and double such amount or value forfeited.

Witness of us George Jones Rees
Warrington 20 London.
John Rees
William Lewis



Apparently, he did not pursue this trade, because on **8 January 1897**, he joined the Swansea Borough Police Force.



The young George Jones REES becomes a Policeman.

The young Police Constable George Jones REES with a colleague.





The young 'Jennie' Sarah Jane Purnell HUGHES, before she married Police Constable George Jones REES. This photograph was taken in **May 1897**.

Sarah Jane Purnell HUGHES

Also known as:..... 'Jennie'

Born:..... **13 September 1878**, at 107 (?) Rodney Street, Swansea.

Baptised:..... Unknown.

Daughter of:..... David HUGHES and Martha EVANS.

Married:..... **4 April 1900** (aged 23), George Jones REES (aged 21), of 107, Rodney Street, Swansea.

Known children:.. **3 January 1901**, Euphemia Doris REES.

11 November 1904, Alfred Leonard REES.

Died:..... **18 December 1964**, at 'Oakdale', 42 Park Place, Brynmill, Swansea; aged 86.

Interred:..... Unknown.

She worked in *Ben Evans Store* as a seamstress. At the time of their marriage, George was living at 40 *Balaclava Street, St. Thomas Swansea*.

On **3 January 1901**, their first child was born; Euphemia Doris REES, possibly at 107 *Rodney Street*.

On **11 November 1904**, their second child was born; Alfred Leonard REES.

In **1909**, the family were living in the *Police Station* at 73, *Norfolk Street, Swansea*. They resided here until sometime in **1915**.

When the Rees family left *Norfolk Street*, they moved to the *Uplands Police Station* in *Gwydyr Crescent*. They remained there until at least the **end of 1921**, and possibly **early 1922**; when they moved to 42 *Park Terrace, Brynmill* - later renamed *Park Place*.

From here on her history is completely linked with that of her husband George, until he died on **26 May 1962**. She continued to live in 'Oakdale', after his death; being looked after by her daughter and husband, living in the same house. She passed away on **18 December 1964**, at the age of 86.

George Jones REES (aged 23) and Sarah Jane Purnell HUGHES (aged 21) were married on **4 April 1900**, at *Mount Pleasant Baptist Church*. George lived at *40 Balaclava Street, St Thomas, Swansea*. Sarah lived at *107, Rodney Street, Swansea*. She was normally known as 'Jennie'.

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Certificate of Registry of Marriage.

Pursuant to the Acts Anno Sexto et Septimo Gulielmi IV. Regis. Cap. lxxvii, et Anno Primo Victoria Reginae, cap. xxii.

18900 Marriage Solemnized at the *Mount Pleasant Meeting* in the District of Swansea in the Counties of Swansea and Glamorgan.

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
170	Fourth April 18900.	George Jones Rees	23 Years	Bachelor	40 Balaclava Street St. Thomas Swansea	Police Constable	John Rees	Shipwright
		Sarah Jane Purnell Hughes	21 Years	Spinster	107 Rodney Street Swansea		David Hughes	Ship Rigger

Married in the *Mount Pleasant Meeting* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of *the Baptists* by Certificate before me, *James Owen* Registrar.

This Marriage was Solemnized between us, *George Jones Rees* and *Sarah Jane Purnell Hughes* in the Presence of us, *Euphemia Mary Hughes* and *April Thomas Jackson*.

I hereby Certify the above to be a True Copy of the Entry No. *170* in the Marriage Register, No. *100* for the said District of Swansea, the said Register being legally in my custody. Witness my Hand this *Fourth* day of *April* 18900.

Wm Rees
Registrar.

By the Statute 6 & 7 Will. IV. c. 86, s. 35, it is enacted, "That every Rector, Vicar, or Curate, and every Registrar, Registering Officer, and Secretary, who shall have the keeping for the time being of any Register Book of Births, Deaths, or Marriages, shall at all reasonable times allow Searches to be made of any Register Book in his keeping, and shall give a Copy Certified under his Hand of any Entry or Entries in the same, on payment of the Fee hereinafter mentioned: (that is to say,) for every Search extending over a period of not more than One Year the sum of 1s., and 6d. additional for every additional Year AND THE SUM OF 2s. 6d. FOR EVERY SINGLE CERTIFICATE;" (not including the Stamp, 2s. Vic. c. 15).

By Statute 14 & 15 Vict., c. 99, sect. 14, a copy of any Book which is of such a Public nature as to be admissible in evidence on its mere production from the proper custody is made admissible in evidence in any Court of Justice provided it purport to be Signed and Certified as a true Copy by the Officer to whose custody the Original is intrusted.

Egerton
Residence at the time of marriage was.

Anchor.
Rank or Profession was.

On **3 January 1901**, their first child was born; Euphemia Doris REES. She may have been born at their home at *107 Rodney Street*.



On **11 November 1904**, their second child was born; Alfred Leonard REES.

In **1909**, the family were living in the *Police Station* at *73 Norfolk Street, Swansea*. They resided there until sometime in **1915**.

On the **10 November 1910**, George Jones REES left *Swansea* with other members of the Constabulary to intervene in the riots that were taking place in *Tonypandy*, during the coal strike of **1910 / 11**.

The family memory is of a thoroughly unpleasant event for the Policemen involved.

Note for photographs of Policemen

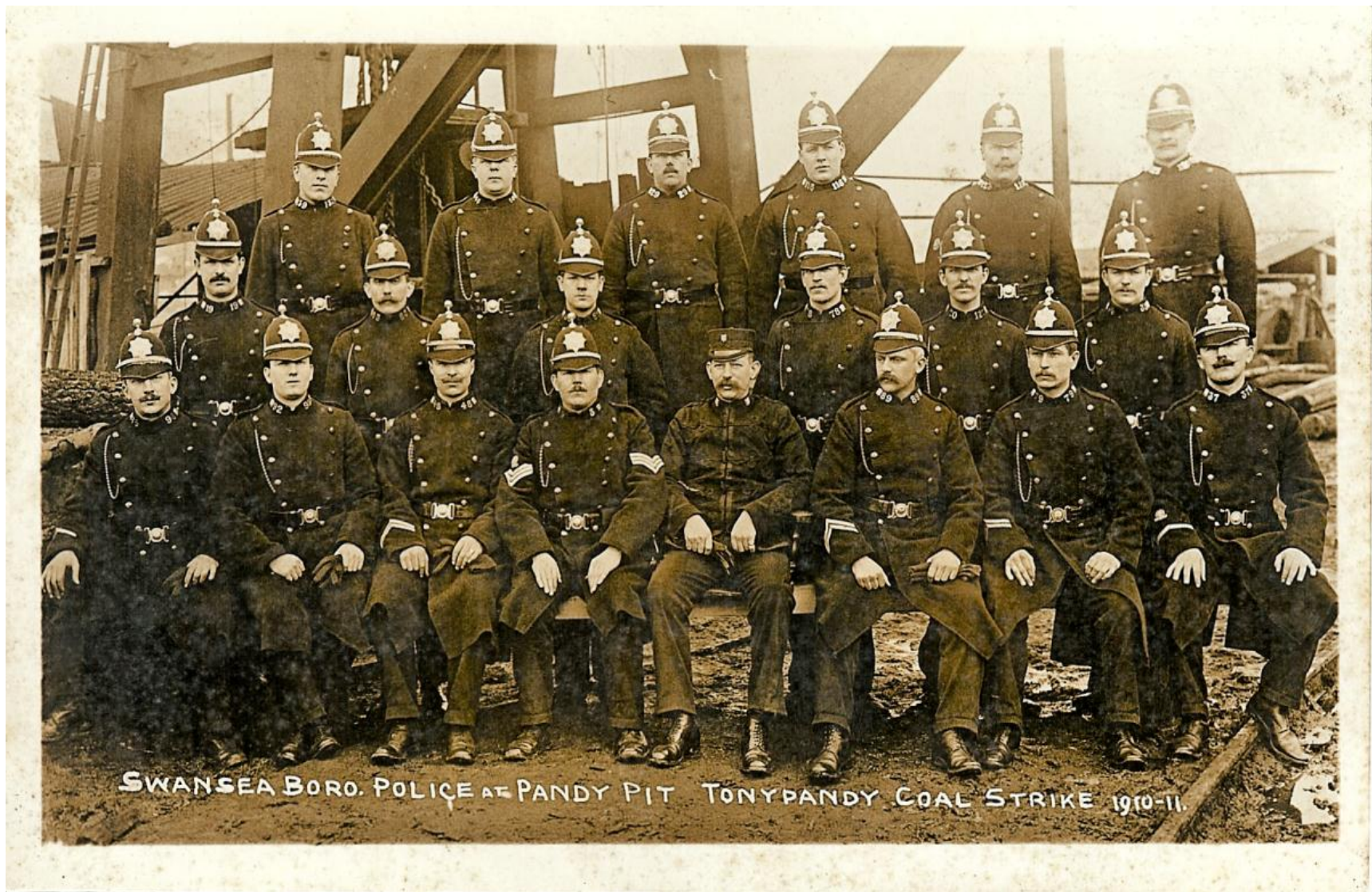
It is worth commenting on the system of ranking and insignia seen in the photographs of the policemen.

The meaning of the stripes on their arms is:

- no stripe:
= less than 2 years' service
- one stripe:
= received on 2 years' service, plus a pay increase
- two stripes:
= received after 5 years' service, plus a pay increase
- three stripes:
= Sergeant.

There was an upper limit for Constables; at Merit Class. This is shown by two stripes and a Merit Class arm badge.

(source: information kindly provided by Ross Mather, South Wales Police Museum)



Police Constable George Jones REES, front row, third from the right.









AFTER THE STRIKE RIOT. PANDY SQ. TONY PANDY.

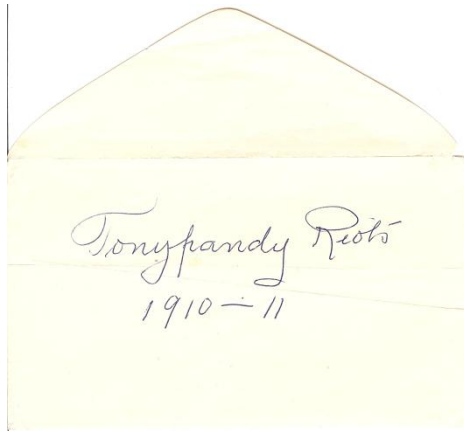
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Group of Swansea Borough Police. Barely visible are at least two police dogs in the front row – 1st and 4th from the right (*front row*).



Constable George Jones REES left a written note of the Tonypany Riots.



CENSUS
OF
ENGLAND AND WALES,
1911.

 [Welsh Schedule.]

SCHEDULE.
Prepared pursuant to the Census (Great Britain) Act, 1910.

This space to be filled up by the Enumerator.

<small>Number of Registration District</small>	
<small>Number of Registration Sub-District</small>	
<small>Number of Enumeration District</small>	
<small>Name of Head of Family or Separate Occupier.</small> } <i>Mr. Jones</i>	
<small>Postal Address</small> <i>Turberville Hotel</i>	
<i>Pen-y-graig</i>	
<i>Glan.</i>	

NOTICE.

This Schedule must be filled up and signed by, or on behalf of, the Head of the Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of the dwelling (house, tenement or apartment).

Tonypany Riots 1910.

Left Srea 10th Nov.
 Thristle Hotel, Mistin Hotel, Turberville.
 Riots started about 8 pm
 Glamorgan Cardiff, Bristol, Srea Police
 Bristol Police Officer seriously injured.
 Supt Morgan (Barry in Charge)
 Insps Lloyd, Hill & Ford.
 Metropolitan Police & Soldiers
 Lamp smashed outside Pit
 Girls singing on Tram
 Coming Home.
 Arrested a man near Pandy Pit
 for Dr D. fine 40/-

{ Lamp attendant at Pandy Pit.
 Miss Annie Jenkins.
 Leonard Llewellyn manager of Shury
 & friends. Feeding Horses in Pit.

Guarding Tan House & feeding neighbours.

Man in Charge of Weighbridge & Food.
 Over £20,000 damage to shops.

Return home of Caernarvon Police

A Collier named Pearce was killed in Riots & carried home to Trearow.

Tom Thomas ^{Pen-y-graig} Middle weight Champion fought Sullivan & lost fight.
 Crowd stayed up to early morning to hear result.

The 1911 Census records that George Jones REES boarded at the Turberville Hotel, Pen-y-Graig, in the Rhondda, during at least part of the disturbances.

Large Schedule with space for 40 names.

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Number of Schedule **103**
(To be filled up by the Enumerator after collection.)

Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the back of page 2, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in Ink.

The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family.	AGE (last Birthday) and SEX		PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE.					PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Persons aged 15 years and upwards.				BIRTHPLACE of every Person.	NATIONALITY of every Person born in a Foreign Country.	INFIRMITY.	LANGUAGE SPOKEN.	
		Males	Females	Write "Single," "Married," "Widower," or "Widow," opposite the names of all persons aged 15 years and upwards.	State, for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule, the number of:—			Personal Occupation.	Industry or Service with which worker is connected.	Whether Employer, Worker, or Working on Own Account.	Whether Working at Home.						
of every Person, whether Member of Family, Visitor, Boarder or Servant, who (1) passed the night of Sunday, April 2nd, 1911, in this dwelling and was alive at midnight, or (2) arrived in this dwelling on the morning of Monday, April 3rd, not having been enumerated elsewhere. No one else must be included. (For order of entering names see Examples on back of page 2.)		For infants under one year state in months as "under one month," "one month," etc.	Ages of Males. Ages of Females.		Completed years the present Marriage has lasted. If less than one year, write "under one."	Total Children Born Alive.	Children still living.	Children who have Died.	The reply should show the precise branch of Profession, Trade, Manufacture, &c. If engaged in any Trade or Manufacture, the particular kind of work done, and the Article made or Material worked or dealt in should be clearly indicated. (See Instructions 1 to 8 and Examples on back of page 2.)	This question should generally be answered by stating the business carried on by the employer. If this is clearly shown in Col. 10 the question need not be answered here. No entry needed for Domestic Servants in private employment. If employed by a public body (Government, Municipal, etc.) state what body. (See Instruction 9 and Examples on back of page 2.)	Write opposite the name of each person engaged in any Trade or Industry, (1) "Employer," (that is employing persons other than domestic servants), or (2) "Worker" (that is working for an employer), or (3) "Own Account," (that is neither employing others nor working for a trade employer).	Write the words "At Home" opposite the name of each person carrying on Trade or Industry at home.	(1) If born in the United Kingdom, write the name of the County, and Town, or Parish. (2) If born in any other part of the British Empire, write the name of the Dependency, Colony, etc., and of the Province or State. (3) If born in a Foreign Country, write the name of the Country. (4) If born at sea, write "At Sea." Note.—In the case of persons born elsewhere than in England or Wales, state whether "Resident" or "Visitor" in this Country.	State whether:— (1) "British subject by parentage." (2) "Naturalised British subject," giving year of naturalisation. (3) If of foreign nationality, state whether "French," "German," "Russian," etc.	If any person included in this Schedule is:— (1) "Totally Deaf" or "Deaf and Dumb," (2) "Totally Blind," (3) "Lunatic," (4) "Imbecile" or "Feeble-minded," state the infirmity opposite that person's name, and the age at which he or she became afflicted.	(1) If able to speak English only, write "English." (2) If able to speak Welsh only, write "Welsh." (3) If able to speak English and Welsh, write "Both." No entry to be made in this column for children under three years of age.	
1	Albert G. Mercer	Boarder	40		Married	75	4	3	1	Police Constable	Glamorgan Constabulary		Somerset Bristol	131		English	
2	James Walsh	"	25		Single					"	"		Bank St. Spittle (Bank St.)			"	
3	William Thomas	"	49		Married	17	9	8	1	"	"		Glamorgan, Swansea	460		Both	
4	Walter Thompson	"	41		Married	8	3	2	1	"	"		Gloucester, North Common	130		English	
5	Charles James	"	20		Single					"	"		Glamorgan St. Nicholas	460		"	
6	George Jones Rees	"	35		Married	11	2	2		"	Glamorgan Police		" Swansea	460		English	
7	Robert P. Lorey	"	27		Married	4	2	2		"	"		Somerset, Bristol	131		English	
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1911 Census: Sergeant George Jones REES appears in the Census (row 6), lodging with other Policemen who had been sent to Tonypany during the riots. He is one of two from Swansea Borough Police with five others from Glamorgan Police.

George Jones REES was one of a specially selected representative body of Welsh police who were at *Caernarvon* for the Investiture of the Prince of Wales in **1911**.



Sergeant George Jones REES. By the smile on his face, he looks as though he has just been promoted to Sergeant. Like so many of these photographs, the date and reason for them is not known.

Sergeant George Jones REES. He appears to be wearing the 1911 King George V Coronation Medal. The badge on his upper arm is a Merit Class Badge, which shows he had served at least 5 years of service and was at the upper limit. Just above his Sergeant stripes is a St John's Ambulance qualification badge – a First Aid qualification.

It is known that by **1916**, George had become a SERGEANT.



Police dog training....



Sergeant George Jones REES in charge of a Police dog training exercise.
It is not known whether this was taken before or after the exercise.



In full pursuit. It looks as though it's Sergeant George Jones REES doing the running.



Caught! Sergeant George Jones REES gets his quarry.



Cornered!



Enthusiastic, isn't he!



Don't let sleeping criminals lie!



When the REES family left *Norfolk Street*, they moved to the *Uplands Police Station* in *Gwydyr Crescent*. They remained there until at least the **end of 1921**, and possibly **early 1922**; when they moved to *42 Park Terrace, Brynmill*. It was later renamed as *Park Place*. This move may have come about after he became Inspector George Jones REES.

George Jones REES was awarded the 1911 King George V Coronation Medal; date unknown.



Inspector George Jones REES. Note the elaborate uniform of the day.

Inspector George Jones REES. The 1911 King George Coronation Medal prominent on his elaborate uniform.



The 1911 King George Coronation Medal awarded to Constable George Jones REES.
Around the rim it reads: P.C.89 GEORGE J. REES SWANSEA POLICE





SWANSEA V ASTON VILLA. FEB 2nd 1924 Aston Villa 2 SWANSEA NIL

Inspector George Jones REES in charge, 19 days before he retired.
Football match: Aston Villa v Swansea Town, 2 February 1924; score 2 – Nil.

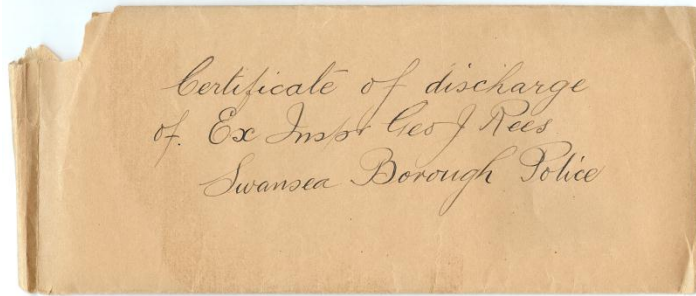


All headgear off! Inspector George Jones REES, fourth from the left, with colleagues.



Headgear on! Inspector George Jones REES, fourth from the left, with colleagues.

On **21 February 1924**, one week before attaining the age of 47, George retired from the Swansea Borough Police Force; having served his allotted time in the force. Thereafter, he never worked again; being able to live comfortably on his pension.



Certificate of discharge of Inspector George Jones REES after having completed his service.
 Note the reference to his exemplary service conduct.

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COUNTY BOROUGH OF SWANSEA POLICE

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION

AGE 47 in 1924


HEIGHT 6 ft. 0 1/2 in.

EYES Brown

HAIR Grey

COMPLEXION Fresh

MARKS ✓



Chief Constable's Office
 Swansea
22nd Feb 1924

This is to Certify that

George Jones Rees

a Native of Swansea

joined the County Borough of Swansea Constabulary on the 8th day of January 1897 and left as (Rank) Inspector on the 21st day of February 1924

(Cause of leaving) Pensioned on completion of service.

During his period of service his conduct was Exemplary.

A. W. Roberts
 Chief Constable



Tools of the trade...
...of Inspector George Jones REES.
These belonged to him.



Official Notice
for members of
the Police
Force who
have retired.

(Form X 663.)

WIDOWS', ORPHANS' AND OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY
PENSIONS ACT, 1925.

Notice to a member of a Police Force who has retired on
pension.

To..... *Mr. G. J. Rees*.....

1. Having been granted a superannuation allowance on retirement from employment as a member of the... *Walsall Borough*... Police Force (an employment in respect of which no contributions under the above Act were payable or would have been payable if you had been employed therein after 3rd January, 1926, at a rate of remuneration not exceeding £250 a year), your position under that Act and the National Health Insurance and Unemployment Insurance Acts is as set out below.

2. If you were not an insured person under the National Health Insurance Act, 1924 (or the holder of an exemption certificate under that Act) on the 4th January, 1926, you cannot become insured under any of the Acts mentioned in paragraph 1, either as an employed or as a voluntary contributor, and you will not be entitled to the benefits of any of those Acts. If you become insurably employed, no contributions will be payable in respect of you for the purposes of health or pensions insurance or unemployment insurance until the 2nd January, 1928. As from that date, however, your employer (if any) will be liable to pay weekly contributions at a special rate representing the employer's share of the contributions only. No part of these contributions will be recoverable from you by deduction from your wages or otherwise.

In order to avoid any improper payment of contributions or deduction from your wages, you should present this notice to your employer at the commencement of the employment.

3. If you were an insured (or exempt) person under the National Health Insurance Act on the 4th January, 1926, contributions will be payable in the ordinary way in respect of any insurable employment in which you may be engaged, and on the termination of such employment you may become a voluntary contributor for the purposes of health and pensions insurance, provided that you satisfy certain qualifying conditions explained in Memorandum 243 X, a copy of which may be obtained from the Ministry of Health, Insurance Department, London, S.W.1*; and if you are already a voluntary contributor you may continue to contribute. Further, your position as regards benefits under the Acts (if you continue

* Or from the Scottish Board of Health, 121A, Prince's Street, Edinburgh, or the Welsh Board of Health, City Hall, Cardiff, as the case may be.

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to be insured thereunder) will not be affected by the fact that you have retired from the Police Force on pension, except that—

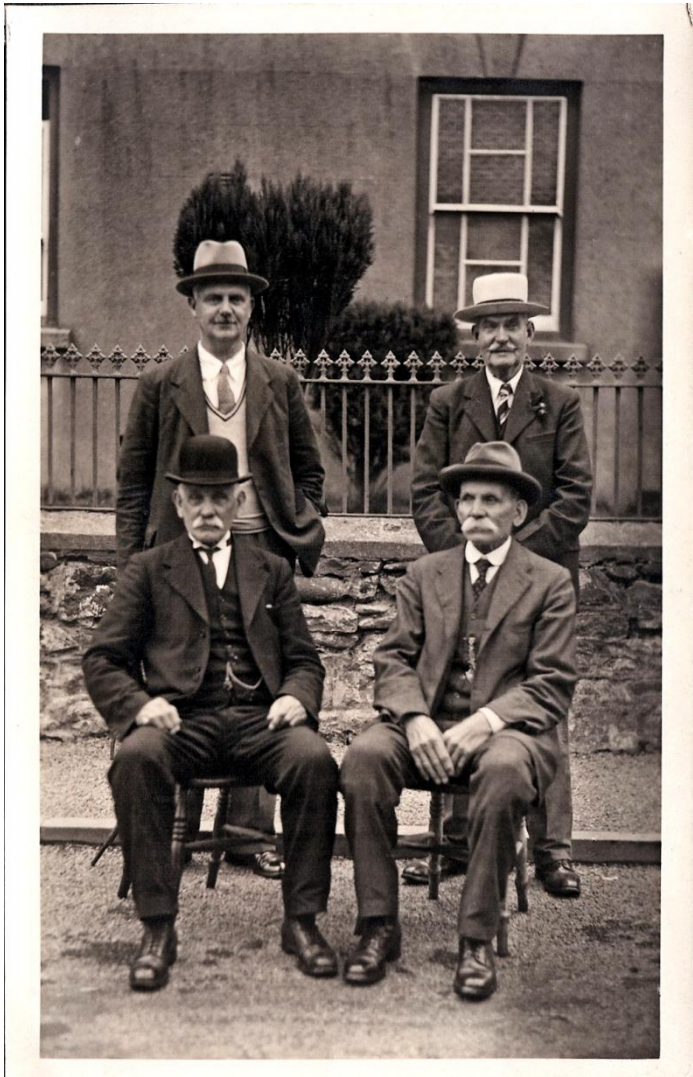
- (i) Your title to an old age pension payable under the Contributory Pensions Act may be subject to certain special conditions, and
- (ii) If you have been insured as a voluntary contributor and disqualified for medical benefit owing to your total income exceeding £250 a year, you may become entitled to such benefit if the effect of retirement is to reduce your income below the limit, and on becoming so entitled your contributions would be increased by 2d. a week.

Signed..... *W. J. Mitchell*.....
Official Capacity..... *Borough Treasurer*.....

Date..... *29 Jan 1926*.....

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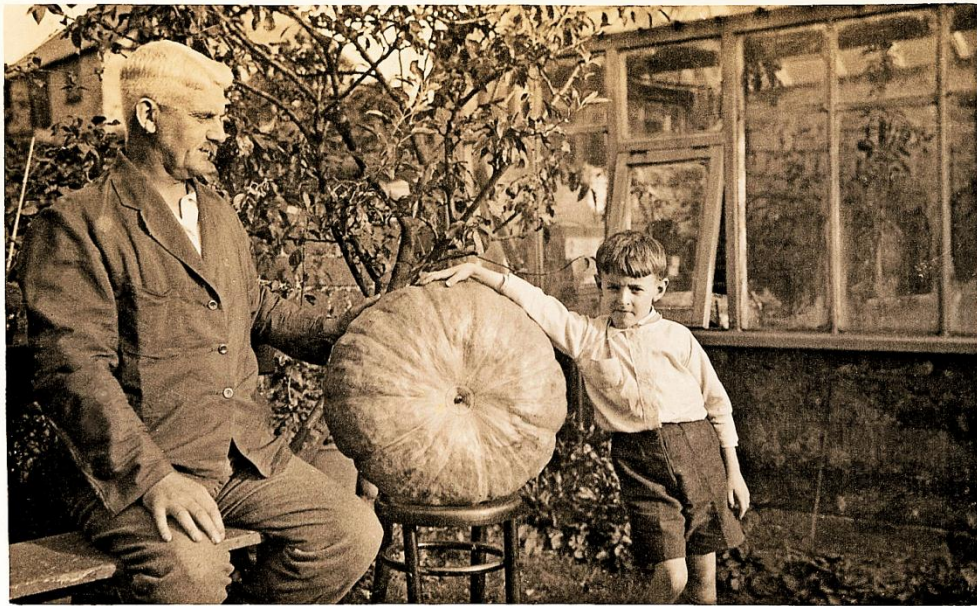
Swansea ex-policemen at Llanwrtyd Wells.
Insp. George Jones REES PC D. John
Insp. L. Williams Sgt. Evans

After his retirement, he became more active with his hobby of breeding *Roller Canaries*, with the occasional *Budgie*. He was frequently asked to judge at shows.



George Jones REES in retirement
with bird cage

He was also a keen gardener with an allotment off *Beechwood Road*, near *Sketty*.



George Jones REES with a very large pumpkin. Beside it is his grandson, Mervyn AMUNDSON.

Wartime life: 1939-1945, and its aftermath.



COUNTY BOROUGH OF SWANSEA.

MR/MB. Local Fuel Overseer's Office,
Ouldhall,
SWANSEA.

Dear Sir/Madam,

FUEL AND LIGHTING ORDER, 1939.
Fixation of Basic Quantities of Coal.

I enclose herewith Form FLO/2, Fixation of Basic Quantities of Coal for your premises, a copy of this Form has been sent to the coal merchant with whom you have registered for your supplies.

Yours faithfully,

JR. HEATH.

LOCAL FUEL OVERSEER.

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FORM FLO.2

County Borough of Swansea.

FUEL AND LIGHTING ORDER, 1939.
Article 5 (1).

Notice of Fixation or Variation of Quarterly Basic Quantities of Coal.

TO Mr G. J. Rees
42, Park Place
Baynill Swansea

In accordance with the provisions of the above Order, I hereby notify you that the basic quantities of coal in respect of the premises known as 42, Park Place whilst in the occupation of Mr G. J. Rees have been ^(fixed) ~~(varied)~~ as follows:-

Quarter ending	Basic Quantity	
	Tons	Cwt.
31st March	1	6
30th June	-	16
30th September	-	12
31st December	1	6

NOTES.

- If this notice relates to the fixation of basic quantities:
 - this notice must be produced by you to the Coal Merchant, etc., with whom you wish to register for supplies.
 - If a certificate (Form FLO/1) has previously been sent to you in respect of the above premises, it must be returned to me forthwith: *in 2*.
 - You will be permitted to acquire *4* per cent. of the basic quarterly quantities shown above, *less* that your permitted excess *is not less than* 2 tons of coal and/or cwt. in any year.
- If this notice relates to the variation of basic quantities:
A copy of this Notice varying the basic quantities has been sent to your registered supplier.

GENERALA,
SWANSEA.

Signed: JR. Heath
Local Fuel Overseer.

Date: 15 JAN 1940

see 1074)



Special Constable badges for use on civilian clothes.

Wartime brought rationing. This is the 1940 Ration Book of George Jones REES.

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

OFFICIAL PAID

This cover must not be detached from the Ration Book.

OPEN CAREFULLY

Consumer's Name: **REES George J.**

Address: **#2 Park Place
Brynmill
SWANSEA**

Date of Issue: **8 JUL 1940**

Serial Number of Book: **JL 148566**

SWANSEA FOOD OFFICE

H.B. 1. (General) **X18J/289/1**

PAGE II

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF RETAILERS.

RETAIL BUTCHER. (Pages 1 & 2.)

Name:

Address: **WATER TOWER
18, STALL MARKET**

BACON RETAILER. (Page 3.)

Name:

Address:

BUTTER AND MARGARINE RETAILER. (Page 4.)

Name: **H. Hoggidge**

Address: **#2 Park Place
Brynmill, Swansea**

RETAILER OF COOKING FATS, INCLUDING LARD AND DRIPPING. (Page 5.)

Name: **H. Hoggidge**

Address: **#2 Park Place
Brynmill, Swansea**

SUGAR RETAILER. (Page 6.)

Name: **H. Hoggidge**

Address: **#2 Park Place
Brynmill, Swansea**

PAGE III

This book is not transferable. It may only be used by or on behalf of the consumer named on the cover.

**NATIONAL RATIONING
GENERAL RATION BOOK—R.B.1**

How to use this book.

- The consumer's name and address must be written (in BLOCK LETTERS) in the space provided on the reference last page (p. 1).
- When the book is issued to a child between the ages of 5 and 15 years the date of issue on page 7 should be signed by the parent or guardian, "A" being written in the margin.
- In order to buy any food that is rationed you must register with a retailer opposite that food.
- To register with your retailer.
- Write the names and addresses of the retailers with whom you intend to register in the space inside the front cover. Write your name and address in BLOCK LETTERS and the date on the counterfoil at the bottom of the pages of coupons numbered 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, then take this book to the retailer from whom you wish to buy your rationed goods. Leave the lard, bacon, butter and margarine, cooking fat (including lard and dripping), and sugar. The retailer for each of these books will write his name and business address on the counterfoil which will cut off and keep.
- Particulars and coupons.
- Every time you buy rationed food you must hand your ration book to the retailer and he will issue the appropriate coupon. You must not detach counterfoils. If you do, they will be useless.
- Coupons are used in the week to which they relate cannot be used later.
- Depositing whole pages of coupons with retailers.
- To save trouble you may tell your retailer to detach a whole page of coupons by cutting along the line 2. If he does this, he must write the words "page deposited," the number of the page and the date below his name and address inside the cover.
- Do not have a page detached if you expect to go away from home on holiday or business. Do not have a page detached if you want to buy cooked meat for lunch or dinner away from home.
- Heat meals away from home.
- Half a ration or home coupons may be used to obtain a cooked meal of rationed meat or bones in a hotel, restaurant, cafe, tea-shop, etc. The half-ration book is detached from your ration book by the person serving the meal.
- Cashed meals.
- You may purchase rationed national meat at cooked meat shops, but only in portions of a coupon at half-ration. The ration or half-ration must be detached from your ration book by the person supplying you.

PAGE IV

Living in a hotel, boarding-house, etc.

If you live in a hotel, boarding-house, hostel or similar establishment, do not take your book to a retailer but hand it to the proprietor, manager or other person responsible for the lodging arrangements, who will detach the appropriate coupons and return your book to you when you leave.

Leaving home on holiday or business.

Always take this book with you. If you are going to stay in a hotel or boarding-house, hand this book to the management on arrival. If you are staying in a village and intend to do your own shopping take this book to the Food Office in the district where you are staying and you will be given an Emergency Card. You can get a new Emergency Card each week you stay up to a total of 5 weeks. Be sure to collect this book from the Food Office before you leave the house.

Removal.

If you remove to another district and have to change the retailers from whom you buy rationed foods, collect from them any pages from your ration book which you have deposited with them; take your book and any pages which you have collected from your retailers to the Food Office of the district into which you have moved, where arrangements will be made for you to register with retailers in your new district.

Spare Coupons.

Do nothing with the pages numbered 7, 8 and 9 until told what to do.

Spare counterfoils.

In dealing with the counterfoils on page 15 (marked S.C.1, S.C.2, S.C.3, and S.C.4) until told what to do.

Joining the Navy, Army or Air Force.

If you join the Navy, Army or Air Force, or are engaged with rationing by the Government or other authority, return this book to the Food Office at once.

Leaving Great Britain.

If you intend to leave Great Britain for more than 4 weeks you must hand this book to the Immigration Officer when you embark. If you are going abroad for a shorter period you may retain it but you must show it to the Immigration Officer on leaving and on your return.

Air Raids.

In the event of your being compelled to leave your home on account of air raids or because your fire is a danger zone, take this book with you if possible. In any case go to the nearest Food Office for an Emergency Card on arrival at your destination.

Penalties for misuse.

Any false statement, misuse of this book or breach of these instructions renders you liable to a penalty.

BACON & HAM 23 23	BACON & HAM 19 19	BACON & HAM 13 13	BACON & HAM 7 7	BACON & HAM 1 1
BACON & HAM 24 24	BACON & HAM 20 20	BACON & HAM 14 14	BACON & HAM 8 8	BACON & HAM 2 2
Consumer's Name (BLOCK LETTERS):		BACON & HAM 15 15	BACON & HAM 9 9	BACON & HAM 3 3
District (BLOCK LETTERS):		BACON & HAM 16 16	BACON & HAM 10 10	BACON & HAM 4 4
BACON & HAM 26 26	BACON & HAM 21 21	BACON & HAM 17 17	BACON & HAM 11 11	BACON & HAM 5 5
BACON & HAM 15 25	BACON & HAM 22 22	BACON & HAM 18 18	BACON & HAM 12 22	BACON & HAM 6 6

JOSE E.—BACON & HAM COUNTERFOIL

Consumer's Name:

District (BLOCK LETTERS):

Date:

Serial Number of Book: **JL 148566**

SPACE	SPACE	SPACE	SPACE	SPACE
23	19	13	7	1
SPACE	SPACE	SPACE	SPACE	SPACE
24	20	14	8	2
PAGE 1		SPACE	SPACE	SPACE
Customer's Name and Address		15	9	3
Address (SEPARATELY)		SPACE	SPACE	SPACE
		16	10	4
SPACE	SPACE	SPACE	SPACE	SPACE
26	21	17	11	5
SPACE	SPACE	SPACE	SPACE	SPACE
25	22	18	12	6

PAGE 2—SPACE IDENTIFIERS. Use nothing with this page until told what to do.
 Customer's Name and Address
 Address (SEPARATELY)
 Date _____
 Price & Address of Retailer
 JL 148566

SPACE	SPACE	SPACE	SPACE	SPACE
23	19	13	7	1
SPACE	SPACE	SPACE	SPACE	SPACE
24	20	14	8	2
PAGE 3		SPACE	SPACE	SPACE
Customer's Name and Address		15	9	3
Address (SEPARATELY)		SPACE	SPACE	SPACE
		16	10	4
SPACE	SPACE	SPACE	SPACE	SPACE
26	21	17	11	5
SPACE	SPACE	SPACE	SPACE	SPACE
25	22	18	12	6

PAGE 4—SPACE IDENTIFIERS. Use nothing with this page until told what to do.
 Customer's Name and Address
 Address (SEPARATELY)
 Date _____
 Price & Address of Retailer
 JL 148566

PAGE 5

DO NOTHING WITH THIS PAGE UNTIL TOLD WHAT TO DO.

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Swansea was badly hit during the Blitz.

PAGE VII

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF RETAILERS.

SPARE. (Page 7)

SPARE. (Page 8)

SPARE. (Page 9)

CUT ALONG THIS LINE.

Do nothing with this counterfoil until told what to do.

Retailer's Name _____ Retailer's Name _____
 Address _____ Address _____

Customer's Name _____
 Address _____

GENERAL R.S. 1. S.C.1. Date _____ S.C.1.

Do nothing with this counterfoil until told what to do.

Retailer's Name _____ Retailer's Name _____
 Address _____ Address _____

Customer's Name _____
 Address _____

GENERAL R.S. 1. S.C.2. Date _____ S.C.2.

Do nothing with this counterfoil until told what to do.

Retailer's Name _____ Retailer's Name _____
 Address _____ Address _____

Customer's Name _____
 Address _____

GENERAL R.S. 1. S.C.3. Date _____ S.C.3.

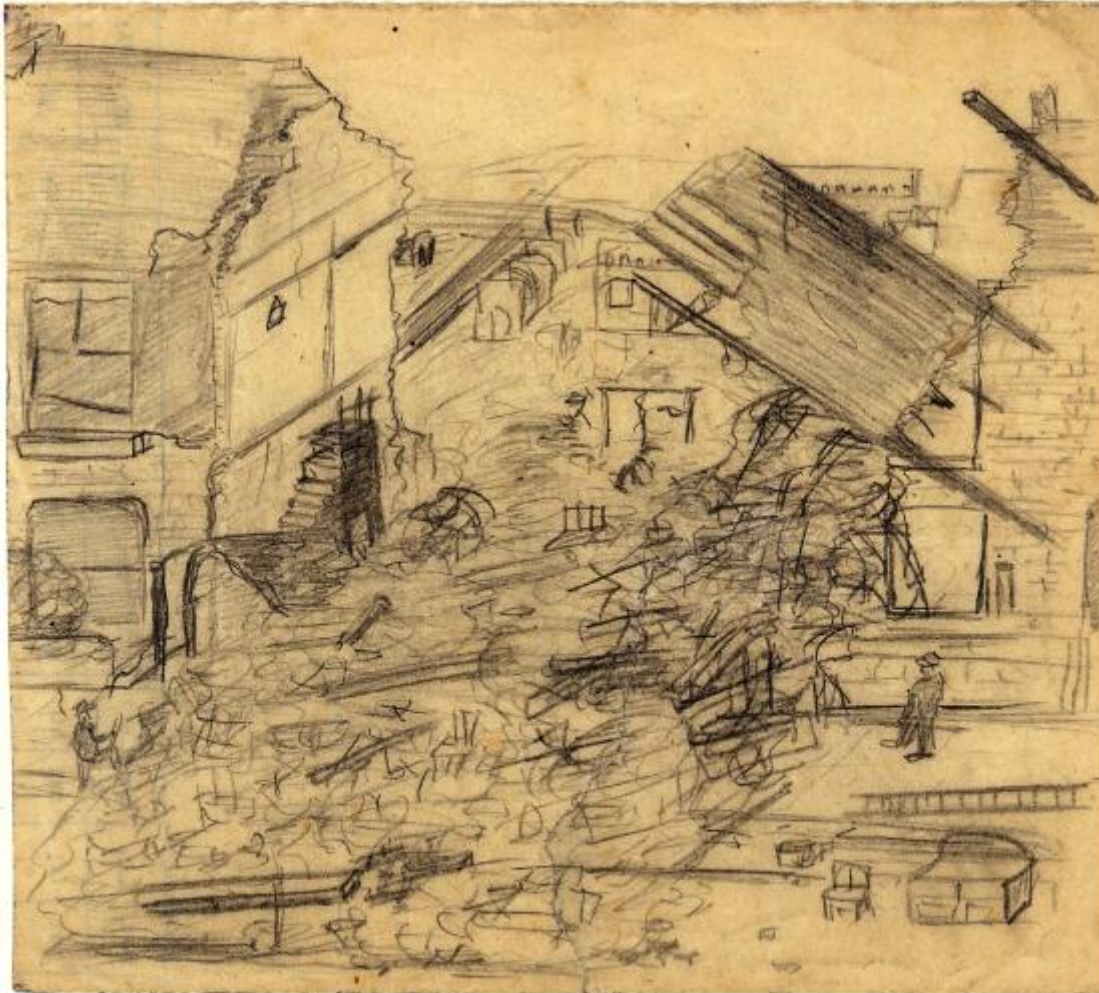
Do nothing with this counterfoil until told what to do.

Retailer's Name _____ Retailer's Name _____
 Address _____ Address _____

Customer's Name _____
 Address _____

GENERAL R.S. 1. S.C.4. Date _____ S.C.4.

...and how close it came.



Bomb damage opposite our house in Brynmill drawn by myself a few days after the incident.

A hand drawn sketch by George's grandson, Mervyn Vaughan AMUNDSON, a few days after a bomb destroyed the house opposite 42 Park Place.



Reality...

REMEMBRANCE

of the

FALLEN.

static water tank built on site later. Memorial painted by neighbour. photograph taken before being demolished.

His grandson's typed comments later in life.

...1943...

MINISTRY OF FOOD. D.P.1525A
RATIONALISATION OF RETAIL DISTRIBUTION OF MILK.

(i) In accordance with arrangements approved by this Food Control Committee for the purpose of saving manpower and transport, the undernoted registrations for liquid milk have been transferred from Present Supplier
MARLBORO of RD. to GRIFFITHS
of RD. as from 2 APR 1943

(ii) It is illegal for you to purchase Liquid Milk from any retailer with whom you are not registered except when you hold a temporary Ration Card R.B.12.
(iii) You must amend the entry at the foot of page 38 in the Ration Books and insert the name and address of the new retailer.
(iv) If you hold an N.M.S. authority (M.IV.2 or 2A) you must present your Ration Book containing this authority at the Food Office immediately together with this Post Card. Failure to do so will deprive you of benefit under the scheme.

SIGNATURE [Signature]
Food Executive Officer.

(i) REES. S.I.
(ii) G.I.
(iii) _____
(iv) _____

FOOD OFFICE STAMP.
SWANSEA
Code No. _____
Date 22 APR 1943

(#47292). W113. 200,000 10/42. W.L. Gp. 22(2).

Milk rationing...
...and a recipe to double butter rations.

Recipe to Double Butter Rations.

$\frac{1}{2}$ pint Fresh Milk & $\frac{1}{4}$ oz Isinglass
to $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Butter.

Dissolve Isinglass in milk as you heat it gently (Do not bring to the Boil) add it to the Butter & beat until it begins to thicken then keep on beating for about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour. Pour into a Basin & use next day.

POST CARD

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YOUR NEW MILKMAN

In order to save manpower, petrol, tyres, etc., for the National war effort and to ensure a regular flow of milk to customers during the difficult days of winter, the Ministry of Food have directed the retail distributors of milk to reorganise their rounds so as to ensure the least possible overlapping in deliveries. As an unavoidable result of this re-organisation many consumers will be required to change milkmen. On the back of this Post Card you are informed of what you are called upon to do in order to play your part in this very essential war-effort.

The Ministry feels sure that all consumers will gladly co-operate with the dairymen and accept the approved arrangements without demur.

To Mr S.I. REES.
42 PARK PLACE
BRYNMILL
SWANSEA

...after the war...

CLOTHING BOOK 1947-48
GENERAL CB 1/10

This book must not be used until the holder's name, full postal address and National Registration Number have been written below. Detach this book at once and keep it safely. It is your only means of buying clothing.

HOLDER'S NAME GEORGE JONES REES.
(in BLOCK letters)

ADDRESS H2 PARK PLACE,
(in BLOCK letters)
BRYNMILL,
SWANSEA.

HOLDER'S NATIONAL REGISTRATION No.
X1BJ / 239 / 1.

IF FOUND please take this book to any Food Office or Police Station

FOOD OFFICE CODE No.
S.Wa.90

THIS BOOK IS NUMBER
Q 249375

HOLD Pages I-VIII in one hand and
TEAR ALONG THIS LINE

PAGE I

CLOTHING BOOK 1947-48
GENERAL CB 1/10

This book must not be used until the holder's name, full postal address and National Registration Number have been written below. Detach this book at once and keep it safely. It is your only means of buying clothing.

HOLDER'S NAME SARAH JANE REES.
(in BLOCK letters)

ADDRESS H2 PARK PLACE,
(in BLOCK letters)
BRYNMILL,
SWANSEA.

HOLDER'S NATIONAL REGISTRATION No.
X1BJ / 239 / 2.

IF FOUND please take this book to any Food Office or Police Station

FOOD OFFICE CODE No.
S.Wa.90

THIS BOOK IS NUMBER
Q 249376

HOLD Pages I-VIII in one hand and
TEAR ALONG THIS LINE

PAGE I

R.B.1
13 MINISTRY **MF** OF FOOD

RATION BOOK
(GENERAL) 1950-1951

Surname Rees.

Initials George J. NATIONAL REGISTRATION NUMBER
X1BJ 239 1

Address H2 Park Place,
(as an Identity Card)
Brynmill Swansea.
(For change of address)

FOOD OFFICE CODE No. S.Wa.90 Serial No. of Ration Book
BB 251783

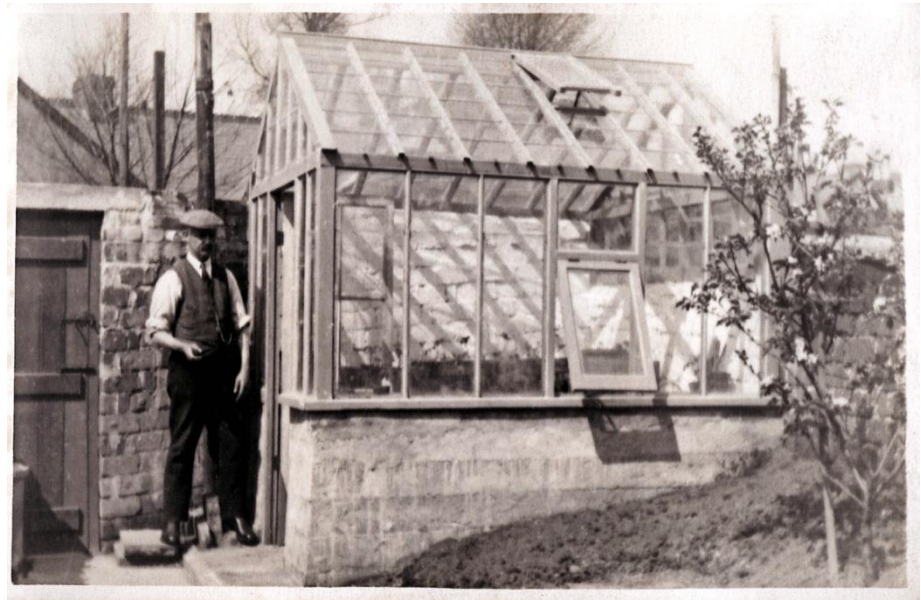
IF FOUND RETURN TO ANY FOOD OFFICE



Post-war *Park Place, Brynmill, Swansea.*
The van is almost certainly outside #42.



George Jones REES and his wife out walking.



George Jones REES in retirement with his greenhouse.



George and his wife in retirement.



George and his wife late in life.

VICTORIA PARK O.A.P. SOCIAL CLUB

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Brynmill, Swansea

Thomas Jenkins } Martin Mariner
Ann Lewis }

Daughters

Mary Ann Jenkins }
John Rees }
Shipwrights }

Sons

1 Thomas Henry Rees }
2 William John Rees }
3 George Jones Rees }

George Jones Rees }
Sarah Jane Purnell Rees }

Daughters

Euphemia Doris Rees }
Alfred Leonard Rees }

Henry Rees }
Martin Mariner }
Pilot }
Jane Perrins }

John Rees }
Shipwright }

Henry Rees }
Pilot }

George Jones Rees }
Daughters }
Pilot }

Jane Rees }
Morgan }
3 Agnes Rees }
2 Mary Ann Rees }
James Chapman }

Headed note paper of the O.A.P. Club. George Jones REES is Chairman. Interestingly, this is a hand written record by George of some of the REES family tree. Thanks to Sheila REES for this note.

In later years, he was one of the founder members of the *Old Age Pensioners Club* at *Brynmill Park*, known as "*The Sons of Rest*". He was quite active until about three weeks before he died.

A contemporary (undated) newspaper piece says:

Ex-Police Inspector dies at 85

MR. GEORGE JONES REES, a retired Swansea police inspector, has died at his home in Park-place, Brynmill, Swansea. He was 85.

He retired more than 35 years ago.

Mr. Rees had served in the uniformed branch and with the CID.

STRIKE RIOTS

He was in the party of Swansea police which was sent to the Rhondda district during the coal strike riots in 1910.

He was also one of the specially selected representative body of Welsh police who were at Caernarvon for the investiture of the Prince of Wales in 1911.

Mr. Rees was one of the founder members of the Old Age Pensioners' Club at Brynmill Park, the "Sons of Rest," and was active in its interests for many years.

After his retirement he became more active with his hobby, the breeding of cage birds, and he was frequently asked to judge at shows.

He had been active up to about three weeks ago.

Mr. Rees leaves a wife and a daughter. Mrs. Doris Amundsen, wife of Mr. Verley Amundsen

of the South Wales Electricity Board.

No. on Regr. 15,487.

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THE SWANSEA BURIAL BOARD

OYSTERMOUTH CEMETERY

By virtue of the powers conferred on the Burial Boards constituted under the Act of Parliament, 16 & 17 Victoria, cap. 134, and the other Acts incorporated therewith, to grant exclusive Right to Burial, *W.C.*, the Burial Board for the Parish of **Oystermouth**, in the County Borough of Swansea, in consideration of the sum of *Three* pounds, *—* shillings, paid to us by *Wesley Amundson*, *42, Park Place, Bagnhill, Swansea*.

Do hereby grant unto the said *Wesley Amundson* in perpetuity, the exclusive right of Burial in the Grave Space No. *487 T* in which the late *George Jones Rees* was interred on *Wednesday* the *Thirtieth* day of *May* one thousand nine hundred and *Sixty Two* at the Cemetery, situate in the Parish of **Oystermouth**, in the said County Borough, being part of the Grounds provided by the said Burial Board **To Hold**, the same to the said *Wesley Amundson* for the purpose of Burial, subject to the Regulations now in force, or which may hereafter be issued with regard to interments in the said Cemetery by Her Majesty's Secretary of State, or by the said Burial Board, or any other competent authority.

In witness whereof the said Burial Board have hereunto affixed their Seal this *Eighteenth* day of *July* One thousand nine hundred and *Sixty Two*.

Ernest J. Wainwright
Clerk to Board

The grave of George Jones REES and his wife 'Jennie' in Oystermouth Cemetery.

