

## **PRIVATE JOHN DAVID JONES (DM2 164190)**

### **MTRASC ARMY SERVICE CORPS**

John David Jones was born in 1883 in Llansannan to parents John, who was a farmer and mother, Mary. In the 1901 census they were living in Central Buildings, a wooden house in Trefriw now known as Gwydir Bungalow. As well as John, there were four younger children, Edward, Robert, Maggie and Jane. John was a grocer's assistant. Ten years later the family had moved to Anchor farm and Mary was a widow.

John enlisted in the army in Llanrwst. The date is unknown. He was 35 when he died in St Sever 12<sup>th</sup> General Hospital, Rouen, France, considerably older than the other soldiers on Trefriw memorial. Maybe as the eldest son of a widowed mother he was able to claim exemption from service until the need for every able-bodied man became desperate. There is a reference in the North Wales Weekly on November 7<sup>th</sup> that J.D. Jones, driver, son of Mrs Jones of Anchor Farm had died from his wounds. On November 28<sup>th</sup> there was a memorial service for him in Peniel chapel. (North Wales Weekly News Nov 28 1918). He is also listed on his sister's grave stone in Trefriw cemetery. (Maggie Mary)

He served in the 565<sup>th</sup> Mechanical Transport Corps, Army Service Corps. Mechanical Transport Companies were an important part of lines of communication. They had specialised jobs: for example, looking after ammunition columns, ambulance convoys, omnibus transport, or bridge and pontoon units. Strategically, they were essential because they secured the superiority of the British army in moving troops and supplies over difficult ground. For example: in the final stages of the war they were able to pursue the retreating German armies over ground already riddled with shell craters.

Note: Soldiers in the Mechanical Transport Corps had 'M' as prefix to their number. DM2 indicated the soldier was a learner and TR means training reserve.

#### Sources:

Census 1901 and 1911

Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914-1919

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Trefriw Cemetery Records

In Memory of

Private

**J D Jones**

M2/164190, 565th Mechanical Transport Coy., Army Service Corps who died on 01 November 1918

Remembered with Honour  
St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen



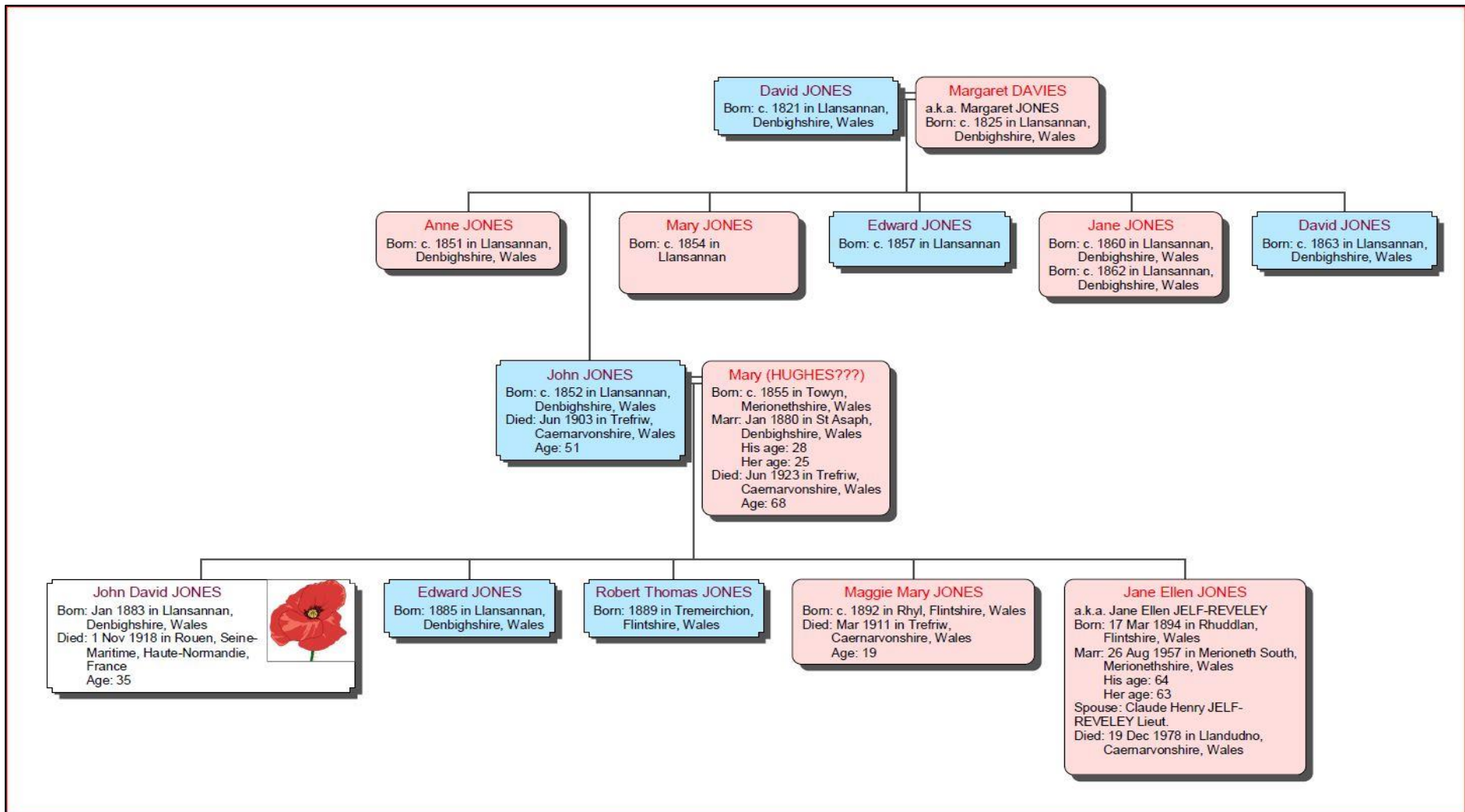
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The Jones Family Grave in Trefriw Cemetery



Anchor Farm, the former home of Private John David Jones



**Private John David Jones  
Family Tree**