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## **1.0 Abstract**

Since 2001 the Malvern Archaeological Diving Unit (MADU) has developed a database of vessels known to have wrecked around the coast of Wales.

This project is to discover information relating to the history of the schooner Janet & Alice (MADU Ref#250), built and launched at Barmouth Wales in 1856.

The Janet & Alice was a cargo schooner which sailed between ports in the U.K, Baltic, European North Sea and Mediterranean. Cargoes carried included raw materials, refined material and grains.

On Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 1884, the Janet & Alice sprang a leak during a storm approximately 8 nautical miles east of the Cardigan Bay Lightship and sank. The crew who had abandoned the Janet & Alice attempted to reach the coast in a lifeboat. However due to the weather conditions 2 of the crew including the captain were drowned near the shore at Aberaeron Wales.

The research has been conducted from information gathered from MADU and on-line sites as I do not reside in the U.K.

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## 2.5 Abbreviations

MADU	Malvern Archaeological Diving Unit
MNL	Mercantile Navy List
LR	Lloyds' Registry

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### **3.0 Introduction**

The schooner Janet & Alice was chosen as:

- it covered a period of sea history from the mid to late 19<sup>th</sup> century.
- it was a similar ship and time to other ships I had researched from the MADU Wreck list.
- I live overseas online information would be my priority research tool and similar to my previous research a ship from this period should be reasonably well documented online.

The following topics form the basis of the research:

- What were the vessel's specifications?
- What historical information is available relating to the vessel?
- Has any salvage, etc. been carried out?
- Have there been any previous reports produced relating to the vessel?

## 4.0 Background

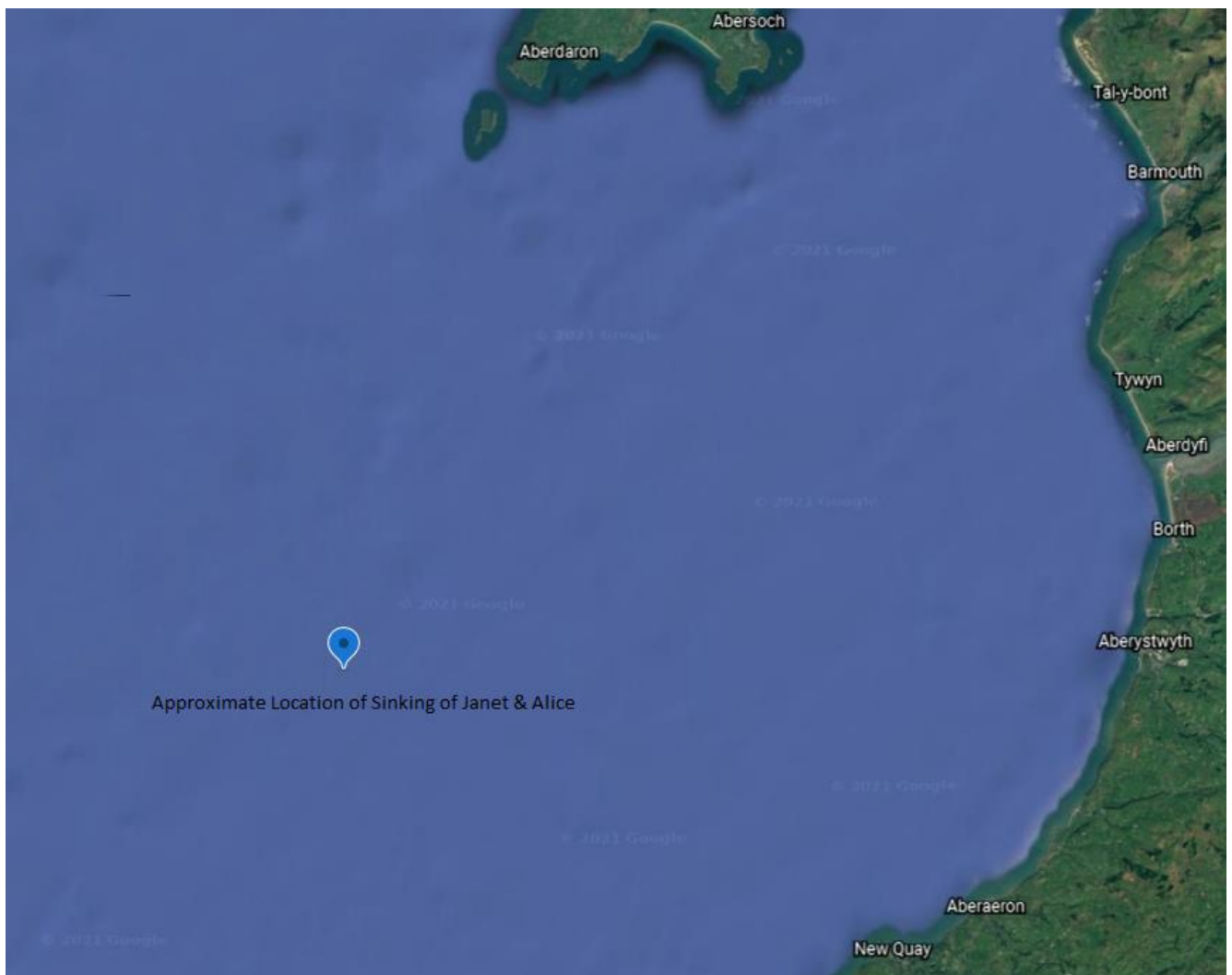
Prior to starting this research the only known data available to me was from the MADU Master Wrecksite Database Listing (Table 1) supplied by Mr Ian Cundy.

**Table 1: Extract from MADU Master Wrecksite Database**

MADU Ref. No.	Date Wrecked	Name	Location 1	Location 2	Vessel Type	Matls	Ref.
250	26/11/1884	Janet & Alice	Cardiganshire	Cardigan Bay, L/s, 8M off	Schooner	wood	rl

On Nov 26 1884 while sailing from Plymouth Cornwall for Porthmadog Wales in ballast, the Janet & Alice sprang a leak approximately 8 nautical miles east of the Cardigan Bay Lightship and sank.

**Fig 2: Location of Janet & Alice Sinking, Nov 26 1884**



## 5.0 Research Methodology

### Computer System

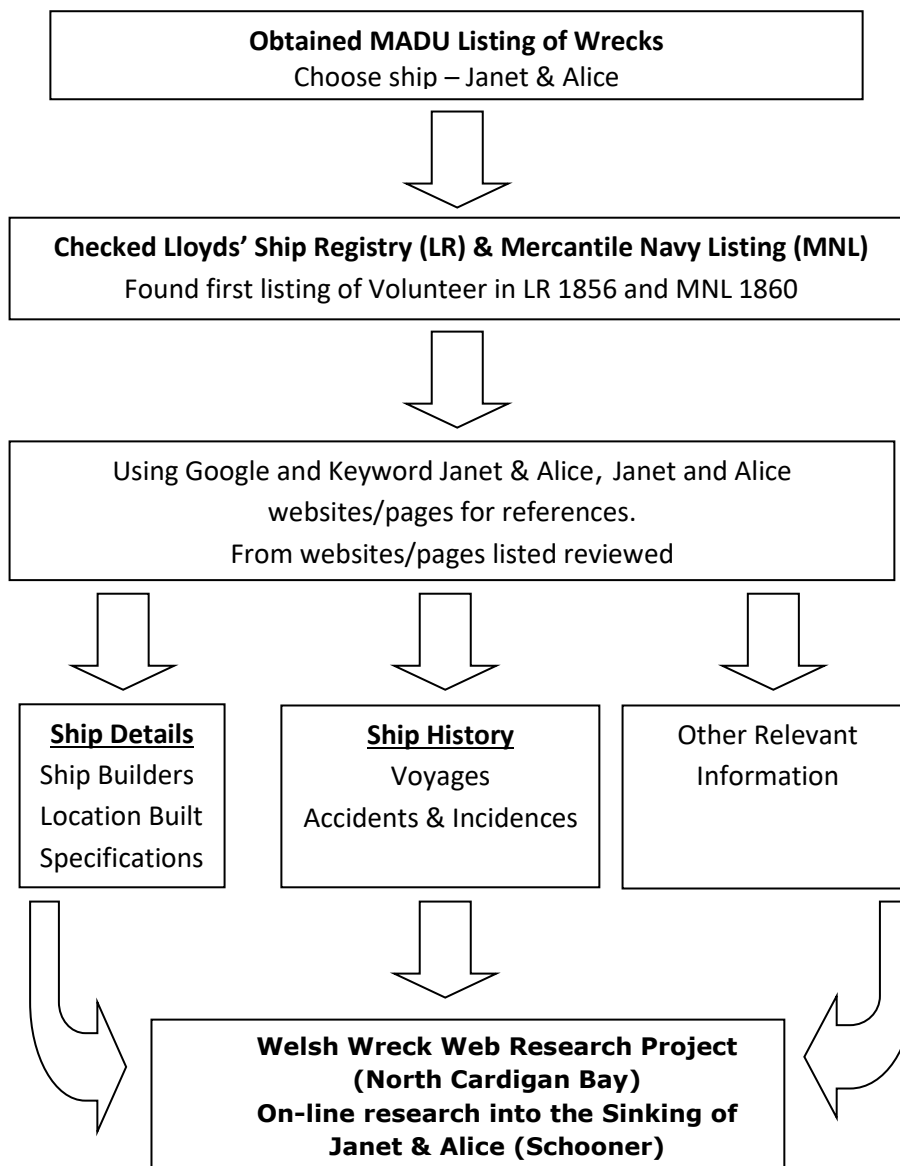
Acer Desktop 64 bit OS; 8 GB Memory, wireless connection.

Windows 10Pro

Microsoft Office 2007

Search engines used: Google Chrome

### Methodology



See Section 9 for list of websites viewed



## 6.0 Results

**Table 2: Janet & Alice (Schooner) Specification and History**

Vessel	Name/s	Janet & Alice.
	Type	Sailing Ship – Schooner, Baltic Trade General cargo
Built	Date	Launched: 1856
		Delivered: April 1856
	Builder	N/A Maesyngarnedd, Barmouth
Construction	Materials	Wood
	Decks	1
	Bulkheads	N/A
	Others	ACD Pt GIB
Propulsion	Type	Sail
	Details	N/A
Dimensions	Length	73 ft 6 in
	Beam	20 ft 5 in
	Draught	11 ft 3 in
Tonnage	Gross	131 grt
	Net	96 nrt
Owners	1856	Lloyds & Co, Porthmadog,
	1876	Griffith Griffiths, Porthmadog
	1883	Peter Jones, Porthmadog
Registry	Port	1856: Porthmadog; 1876: Caernarvon
	Flag	GBR
	Number	14930
	Code	L.Q.F.H
History	Routes	Coastal U.K, Baltic, European North Sea, Mediterranean
	Cargo	Raw materials, refined materials, grains
Sunk	Date	26/11/1884
	From	Plymouth, Devon
	To	Porthmadog, Wales
	Captain	O. Jones
	Crew	5
	Cargo	Ballast
	Location	8 nautical miles east of Cardigan Bay L/S 52.40N 04.38W
	Cause	Weather Force 6 NW Gale, sprung a leak
	Loss of life	2, including captain when lifeboat overturned near Aberaeron
Outcome	Sank	

## 7.0 Analysis

- The schooner Janet & Alice was built and launched at Barmouth Wales in April 1856 and registered at Porthmadog to Lloyds & Co (Appendix A, B).
- The schooner Janet & Alice was built for the Baltic trade with the U.K. but also sailed to European ports on the North Sea, Ireland and to the Mediterranean. The schooner Janet & Alice also sailed as a coastal trader around the U.K. Cargos carried included raw materials, refined materials and grains.
- During the course of her history the Janet and Alice was involved in a number of incidences (see Appendices).
- On Nov 26th 1884, the Janet & Alice sprang a leak during a storm approximately 8 nautical miles east of the Cardigan Bay Lightship and sank. The crew who had abandoned the Janet & Alice attempted to reach the coast. However due to the weather conditions 2 of the crew including the captain were drowned near the shore at Aberaeron Wales (Appendix I, J).

From newspaper articles the Janet & Alice was recorded:

### 1856

Apr 25-May 23: Sailed Porthmadog Wales for Rostock Germany (Jones).  
 May 14: sailed Dover Kent.  
 Jun 25: Arrived Leith Scotland from Rostock Germany, cargo grain (Jones).  
 Jun 10: arr Elsinore Denmark.  
 Jul 07: Sailed Leith Scotland for Grangemouth Scotland, ballast (Jones).  
 Aug 20: Arrived Antwerp Belgium from Stettin Poland.  
 Sep 06: Arrived Shields/Tyne from Antwerp Belgium (Jones).  
 Oct 19: Arrived Littlehampton West Sussex from Cork Ireland (Jones).

### 1857

Feb 07: Arrived Galway Ireland from London (Jones).  
 Jan 21: sailed Cowes I.O.W.  
 May 02: Passed Deal Kent sailing Cardiff for Hamburg Germany.  
 Jun 08: Arrived Waterford Ireland from Hamburg Germany (Jones).  
 Jun 02: passed Start Pt Devon westward.  
 Jun 25: Arrived Porthmadog Wales (Jones).  
 Aug 09: Arrived Bremen Germany from Porthmadog Wales (Jones).  
 Aug 01: passed Start Pt Devon eastward.  
 Aug 25: Arrived Shields/Tyne from Bremen Germany.  
 Sep 04: Sailed Shields/Tyne for Huelva Spain (Griffiths), cargo 110 tons iron.  
 Nov 05: Arrived Shields/Tyne from Huelva Spain, cargo pyrite.  
 Oct 11: passed Cape St Mary Portugal (Jones).

### 1858

Mar 30: Arrived Tobermory Scotland from Stettin Poland (Jones).  
 Apr 20: Arrived Swinemunde Poland from Porthmadog Wales (Jones).  
 Jun 15: Arrived Littlehampton West Sussex from Memel Lithuania, cargo grain.  
 Jul 14: Sailed Shields/Tyne for Weymouth Dorset.  
 Oct 02: Arrived Swansea Wales from Hamburg Germany (Jones).

### 1859

Jan 20: Arrived Shields/Tyne from Huelva Spain, cargo 170 tons pyrite.  
 Feb 27: Arrived Waterford Ireland from Shields/Tyne, cargo coal (Jones).  
 May 07: Arrived Hamburg Germany from Porthmadog Wales (Jones).  
 Apr 24: arr Dover Kent.  
 Jun 06: Arrived Drogheda Ireland from Altona/Hamburg Germany (Jones).  
 Jul 18: Arrived Dalaro Sweden from Port Talbot Wales (Jones).  
 Dec 25: Arrived Leith Scotland from Marseilles France, cargo oil cakes (Jones).

**1860**

Feb 14: Arrived Southampton from Porthmadog Wales (Jones).  
 May 14: Arrived Leer Germany from Porthmadog Wales (Jones).  
 Jun 04: Arrived Shields/Tyne from Leer Germany (Jones).  
 Sep 25: Arrived Southampton from Hamburg Germany (Jones).  
 Dec 25: Arrived Southampton from Hamburg Germany (Jones).

**1861**

Feb 26: Passing Caledonian Canal from Cardiff for Invergordon Scotland, cargo railway iron.  
 Mar 18: Sailed Dingwall Scotland for Sunderland Wearside, cargo props (Jones).  
 Apr 05-18: Sailed Shields/Tyne for Dublin.  
 Jun 21: Sailed Cuxhaven Germany for Belgium (Jones).  
 Put back and departed Jun 25.  
 Jul 03: Arrived Rouen France from Hamburg Germany (Jones).  
 Oct 17: Arrived Havre France from Hamburg Germany (Jones).  
 Dec 06: Arrived Bristol from Havre France, cargo wheat (Appendix C).  
 Nov 25: arr Plymouth Devon

**1862**

Jan 11: Arrived London from Cardiff (Jones).  
 Jan 09: arr Deal Kent.  
 Feb 05-13: Sailed London for Hayle Cornwall (Jones).  
 Apr 05: Arrived Cuxhaven Germany from Porthmadog Wales (Jones).  
 Apr 06: Arrived Altona/Hamburg Germany from Porthmadog Wales (Jones).  
 May 01: Arrived Shields/Tyne from Hamburg Germany.  
 Jul 04: Arrived Cuxhaven Germany from Porthmadog Wales (Jones).  
 Aug 21: Arrived Belfast from Altona Germany, cargo flour (Jones).  
 Aug 08: in The Downs Kent.  
 Oct 13: Arrived Milford Wales from Porthmadog Wales for Antwerp Belgium with topsail split and bowsprit carried away (Jones).  
 Oct 29: Sailed Milford Wales for Antwerp Belgium after repairs (Jones).  
 Dec 06: Arrived Dublin from Hamburg Germany.

**1863**

Feb 28: Sailed Porthmadog Wales (Jones).  
 Apr 20: Arrived Newport Wales from Hamburg Germany (Jones).  
 May 07: Sailed Newport Wales for Valencia Spain (Jones).

**1864**

Jan 29: Sailed Milford Wales for Rochester Kent from Porthmadog Wales (Jones).  
 May 23: Arrived Barcelona Spain from Swansea Wales (Jones).  
 Jun 18: Arrived Villarreal Spain from Barcelona Spain (Jones).  
 Aug 12: Sailed Shields/Tyne for Rotterdam Holland.  
 Sep 29: Sailed Porthmadog Wales for Stettin Poland (Jones).  
 Oct 19: passed Elsinore Denmark  
 Nov 26: Arrived Shields/Tyne from Stettin Poland, 994 pcs fire wood sleepers (Appendix D).  
 Nov 22: passed Elsinore Denmark.

**1865**

Jan 10: Arrived Dublin from Shields/Tyne.  
 Jun 30-Jul 13: Sailed Swinemunde/Stettin Poland for Gothenburg Sweden (Jones).  
 Jul 27: Arrived London from Gothenburg Sweden, 850 qrs oats, 1888 bars iron.  
 Sep 13: Sailed from Scilly Islands from Shields/Tyne for Huelva Spain (Jones).  
 Nov 04: Arrived Shields/Tyne from Huelva Spain.  
 Oct 27: passed Deal Kent northwards.  
 Oct 28: put in at Harwich Essex.

**1866**

Feb 02: Arrived Shields/Tyne from Huelva Spain.  
 Mar 05: Arrived Cork Ireland from Shields/Tyne (Jones).  
 May 14: Sailed Porthmadog Wales for Hamburg Germany (Jones).  
 Jul 19: Arrived London from Hamburg Germany, cargo 150 tons phosphate.  
 Sep 12: Put in at Portland Dorset from Shields/Tyne for Marseilles France  
 Sep 27: Put in at Falmouth Cornwall from Shields/Tyne for Marseilles France.

**1867**

Jan 08: Passed Deal Kent from Porthmadog Wales for Yarmouth (Owen).  
 Feb 15: Passed Dover Kent from Bremen Germany for Falmouth Cornwall.  
 Apr 27-May 11: Sailed Porthmadog Wales for Kohlberg Poland (Lloyd).  
 May 30: Arrived Danzig Poland from Kohlberg Poland (Lloyd).  
 Jun 13-Jul 04: Sailed Danzig Poland for Perth Scotland, cargo 544 cwts wheat (Lloyd).  
 Jun 19: passed Elsinore Denmark.  
 Jul 14: Sailed Perth Scotland for Middlesbrough Teesside, cargo wood (Lloyd).  
 Aug 29: Arrived Porthmadog Wales from Cork Ireland (Lloyd).  
 Sep 26: Sailed Porthmadog Wales for Copenhagen Denmark.  
 Dec 13: Arrived Gravesend Kent from Engholm Sweden.

**1868**

Feb 15: Arrived Belfast from Yarmouth I.O.W, cargo cement.  
 May 02: Sailed Cuxhaven Germany for England (Lloyd).  
 Jun 01-06: Sailed Britonferry Wales for Porthmadog Wales.  
 Aug 03: Arrived Dublin from Shields/Tyne.

**1869**

Apr 06: Arrived Leer Germany from Porthmadog Wales (Lloyd).  
 Mar 13: put in at Portland Dorset with mainboom gone.  
 Apr 02: passed Dungeness Kent northwards.  
 Apr 15-20: Sailed Leer Germany for Shields/Tyne (Lloyd).  
 May 15: Arrived Porthmadog Wales from Cork Ireland (Lloyd).  
 Jun 14: Arrived Kiel Germany from Porthmadog Wales (Lloyd).  
 Aug 03: Arrived Londonderry from Kiel Germany (Lloyd).  
 Aug 18: Arrived Porthmadog Wales from Londonderry N. Ireland (Lloyd).  
 Sep 09-24: Sailed Porthmadog Wales for Kiel Germany (Lloyd).  
 Nov 15: Arrived Dublin from Kiel Germany, cargo 1080 sacks flour.  
 Nov 23: Arrived Porthmadog Wales from Dublin (Lloyd).

**1870**

Mar 04-Apr 16: Sailed Porthmadog Wales for Kiel Germany (Lloyd).  
 Mar 17: sailed Portland Dorset.  
 Mar 19: arr Dungeness Kent.  
 Mar 24/Apr 04: dep/arr Harwich Essex with loss of bulwarks.  
 May 29: Arrived Danzig Poland from Kiel Germany (Lloyd).  
 May 08-20: Sailed Danzig Poland for Leith Scotland (Lloyd).  
 Jun 01: Arrived Alloa Scotland from Leith Scotland (Lloyd).  
 Jun 12: Off Deal Kent from Leith Scotland for Portsmouth (Lloyd).  
 Jun 18: Put in Portland Dorset from Firth of Forth Scotland for Plymouth Devon.  
 Jul 04: Arrived Porthmadog Wales from Plymouth Devon.  
 Jul 15: Sailed Porthmadog Wales for Kiel Germany (Lloyd).  
 Aug 17: Arrived Rostock Germany from Eckernforde Germany (Lloyd).  
 Aug 18: Arrived Warnemunde/Rostock Germany from Eckernforde Germany.  
 Sep 05: Arrived Shields/Tyne from Rostock Germany.  
 Sep 24: Sailed Shields/Tyne for Aberdeen Scotland.  
 Nov 05: Arrived Porthmadog Wales from Plymouth Devon (Lloyd).  
 Nov 28: Sailed Porthmadog Wales for Southampton (Lloyd).  
 Dec 26: Put in at St Michael's Mount Cornwall from Southampton for Porthmadog

**1871**

May 09: Sailed Porthmadog Wales for Kiel Germany (Lloyd).  
 May 13: passed Prawle Pt Devon eastwards (LQFH).  
 Jun 06-18: Sailed Kiel Germany for Stralsund Germany (Lloyd).  
 Jun 29-Jul 26: Sailed Stralsund Germany for Liverpool (Lloyd).  
 Jul 17: arr Stornoway Scotland from Stralsund Germany.  
 Jul 19: dep Stornoway Scotland, cargo 130 casks rape oil.  
 Aug 08-13: Sailed Liverpool for Porthmadog Wales (Lloyd).  
 Sep 04-18: Sailed Porthmadog Wales for Kiel Germany (Lloyd).  
 Sep 11/12: arr/dep Scrabster Scotland.  
 Sep 25: Sailed Kiel Germany for Marstal Denmark.  
 Nov 09: Arrived Dublin from Danzig Poland, cargo 150 tons wheat.  
 Oct 19: Passed Elsinore Denmark for North Sea.  
 Nov 17: Arrived Porthmadog Wales from Dublin (Lloyd).  
 Dec 12: Sailed Porthmadog Wales for London (Lloyd).  
 Dec 15/16: arr/dep St Tudwal's Roads Wales.

**1872**

Feb 19: Sailed London for Rothsay Scotland.  
 Feb 20: Anchored at Deal Kent from north for west (Caernarfon).  
 Apr 18: Arrived Kiel Germany from Porthmadog Wales (Lloyd).  
 Mar 30: put in at St Tudwal's Roads Wales.  
 May 22: Arrived Barrow Cumbria from Kiel Germany.  
 May 31: Sailed Barrow Cumbria for Porthmadog Wales (Lloyd).  
 Jun 19-Jul 18: Sailed Porthmadog Wales for Kiel Germany (Lloyd).  
 Jun 27: Put in at Milford Wales.  
 Jul 31: Arrived Aarhus Denmark from Kiel Germany (Lloyd).  
 Aug 10: Sailed Aarhus Denmark for Liverpool (Lloyd).  
 Sep 31: Arrived Newport Wales from Aarhus Denmark (Lloyd).  
 Oct 09: Arrived Cork Ireland from Newport Wales.  
 Oct 02: Put in at Milford Wales.  
 Oct 23: Arrived Porthmadog Wales from Cork Ireland (Lloyd).  
 Nov 22: Arrived Hamburg Germany from Porthmadog Wales (Lloyd).  
 Nov 13: passed The Lizard Cornwall eastward.  
 Dec 06: Sailed Hamburg Germany for Garston Liverpool (Lloyd).

**1873**

Jan 20: Arrived Liverpool from Hamburg Germany.  
 Feb 15: Sailed Liverpool for Porthmadog Wales.  
 Apr 15: Arrived Kiel Germany from Porthmadog Wales (Lloyd).  
 Apr 10: passed The Skaw Denmark.  
 May 24: Arrived Barrow Cumbria from Kiel Germany (Lloyd).  
 May 31: Sailed Barrow Cumbria for Bangor Wales (Lloyd).  
 Aug 04: Arrived Barrow Cumbria from Kiel Germany (Lloyd).  
 Aug 11: Sailed Barrow Cumbria for Porthmadog Wales (Lloyd).  
 Sep 24: Arrived Kiel Germany from Porthmadog Wales (Lloyd).  
 Sep 14/15: arr/dep Stornoway Scotland.  
 Oct 03: Sailed Kiel Germany for Neumuhlen Germany (Lloyd).  
 Oct 29: Put in at Kleven Sweden from Kiel Germany for Barrow Cumbria (Lloyd).  
 Nov 21: Arrived Barrow Cumbria from Kiel Germany (Lloyd).

**1874**

Mar 05-28: Sailed Porthmadog Wales for Kiel Germany (Lloyd).  
 Mar 11: arr/dep Portland Dorset.  
 Apr 07-May 02: Sailed Kiel Germany for Dublin via Falmouth Cornwall, cargo 1066 sacks wheat flour (Lloyd).  
 May 15: Arrived Porthmadog Wales from Dublin (Lloyd).  
 Jun 12: Arrived Kiel Germany from Porthmadog Wales (Lloyd).

Jun 22: Sailed Kiel Germany for Ystadt Sweden (Lloyd).  
 Jul 29: Arrived Liverpool from Simrishamn Sweden.  
 Aug 26: Arrived Porthmadog Wales from Liverpool (Lloyd).  
 Oct 22: Arrived Stornoway Scotland from Porthmadog Wales, cargo slates.  
 Nov 06-Dec 03: Sailed Stettin Poland for Greenock Scotland, cargo potato flour (Lloyd).  
 Nov 11: passed Elsinore Denmark.  
 Nov 24: put in at Stornoway Scotland.  
 Dec 22-31: Sailed Glasgow for Dublin (Lloyd).

**1875**

Mar 28: Arrived Hamburg Germany from Porthmadog Wales.  
 Mar 18: Put in at Portland Dorset for Hamburg Germany (Lloyd).  
 Apr 10-28: Sailed Hamburg Germany for Runcorn Cheshire (Lloyd).  
 Jun 28-Jul 02: Sailed Hamburg Germany for Stockton Teesside (Lloyd).  
 Jul 08: Sailed Stockton Teesside for Middlesbrough Teesside (Lloyd).  
 Jul 14-22: Sailed Middlesbrough Teesside for Newport Wales, cargo pig iron (Lloyd).  
 Aug 19: Arrived Porthmadog Wales from Dublin (Lloyd).  
 Aug 20: Sailed Porthmadog Wales for London.  
 Sept 24: Arrived Porthmadog Wales from Lowestoft Suffolk (Lloyd).  
 Oct 22: Arrived Belfast from Great Yarmouth Norfolk, cargo flour (Lloyd).  
 Nov 07: Arrived Porthmadog Wales from Cork Ireland (Lloyd).  
 Dec 13: Arrived Cardiff from Porthmadog Wales, cargo slates.  
 Dec 17: Sailed Cardiff for Britonferry Wales (Lloyd).

**1876**

Apr 06: Arrived Hamburg Germany from Porthmadog Wales (Lloyd).  
 Mar 30: arr Deal Kent.  
 Apr 24-May 09: Sailed Hamburg Germany for Bristol (Lloyd).  
 May 07: put in at Mumbles Wales for orders.  
 May 19: Sailed Bristol for Porthmadog Wales.  
 Jun 26-Jul 05: Sailed Porthmadog Wales for Shields/Tyne (Lloyd).  
 Jul 29: Put in at Portland Dorset from Shields/Tyne for Plymouth Devon (Lloyd).  
 Aug 22: Arrived Porthmadog Wales from Pwllheli Wales (Lloyd).  
 Nov 24: Arrived Shields/Tyne from Porthmadog Wales.  
 Nov 19: arr the Downs Kent with foretopmast carried away.

**1877**

Jan 09-27: Sailed Shields/Tyne for Dartmouth Devon.  
 Jan 24: put in at Portland Dorset.  
 Feb 16: Sailed Dartmouth Devon for Shields/Tyne (Lloyd).  
 Mar 20: Sailed Porthmadog Wales for Mistley Essex (Lloyd).  
 Mar 23: passed The Lizard Cornwall eastwards.  
 Apr 14: Arrived Ipswich Suffolk from Mistley Essex.  
 Apr 25-May 03: Sailed Ipswich Suffolk for Belfast, cargo coprolite (Lloyd).  
 Jul 13: Arrived Hamburg Germany from Porthmadog Wales.  
 Jul 07: passed Prawle Pt Devon eastward.  
 Jul 27-Aug 23: Sailed Hamburg Germany for Runcorn Cheshire.  
 Aug 14: arr Deal Kent.  
 Aug 20: collided in River Mersey Liverpool (Appendix E).  
 Nov 09: Arrived St Tudwal's Roads Wales from Porthmadog Wales (Lloyd).  
 Nov 25: Arrived Milford Wales from Porthmadog Wales (Lloyd).  
 Dec 02: Sailed Milford Wales for London (Lloyd).  
 Dec 07: passed of Dungeness Kent eastward.  
 Dec 22: Sailed London for Silloth Cumbria (Lloyd).

**1878**

Jan 03: Ran aground at Deal Kent (Appendix F).  
 Feb 08: Arrived Maryport Cumbria from Silloth Cumbria (Lloyd).

Feb 14: Sailed Maryport Cumbria for Swansea Wales (Lloyd).  
 Aug 19-28: Sailed Porthmadog Wales for London (Jones).  
 Aug 25: passed I.O.W. eastward.  
 Sep 18: Sailed London for Douglas I.O.M (Jones).  
 Sep 19: passed Deal Kent from North for West.  
 Sep 24: passed The Lizard Cornwall westward.  
 Oct 17: Sailed Douglas I.O.M for Porthmadog Wales.

**1879**

Feb 04: Arrived Glasgow from Southampton (Jones).  
 Jan 28: passed The Lizard Cornwall.  
 Feb 12-24: Sailed Glasgow for Cardiff, cargo 158 tons cannel coal (Jones).  
 Feb 17: arr St Tudwal's Roads Wales.  
 Mar 11: Passed East of The Lizard Cornwall westward.  
 Mar 27: Arrived Porthmadog Wales from Plymouth Devon (Jones).  
 May 03: Sailed Porthmadog Wales for Southampton (Jones).  
 Jul 11: Arrived Maassluis Holland from Porthmadog Wales (Jones).  
 Jul 10: passed Beachy Head E. Sussex eastward.  
 Jul 28: Sailed Maassluis Holland for Shields/Tyne.  
 Jul 30: arr Middlesbrough Teesside.  
 Aug 22: Arrived Cardiff from Middlesbrough Teesside, cargo pig iron.  
 Aug 14: passed Prawle Pt Devon westward.  
 Aug 20: dep Falmouth Cornwall.  
 Sep 20-Oct 03: Sailed London for Runcorn Cheshire (Jones).  
 Sep 24: anchored at Deal Kent.  
 Nov 29: Sailed Porthmadog Wales for London (Jones).  
 Dec 23: Sailed London for New Ross Ireland.

**1880**

Jan 24: Arrived Swansea Wales from New Ross Ireland (Jones).  
 Feb 12: Passed Mumbles Head Wales (Caernarfon).  
 Mar 13: Arrived Shields/Tyne from Yarmouth I.O.W.  
 Feb 27: passed Dungeness Kent eastward.  
 Mar 27: Passed Beachy Head E. Sussex westward.  
 Apr 26-May 22: Sailed Porthmadog Wales for Kiel Germany.  
 May 01: passed Prawle Pt Devon eastwards.  
 May 19: Passed Hirtshals Denmark eastward  
 Jun 24: Arrived Liverpool from Iceland.  
 Aug 06-Sep 06: Sailed Porthmadog Wales for Bremen/Brake Germany (Jones).  
 Sep 18-24: Sailed Bremen/Brake Germany for Christiania Denmark (Jones).  
 Nov 04: Arrived Porthmadog Wales from Rhyl Wales.  
 Dec 23: Arrived Lynn Norfolk from Porthmadog Wales (Jones).

**1881**

Feb 06-12: Arrived Havre France from Lynn Norfolk (Jones).  
 Feb 05: passed Dungeness Kent westward.  
 Feb 27-Mar 05: Sailed Havre France for Cardiff.  
 Feb 28: passed Prawle Pt Devon westward (LQFH).  
 May 17: Arrived Hamburg Germany from Porthmadog Wales (Jones).  
 May 11: passed Prawle Pt Devon eastward.  
 Jun 03-18: Sailed Hamburg Germany for Shields/Tyne via Middlesbrough Teesside.  
 Jul 09: Sailed Portland Dorset Roads from Shields/Tyne for Porthleven Cornwall.  
 Aug 05: Theft from Janet & Alice (Evans) (Appendix G).  
 Aug 25-Sep 05: Sailed Porthmadog Wales for Calais France (Jones).  
 Sep 23-Oct 02: Sailed Calais France for Dublin, cargo 700 sacks flour.  
 Oct 15: Sale of 4/64 shares in Janet and Alice.  
 Oct 29: Sailed Waterford Ireland from Porthmadog Wales, cargo slates.  
 Nov 12: Sailed Waterford Ireland for Porthmadog Wales, ballast.

**1882**

Jan 03: Arrived Southampton from Porthmadog Wales (Gunn).  
 Jan 20: Sailed Southampton for Llanelli Wales (Jones).  
 Feb 06: Sailed Llanelli Wales for, cargo copperas.  
 Feb 12: Arrived Hull Humberside from Llanelli Wales (George).  
 Feb 22: Sailed Hull Humberside for Plymouth Devon (George).  
 Mar 06: Passed Prawle Pt Devon westward (LQFH).  
 Apr 01: Arrived Porthmadog Wales from Pwllheli Wales (Jones).  
 Apr 17: Sailed Porthmadog Wales for Bremen Germany (Jones).  
 Apr 27: passed Prawle Pt Devon eastward (LQFH).  
 May 01: passed Beachy Head E. Sussex eastward.  
 May 21: Sailed Geestemunde Germany for Porthmadog Wales (Jones).  
 May 30: passed Beachy Head E. Sussex westward.  
 Jul 14: Claim for Wages (Jones) (Appendix).  
 Jul 19: Arrived St Tudwal's Roads Wales from Porthmadog Wales (Jones).  
 Sep 19: Arrived Gravesend Kent from Frederickshald Norway.  
 Sep 29-Oct 09: Sailed Gravesend for Waterford Ireland, cargo cement.  
 Oct 03: passed Dungeness Kent westwards.  
 Nov 13: Sailed Porthmadog Wales for Bremen Germany via Bristol (Jones).  
 Dec 14: Sailed Bremen Germany for Bristol (Jones).

**1883**

Jan 12: Arrived Bristol from Bremen Germany (Appendix H).  
 Jan 04: dep Yarmouth Roads I.O.W (Caernarfon).  
 Jan 23: Arrived Cardiff from Bristol, light.  
 Feb 16-Mar 02: Sailed Cardiff for Cork Ireland (Jones).  
 Feb 21: put in at Milford Wales.  
 Mar 18: Arrived Porthmadog Wales from Cork Ireland (Jones).  
 May 12: Passed Great Yarmouth Norfolk northwards (LQFH).  
 May 28: Sailed Shields/Tyne for Rochester Kent.  
 Jun 28: Arrived Belfast from Rochester Kent, cargo cement (Jones).  
 Jun 15: anchored at Deal Kent from North.  
 Jun 21: passed Prawle Pt Devon westward.  
 Jul 14: Sailed Belfast for Porthmadog Wales.  
 Aug 30: Arrived Shields/Tyne from Porthmadog Wales, cargo slates.  
 Sep 14: Sailed Shields/Tyne for Kingstown/Dublin Cornwall, cargo coal.  
 Sep 25: put in at Portland Dorset.  
 Oct 05: dep Falmouth Cornwall for Kingstown/Dublin Cornwall.  
 Oct 24: Arrived Porthmadog Wales from Kingstown/Dublin.  
 Nov 30-Dec 10: Sailed Porthmadog Wales for London (Jones).

**1884**

Jan 20: Arrived Cardiff, cargo cement.  
 Jan 01: anchored at Southend Essex.  
 Jan 07: anchored at Deal Kent from North.  
 Feb 28: Arrived Cork Ireland.  
 Apr 30: Passed Deal Kent from Porthmadog Wales (Jones).  
 May 29: Arrived Lancaster Lancashire from London, cargo cement (Jones).  
 Jun 07: Sailed Lancaster Lancashire for Porthmadog Wales, ballast.  
 Oct 23: Arrived Goole Yorkshire from Lynn Norfolk, cargo sand.  
 Nov 03: Sailed Goole Yorkshire for Plymouth Devon, cargo coal (Jones).  
 Nov 27: Sailing Plymouth Devon for Porthmadog Wales sank 8 nautical miles east of Cardigan Lightship in bad weather after springing a leak. The crew abandoned but the captain and 1 crew mate drowned when lifeboat overturned near Aberaeron Wales, approximately 28 nautical miles from where the Janet & Alice had sunk (Appendix I, J).



## 8.0 Conclusions & Recommendations

The project took approximately 5 working days with half of that time spent on on-line research.

Having read the report sufficient information has been collated to compile a comprehensive history of the schooner Janet & Alice.

The schooner Janet & Alice was built for the Baltic trade with the U.K. but also sailed to European ports on the North Sea, Ireland and to the Mediterranean. The schooner Janet & Alice also sailed as a coastal trader around the U.K. Cargos carried included raw materials, refined materials and grains.

A major problem experienced while researching the Janet & Alice was the actual name. Searching through newspaper articles various versions such as Janet & Alice, Janet & Alice, and Janet Alice were found to be the same ship. It was also found that some basic data was incorrect and was from a ship called the Jane and Alice which had been built later but registered at the same port.

Many different WebPages were viewed ranging from large organisations to smaller WebPages such as local history or people with a given interest in a subject (See Section 9.1). The quantity and quality of the WebPages appeared depended on the targeted audiences and the amount of work undertaken. Some of the historical and interest in a subject WebPages were extremely useful. Newspaper archives were also very helpful in giving an overall picture of the operation of the ship and filling in information gaps.

Much of the data collated between websites checked out with some discrepancies observed.

A few WebPages viewed led to pay to view pages. However in most cases the information was obtained from other sources.

From the research conducted, setting a goal and how to reach that goal should be mapped out first. Careful use of specific words in search engines is very important. As mentioned above the different name versions were a major problem but once the captains had been identified the search was made easier.

## **9.0 References**

### **9.1 Online WebPages**

The following websites and pages have been used in the compilation of this report:

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**Appendices:**

**Appendix A: Lloyd's Register Sept 1856**

No.	Ships.	Masters.	Tons.	BUILD.		Owners.	Port belonging to.	Destined Voyage.	Classification	
				Where.	When.				No. Years first assigned.	Characte for Hull&Sto
230	—Shinnan Sr I. B.	H. Ringe	99	Wdbrg	1850	Kerr&Co.	Ipswich	IpsGrongen	12	A 1
1	—Willis S YM.&ptr.53c.f.		572	Drp.53 Sndrld	1850	J. Willis	London	Lon.	13	A 1
2	—Wilson Bk r.&YM.52	J. Barr	267	Troon	1843	D. Wilson	Grenc'k	Cly.Singapr	9	Æ 1
3	—&Alice Sr ptI. B.	O. Jones	96	Srprs 47 & 52 Brmth	1856	Lloyd&Co	Ptmde	Pmd. Baltic	8	A 1
4	—&Ann Sp I. B.	JM'Allen	56	Invkth	1810	J.Prophet	Leith	Nwc.Coast'r	—	I 1
5	—&Mary Sr	Edward	149	Srprs 43 Leith	1838	I. Sewell	Chchstr	Hpl.Coaster	9	Æ 1
				n Klsn& Drp.	56				C. 3	1

**Appendix B: Appropriation Book June 1856, Janet & Alice**

Official Number.	Name of Ship.	Tonnage.	Whether Steam or Sailing Ship.	Port of Registry.	Date of Registry.	Occasion of Appropriation.	Date of Appropriation.
14928	<i>Prattley</i>	<i>274</i>	"	"	<i>16</i>	"	<i>16</i>
14929	<i>Elmer and Jane</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>Sailing</i>	<i>Guernsey</i>	<i>18 - 1856</i>	<i>First Registry</i>	<i>April 12 1856</i>
14930	<i>Janet &amp; Alice</i>	<i>96</i>	"	"	<i>19</i>	"	<i>21</i>
14931	<i>Richard &amp; Henry</i>	<i>26</i>	"	"	<i>25</i>	"	<i>July 3</i>
14932	<i>Harlow</i>	<i>105</i>	"	"	<i>29</i>	"	<i>5</i>
14933	<i>Katherine &amp; Mary</i>	<i>89</i>	"	"	<i>31</i>	"	<i>Aug 5</i>
14934	<i>Le Anne Louis</i>	<i>33</i>	"	"	<i>36</i>	"	<i>16</i>

### Appendix C: Saved Drowning Captain at Bristol, Dec 1861

**NARROW ESCAPE FROM DROWNING IN KINGROAD.—** About five o'clock on Wednesday evening last, a schooner called the *Black Cat* came up opposite Portishead, and was in the act of availing herself of the assistance of the screw steam tug *Amelia*, when, during the process of getting the towing rope secured, the pilot, Mr. John Dickens, observed what he thought was a boy overboard, and gave the alarm. It soon was found to be the captain of the steamer, and every effort was made to save him, but delay occurred, owing to not being in possession of a free boat, and articles had to be thrown overboard. Fortunately, however, for the poor man, another schooner arrived, towed by the *Lion*, called the *Janet Alice*, which had a Pull boat along-side. She was immediately manned by three of the crew, and under the direction of the others, proceeded in the dark to the conjectured whereabouts of the missing man. After a lengthened and praiseworthy effort, they found the captain holding fast to a fender, close to the buoy on Cockram, the set of tide having taken him a very considerable distance. He was got into the boat and ultimately placed on board his vessel, of course much shaken by the narrow escape he had sustained. He is, however, recovering. It is supposed that he was thrown overboard by the rope.

### Appendix D: Damaged at Sea, Nov 1864

RAMSGATE, Nov 27.—Put in : Henriette, Triquet, from Hull for Bordeaux ; Rifle, Bond, from Hull for Jersey.

SHIELDS, Nov 27.—The *Janet* and *Alice Jones*, from Stettin (sleepers), arrived to-day, reported having encountered fearful weather, was struck by three heavy seas, and she had her boat stove in the North Sea.



### Appendix E: Collided in River Mersey, Aug 1877

**LIVERPOOL**—Aug. 21, 9 55 A.M. (BY TELEGRAPH): WNW, moderate. The **Janet** and **Alice** schooner and Ben my Chree (s) were in collision in the river last evening ; both slightly damaged.

**LIVERPOOL**—Aug. 20, 2 42 P.M.: The Helen, steam yacht, arrived to-day from the Isle of Whithorn.—[See paragraph in yesterday's *S. & M. G.*]

### Appendix F: Ran Aground at Deal, Jan 1878

**DEAL**—Jan. 3: Off —The Caroline Sainty brig, Brice, from Guernsey for London. Brunette, of Llanelly, Richards, from Shields for Lisbon. Lizzie Waters, Neale, from Shields for Malaga nine days. Prospect, Boyce, from Shields for Lisbon.

The Janet and Alice schooner, of Caernarvon, in getting away from the Downs, about 4 this afternoon, took the ground to the north of Deal pier, but will probably float off on the flow of the water.

**DEAL**—Jan. 4, 8 30 A.M. (BY TELEGRAPH) : The Janet and Alice, of Caernarvon, Lloyd, from London for Silloth, which vessel took the ground north of Deal Pier at 4 yesterday afternoon, floated off about 9 P.M., without assistance, and again anchored.

**Appendix G: Apprehension of Thief at Porthmadog, Aug 1881****PORTMADOC.**

**CLEVER CAPTURE OF A THIEF.**—On the 5th August, Superintendent Davies, Portmadoc, received information from Captain Robert Evans, Janet and Alice, that a thief had broken into his vessel and had stolen therefrom several articles of clothing, a bag, and a gun. Superintendent Davies went at once in search of the thief. At the Cambrian Railway station he found that a man answering the description he gave had booked that morning for Pwllheli. Seeing some persons coming from Pwllheli, he inquired of them about the man wanted, and was told that such a person had been seen at Afon-wen Junction, with the barrel end of a gun projecting out of a clothes bag, and that it was thought he had booked from that junction to Liverpool or the neighbourhood. Acting upon this information, the officer telegraphed to the Liverpool and Birkenhead police, giving them all the description he could of the supposed thief, which was, of course very imperfect. In the evening, about twelve hours after the man had left Portmadoc, Superintendent Davies received news that the thief had been apprehended at Liverpool by Chief Superintendent Williams, with the stolen things in his possession. On Saturday morning the prisoner was conveyed by Superintendent Davies from Liverpool to Carnarvon, and will be brought before the magistrates next Friday.

**Appendix H: Jettisoned Cargo, Dec 1882**

**JANET & ALICE** — *Bristol, Jan. 13.*—The **Janet & Alice**, of Carnarvon, arrived here from Bremen, reports that on Dec. 5, when on her outward passage from this port for Bremen, with asphalt. She jettisoned about eight or ten tons of cargo, Weser Lighthouse bearing about a quarter of a mile north-west.

**Appendix I: Sunk Near Cardigan Bay Lightship, Nov 1884**

On Thursday (yesterday morning) the lives of two sailors were lost at Aberayron under most painful circumstances. On Wednesday night the Janet and Alice, a Portmadoc vessel, was abandoned by the crew, five in number, who tried to reach land in a boat. When near the shore on Thursday morning the boat upset, and the captain and a boy were drowned. Particulars of the sad event will be found in another column.

## LOSS OF LIFE AT ABERAYRON.

### PORTMADOC VESSEL ABANDONED.

The schooner Janet and Alice, of Portmadoc, which was bound from Plymouth to Portmadoc, having sprung a leak about two miles east of the Cardigan light ship, was abandoned by her crew, five in number, at 11.30 on Wednesday night last. At 9.30 on Thursday morning the boat was seen immediately off Aberayron harbour making for the shore. There was a heavy ground sea running at the time, which swamped the boat at a distance of about eighty yards from the shore. Three of the men, John Williams, Shopygroes, Thomas Griffith, Castle-square, both of Criccieth, and John Jones, son of the captain, were saved. The other two, after struggling in the surf, were lost, namely, Robert Evans, Barmouth-terrace, Llanllyfni, a boy, and Captain Jones, Railway-terrace, Criccieth. At noon on Thursday the bodies had not been recovered.

The sad event caused great excitement in the town.



## TWO SAILORS DROWNED AT ABERAERON.

About nine o'clock on Thursday morning, the 27th inst., a report spread through the town that a boat was in danger near the coast. Crowds of people were soon on the spot, and the boat was seen to approach the harbour. There was a heavy ground sea at the time, and a high wind blowing. When attempting to enter the harbour, the boat was struck by three huge breakers, the last of which completely filled her with water, so that the occupants were thrown into the sea. Four of the crew were seen struggling in the water, but the other immediately disappeared. The men were now crying loudly for help, and a number of spectators dashed into the sea, and at great peril to their lives, succeeded in rescuing three of the unfortunate crew. The other (who was subsequently ascertained to be the captain,) was seen floating on a piece of timber (supposed to be an oar), for about 20 minutes, but no assistance could be rendered him, as he was carried out by the force of the current of the river. There being no boat available, owing to the tide being out at the time, and as several men attempted to reach him in vain, the captain sank before the very eyes of the spectators. The survivors, who were in a very exhausted state, were taken to the Red Lion Inn, where every attention was paid them.

The survivors gave the following particulars—They belonged to the schooner "Janet and Alice," of Portmadoc, and were bound for that place from Plymouth. On Wednesday night, at 9.30, when about two miles east of the Cardigan Lightship, they found that the vessel had sprung a leak, and, in spite of all their endeavours to save her, they had to abandon the ill-fated ship at 11.30 p.m. At dawn, they sighted land, and made for it, with the above result. Their names were as follows:—Captain Jones, and Robert Evans, Barmouth-terrace, Criccieth (the drowned); Thomas Griffiths, John Williams, and John Jones (the captain's son), the survivors.

The two bodies were afterwards recovered by P.S. Phillips, E. Loyn, and others, and are now awaiting the inquest (at Mr E. Lima Jones's).

The following were among the foremost of those who rescued the survivors:—Messrs D. Jones, "Commerce" (who made a gallant attempt to save the captain), David Jones, Plas, D. Davies, "Thomas," Evan Loyn, Captain Evans, Clifton House, W. Morgan, "Jane," and the Rev J. W. Rees, B.A.



## Appendix J: Inquest into Loss of Crew Members, Nov 1884

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### ABERAYRON.

INQUEST.—An inquest was held on the bodies of Captain Owen Jones, master of the schooner Janet and Alice, of Portmadoc, and Robert Evans, aged nineteen, of Llanllyfni, a boy employed in the same vessel, who lost their lives in making for the shore from their boat, which had been swamped opposite Aberayron pier head on the 27th November, was held at the Town Hall at 1.30 p.m. on Friday last, the jury having previously viewed the bodies lying at the house of Mr E. Lima Jones, chemist. The jurymen were Mr J. N. Evans, chairman, Messrs John James, T. Davies, postmaster, John Evans, master mariner, Albert-street, John Evans, merchant, E. Lima Jones, John M. Howell, D. Jones, Commerce, D. Jones, Plas, Evan Loyn, Thomas Jones, D. Davies, Allright, Jenkin Pugh and Rev J. Walter Rees, B.A.—Thomas Griffiths, mate, deposed, that he lived at Criccieth. They had left Plymouth in ballast on the 21st Nov., bound for Portmadoc. When eight miles eastward of the Cardigan lightship, the vessel was discovered to have sprung a leak about 9.30 p.m. on the night of the 26th November. They abandoned the vessel in two hours afterwards in the boat. On the 27th November at 7.30 a.m. they sighted land, and noticing Aberayron harbour made for it. On entering, a large wave swamped the boat, throwing out the five occupants. Everyone of them scrambled for the shore as best he could. Three, viz., John Williams, Thomas Griffiths, and John Jones, all of Criccieth, were saved, and two others, viz., Robert Evans, Llanllyfni, and Captain Owen Jones, of Criccieth, were drowned. Every assistance was tendered to them from the land. He identified the bodies.—James Evans, mariner, Regent-street, deposed to having found the body of Captain Owen Jones about half-past twelve on the 27th November.—Evan Loyn deposed to having found the body of Robert Evans about the same time.—The jury found a verdict of "Accidentally drowned whilst making for the boat, which had been swamped, for the shore."—Mr James called attention to the absolute want of all accommodation to endeavour to save any lives in danger in or about the pier head.—Mr T. Davies, postmaster, endorsed Mr James' remarks, and added that representations should be made to that effect either to Mr Gwynne or to somebody else who would and could render any assistance.—The Coroner promised to make the necessary recommendations to the proper quarter, and added that they would surely hear something further about it.—Mr T. Davies proposed a vote of thanks to Mr E. Lima Jones, chemist, for his humane conduct in inviting Sergeant Phillips to bring the two bodies to his own house, otherwise they would have to be sent to the workhouse.—Mr J. M. Howell seconded the proposition.—At this juncture Captain Evans, 5, Market-street, from the body of the hall characterised the neglect of the jury in not mentioning the heroic efforts of the persons who had ventured out neck deep to the surf to rescue the drowning men, as disgraceful. If it had not been for Captains D. Jones, Commerce, D. Jones, Plas, D. Davies, Allright, Mr E. Loyn, and the Rev J. W. Rees, the five would have been lost.—Mr James, in rising to propose a vote of thanks to the people mentioned, said that he believed the failure of the jury to do so earlier in the course of the proceedings did not arise out of a want of appreciation of their heroic conduct, but that inasmuch as most of those mentioned were jurymen, he thought it would come within the meaning of the old adage that self praise was no recommendation to pass a vote of thanks to them. But fearing the omission would be misunderstood he had the greatest pleasure in moving a hearty vote of thanks to those mentioned for their services.—Captain John Evans, merchant, seconded it.—Mr T. Davies supported and said that Mr E. Loyn's name was always associated with all efforts to save at Aberayron, for which on a previous occasion he had received the medal of the Humans Society. On Saturday, the 29th November, the remains of the two unfortunate men were conveyed to Criccieth and Llanllyfni, their respective homes. The father of the lad, Robert Evans, was reported to be in humble circumstances, and it was a moving sight to observe the numerous tokens of substantial sympathy evinced by the crowd assembled to witness the removal of the remains, especially by the young women, many of whom unobtrusively pressed into his hands the offerings of overflowing hearts. The Rev Mr Hopwood, resident Wesleyan minister, to which body Captain Owen was a faithful adherent, offered up prayer, and after a hymn had been sung the funeral cortege moved homewards.