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The following conventions are used:

Any persons in the family tree with known natural history associations will be indicated in red type. Any relationships will be to the root naturalist unless otherwise stated.

Dates are presented Year – Month – Day

e.g. **1820 March 9** or **1820.3.9**
1820 March or **1820.3**

Dates will be shown in bold type if a reliable reference is presented in the document. In cases where an exact year cannot be given (e.g. it is derived from an age at death), the date will be presented in normal type and preceded with "c" – e.g. c1798. There are some cases where a date is available from a secondary source only (e.g. a published obituary), in these cases it will be presented in italics – e.g. *1823.7.21*

Data sources:

Census data have been used, whenever possible, to confirm relationships; they are not considered a reliable source of data concerning age. Contemporary newspaper family notices are considered as reliable sources of relationships and dates; reports and obituaries are treated more cautiously. Parish records generally provide a reliable source of data and digitised images have been used whenever possible. Any difficulties with transcription will be made clear. In some cases only transcripts have been available; errors here are usually confined to spelling. The most important source of this material is the International Genealogical Index compiled by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Utah. National Civil Registration Indexes are considered reliable, as are probate records.

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The Family of Martha Maria Atwood

¹**John Atwood** (1778 - 1856) of Llandewi Aberarth

*** married ²**Margaret** Thomas Jones **Gwynne** (1779 - 1829) in 1809

brother ³**John Jones Atwood** (1808.7.21 - 1880.12.27) Attorney Bristol

1 married **Anne (Susannah?) Bevan (c1810 - 1870.1.16)

nephew **John Atwood** (c1830 - 1860.8.27) [Solicitor]
nephew **William Alban Atwood** M.D. (1832 - 1878.4.7)
nephew ⁴**Thomas Atwood** (1833 -) [?Australia]
nephew **Henry Atwood** (1835 -) [?Australia]
nephew **Alban Atwood** (1837 - 1899.11.3) [Australia]
neice **Maria Atwood** (1838 -) [later Mrs Richardes]
nephew **Edward Albert Atwood** (1840 -) | There seems to be some
nephew **Edmund Albert Atwood** (1841/2 - 1895.3.30) | conflation of records
nephew **Alfred Atwood** (1844 -)
nephew **Harold George Atwood** (1845 - 1926.10.20)
nephew **Edgar Atwood** (1848 - 1900.3.6) [Solicitor]
nephew **Hubert Atwood** (1850 -)

2 married **Eleanor Twentyman (1839 - 1917.1.3) on 1871.12.14

No Issue

→→ **Martha Maria Atwood** (⁵1811 - 1885.1.24) Bristol

Unmarried

brother ⁶**Rev. Alban Thomas Atwood MA** (c1814 - 1883.8.2)

1 married **Georgiana Moore Freeman (c1805 - 1858.5.13) on 1841.7.8

No issue ?

2 married ⁷Mary Ann South** (c1819 - 1910.4.13) on 1859.8.4

No issue

brother ⁸**Rev Edward William Attwood** (1815 - 1868.10.18)

Unmarried

sister **Susanna Maria Atwood** (⁹1819 - 1907.3.1) Aberayron, Cardigan

Unmarried

Sources:

1815 October 24: Wales, Births and Baptisms, 1541-1907. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Edward William, son of John and Margaret Attwood at Henfynyw, Cardigan.

1832 March 31: Wales, Births and Baptisms, 1541-1907. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of William Alban, son of John Jones Attwood, Aberystwyth.

1833 November 1: Wales, Births and Baptisms, 1541-1907. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Thomas, son of John Jones Attwood and Anne, Aberystwyth.

1835 May 21: Wales, Births and Baptisms, 1541-1907. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Henry, son of John Jones Attwood and Ann, Aberystwyth.

1837 March 8: Wales, Births and Baptisms, 1541-1907. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Alban, son of John Jones Attwood and Anne, Aberystwyth.

1838 June 28: Wales, Births and Baptisms, 1541-1907. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Maria, daughter of John Jones Attwood, Aberystwyth.

1839 May 13: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Eleanor, daughter of Joseph and Arabella Twentyman at St Cuthbert's, Carlisle.

1840 March 5: Wales, Births and Baptisms, 1541-1907. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Edward Albert, son of John Jones Attwood and Anne, Aberystwyth.

1841 July 8: England, Marriages, 1538-1973. Salt Lake City, Utah
Marriage of Alban Thomas Atwood and Georgiana Moore Freeman in Brighton, Sussex.

1842 January 12: Wales, Births and Baptisms, 1541-1907. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Edmund, son of John Jones Attwood and Anne, Aberystwyth.

1844 April 20: Wales, Births and Baptisms, 1541-1907. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Alfred, son of John Jones Attwood and Anne, Aberystwyth.

1845 December 13: Wales, Births and Baptisms, 1541-1907. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Harold George, son of John Jones Attwood and Anne, Aberystwyth.

1848 February 18: Wales, Births and Baptisms, 1541-1907. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Edgar, son of John Jones Attwood and Anne, Llanbadarnfawr.

1850 October 10: Wales, Births and Baptisms, 1541-1907. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Herbert, son of John Jones Attwood and Anne, Llanbadarnfawr.
[The Civil registration Index gives Hubert Atwood 1850]

1858 May 22: *Yorkshire Gazette
DEATHS. On Thursday, the 13th inst., in London, in her 53rd year Georgiana Moore, wife of the Rev. Alban Thomas Atwood vicar of Leake, in this county, deeply and sincerely regretted by a large circle of friends.

1859 August 4: St George, Bloomsbury, Register
Marriage of Alban Thomas Atwood, widower, vicar of Leake near Thirsk, son of John Atwood, gentleman, and Mary Ann South of 25 Montague Street, daughter of Thomas South, gentleman.

1860 September 7: *Shrewsbury Chronicle
DEATHS. 27th ult., John Atwood, Esq., solicitor, 25, Poultry, London, the eldest son of John Jones Atwood, Esq., solicitor, Aberystwyth.
[Probate Register - Letters of administration were granted to his widow, Mary Elizabeth Atwood (née Owen) of Blana, Llanfachreth.]

1868 November 26: Probate Register

Records the death of Edward William Attwood at Hoxton-square, on 1868 October 18. Will was proved by William Ignatius Dolan and John Peter Kaye (Priests of the Catholic Church), George William and Marian Burrow.

1870 January 22: *Bristol Mercury

DEATHS. January 16, Anne, wife of J. J. Atwood, solicitor, Aberystwyth, aged 60.

1871 December 23: *Wrexham Advertiser

MARRIAGES. ATWOOD – TWENTYMAN. On the 14th inst., at St Mary's Carlisle, by the Rev. Alban Thomas Atwood, Vicar of Leake, Yorkshire, and the Rev. William Pettitt, the Vicar, John Jones Attwood[sic], Esq., Aberystwyth, to Eleanor Twentyman, eldest daughter of the late Rev., Joseph Twentyman, of Carlisle.

1878 April 13: *Worcestershire Chronicle

DEATHS. ATWOOD. – April 7, suddenly, William Alban Atwood, Esq., M.D., of Ladbroke-grove, Notting-hill, aged 47, deeply regretted.

[The Probate Register adds that he died in Ramsgate and that his will was proved by his widow Anne Catherine Jones Atwood and his uncle Rev. Alban Thomas Atwood.]

1881 January 1: Aberystwyth Observer

DEATH OF MR J. J. ATWOOD

*Closely following upon the death Mr W. H. Thomas, late town clerk, it is our painful duty to chronicle the demise of Mr J. J. Atwood, for many years solicitor to the Corporation, which took place at his residence, Bronhealog[?] in the parish of Llanbadarn, on Monday morning, he having **attained the age of 72 years on the 21st July last**. The deceased gentleman who had been in failing health for some months previous to his death, and for several weeks past had been partially laid aside in consequence of a severe attack of bronchitis, which terminated fatally on the morning above mentioned. The deceased gentleman was the son of the late Mr John Atwood, Pencarreg, Aberaeron; he was married at the age of 17, to Miss Ann Bevan, daughter of a tradesman in Aberystwyth, by whom he had issue eleven sons and one daughter, and of whom six sons and the daughter now survive him. He was articled to Messrs. Jones and Paray, solicitors, Aberystwyth; but afterwards was removed to a solicitor's office at Carmarthen, where he continued until his articles terminated. In 1831 he commenced practice as a solicitor, having been admitted under the Welsh Judicature Act and upon the death of Mr Jones, the deceased entered into partnership with Mr Parry, the then town clerk of Aberystwyth (the present Mr John Parry, Glanpaith). He was appointed solicitor to the Corporation upon the retirement of Mr Parry from practice. Some years after the death of his first wife he was married to Miss Eleanor Tweakyman, daughter of the vicar of Carlisle, and who now survives him. Mr Atwood was descended from a very old family, for, besides being connected with the Gwynne's, in the lower part of the county, one of his ancestors was Sir William Atwood, to whom a monument is raised in Worcester cathedral, in which city his two sisters now reside. The deceased gentleman always took an active part in all that concerned the welfare of the town of Aberystwyth. He was a member of the Board of Guardians, and chairman of several of its committees, a member of the Rural Sanitary Authority, of the Lower Genen'rglyn Highway Board, and the Llanbadarn Fawr School Board. In all these positions he always showed a great willingness and desire to further the interests and progress of the town and neighbourhood. As solicitor to the Corporation he displayed energy and zeal in the discharge of the duties appertaining to that office. In politics Mr Atwood was a Conservative, and as the agent for North Cardiganshire worked hard in the cause in the registration courts, as well as carefully watching the interests of the party at all times. He was a zealous member of the Church of England. As the matter has been referred to elsewhere, we may state that there was a little romance attached to his first marriage. Indeed the second also was not entirely devoid of that element. The first occurred in this way. Mr Atwood, when a young man of seventeen, was passing over Trefechan bridge just in time to see a man in the river. Although there were a number of people at hand, none of them dared to enter the water, until he jumped in, and rescued the drowning man. Whilst bringing him to shore he was assisted by the lookers-on, and amongst others by a very handsome young lady. From the first glance he fell deeply in love with the girl, and*

did not rest until he had induced her to leave her home and to marry him. For some years, when his family were young, Mr Atwood resided at Fronfraith, from where he removed, some quarter of a century ago, to Fronheulog.

The deceased's remains were interred in Llanbadarn Churchyard yesterday (Friday) afternoon. The funeral was a private one, but by the deceased's express desire the members of the Corporation, with whom he had for so many years been associated, were invited. There were also present a number of relatives and friends, together with the carriages of Mr Bonsall, Fronfraith, and Mr Morgan, Nantoeiro[?].

1881 May 12: Probate Register

Records the death of John Jones Atwood, late of Aberystwyth, on 1880 December 27. Will proved by relict Eleanor Atwood of Fronheulog and his son Harold George Atwood of Quibec Cottage.

1883 September 13: Probate Register

records the death of Rev Alban Thomas Atwood, late of Knayton Lodge, Thirsk, on 1883 August 2; Will proved by widow Mary Anne Atwood and nephew Edgar Atwood pf Aberystwyth.

1885 March 11: Probate Register

Records the death of Martha Maria Atwood, spinster, late of 12 Britannia-square, Worcester, on 1885 January 1. Will proved by her sister Susanna Maria Atwood.

[The civil registration index records that she was 74 years old.]

1895 April 6: *Western Daily Press

DEATHS. ATWOOD. – March 30, at 27 Sussex Place, Ashley Hill, Bristol, Edmund A. Atwood, the beloved husband of Mary Atwood, aged 53.

[The probate register provides his middle name and census returns confirm his place of birth.]

1899 November 4: The Ballarat Star

DEATH OF MR ALBAN ATWOOD.

Scarcely a day has passed of late without the record of the death of some old, prominent, and worthy citizen. The latest to pass away is Mr Alban Atwood, who has for many years been associated with the firm of Rowlands and Lewis (now E. Rowlands) and who died last night.

Mr Atwood, who was one of Ballarat's old identities, as well known as he was widely respected, was born at Aberystwith, South Wales, in the year 1837. He was one of a family of twelve - eleven sons and one daughter - of John J. Atwood, a well-known solicitor of that place, where Mr Atwood received his education. Sailing for Australia in the year 1855 in the ship Ben Nevis, he landed in Melbourne, where he remained but a short time, when he proceeded to Ballarat via Geelong, walking the entire distance. Here he accepted a position in a store, remaining for four months. when he secured employment on Mr Frank Henty's Merino Downs Station in the Western district, at which place he spent twelve months. He next went to Portland, and thence to Melbourne and Geelong; eventually returning to Ballarat in the year 1857, when he entered the service of Messrs Rowlands and Lewis, cordial manufacturers, as traveller and collector. With this firm he remained for many years, when he severed his connection for a time for the purpose of conducting a school, prior to the free and compulsory system of education now in vogue. Upon discontinuing the school he again entered the service of Messrs Rowlands and Lewis, with whom he has since been connected. The funeral will take place on Sunday.

[The Australian Death Index confirms his father as Jno Jones Atwood and his mother as Susannah Bevan. The Probate Register gives his date of death as 1899 November 3.]

1900 May 16: Probate Register

Records the death of Edgar Atwood, solicitor, of Aberystwyth on 1900 March 6. Probate to his widow Lucy Ann Atwood.

1907 May 3: Probate Register

Records the death of Susanna Maria Atwood of 12, Britannia-square, worcester, on 1907. March 1. Probate to Marie Richardes, widow, William Henry Bokenham, Gentleman and William Booth Hulme, Solicitor.

1907 May 17: *Western Daily Press

LOCAL WILLS.

An estate valued at £11,131 11s 1d gross has been left by Miss Susanna Maria Atwood, daughter of the late Mr John Atwood, of Bristol, who died on the 1st of last month.

1910 June 3: Probate Register

Records the death of Mary Anne Atwood, widow, of Knayton Lodge, Thirsk, on 1910 April 13. Probate to Edward Moberly and William Henry Wickham, solicitors, and Thomas Stanley South, gentleman.

1917 March 13: Probate Register

Records the death of Eleanor Atwood of Hanwell, Middlesex, widow, on 1917 January 3. Probate to Harold George Atwood retired agent.

1926 December 11: Probate Register

Records the death of Harold George Atwood of Sarnesfield, Aberystwyth, on 1926 October 20. Probate granted to widow Mary, Dudley Harold Atwood and Joseph Davies.

Notes:

¹ British Listed Buildings – Pengarreg Farmhouse, Panteg Road, Aberaeron.
<http://www.britishlistedbuildings.co.uk/wa-10078-pengarreg-farmhouse-panteg-road-abelaeron#.V9UzIDWOv7M> [viewed 2016 September 11]

"Early C19 Georgian House (contemporary with the Feathers) built as an Inn by John Atwood, a solicitor in Aberystwyth and son-in-law of Alban Gwynne."

² The relationship of the Atwoods and the Gwynnes is demonstrated by this collection of documents held by the National Library of Wales - **NLW MS 4706D**

Tygllyn Aeron family records

An album of family papers preserved by Martha Maria and Susanna Maria Atwood, granddaughters of Alban Thomas Jones Gwynne (1751-1819), clerk, of Tygllyn Aeron, Cardiganshire, c. 1819, including genealogical charts of the families of Jones (Tygllyn), Parry (Noyadd), Lloyd (Lloyd Jack), Thomas (Newcastle Emlyn) and Gwynne (Monachty), wills, marriage settlements, commissions, transcripts of monumental inscriptions, autograph letters of Alban Thomas, M.D., 1757-1766, Henry Jones (Tygllyn), 1748, John Jones (Ystrad), 1805, Sir Samuel Rush Meyrick (1783-1848), 1808, Alban Thomas Jones [Gwynne], 1808, and others, together with miscellaneous papers.

³ Gilbey, A. W. *Llanbadarn Churchyard*.

<http://www.llanbadarnchurchyard.org.uk/Chapter%205.dwt> [viewed 2016 September 11]

*"One of the solicitors who resided at Llanbadarn Fawr in the Nineteenth Century was John Jones Atwood, the eldest son of John Atwood, Pencarreg, Aberaeron, who was born in Bristol in 1810. Atwood became an articled clerk with the Aberystwyth firm of Jones and Parry and became a partner in 1861. Before he attained his majority, and against his parents wishes, Atwood married Ann Bevan, the beautiful daughter of David Bevan, an Aberystwyth sailmaker. They had a large family of twelve children, eleven of whom were boys. Originally the family lived in North Parade, Aberystwyth, but moved, about 1847, to Fronfraith Hall and then to Fronheulog
Ann Atwood died in January 1870 and her husband married Miss Eleanor. Twentyman, the daughter of a Carlisle clergyman. Atwood was a Liberal in his youth but became a staunch Conservative as he aged; he took an active part on the Board of Guardians and on the Llanbadarn Fawr School Board. He was a substantial landowner and interested in horticulture and aboriculture though he was far from successful in his attempts to profit from the boom in lead mining. Atwood died at his residence at Fronheulog on December 27th, 1880, and was buried at Llanbadarn Fawr Churchyard."*

⁴ **1853 April 29** – Thomas Atwood (19) and Henry Atwood (17) are listed as cabin passengers on the Duke of Northumberland, arriving at Port Phillip Bay, Australia.

⁵ Memorial, Astwood Cemetery, Worcester – same stone as Sarah Maria Atwood
[<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=pv&GRid=93961828&PIpi=64894020>
viewed 2016 September 30]

*In loving memory of Martha Maria Atwood born 1811, died 1885
"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord"*

⁶ Rev Alban Thomas Atwood was awarded a BA by Oxford (Worcester College) in 1836 and an MA in 1843 (Crockford). He appears to have resided in Yorkshire from 1838 when he was made Curate of Goldsborough, near Knaresborough.

⁷ Mary Ann Atwood née South is best known as a writer on hermeticism and spiritual alchemy. She is consistent throughout the census returns that she was born in Dieppe, France. Her parents were Thomas and Tabitha and her sister Caroline was baptised in Tidenham in 1825.

⁸ The Oxford University Alumni lists Edward William Attwood as being the son of – A., of Landewi Aberarth but Rev Alban Thomas Atwood as the 2nd son of John of Llandewi Aberarth. It seems that the University records may be incomplete as other records show them to be brothers. He matriculated in 1836 and graduated BA in 1840.

In 1832 he was articled to John Thomas Herbert Parry, Attorney of Aberystwyth.

1884 August 30: *Shoreditch Observer
SHOREDITCH: ITS CHURCHES AND CLERGY XII

The Rev. E. W. Attwood resigned the curacy of Shoreditch about the end of the year 1858, and preached his last sermon at the parish church on the 23rd January, 1859. He had been curate about ten years, and was a frequent preacher, and never entered the pulpit without an original sermon worthy of publication. Early in 1859 he published large volume:- "Sermons for Clergy and Laity, elucidatory of Holy Scripture and the Prayer book, and applicable to the necessities and prejudices of the times; with prefatory remarks on the state and prospects of the Church," which he dedicated as follows:- "To the Scriptural, Catholic, Apostolic, and National Church of England, this volume is dedicated, by one reared, instructed, and trained under her auspices, in the humble hope of contributing to illustrate her principles, extend her influence, and promote her efficiency." Mr. Attwood, having retired into private life, declined offers of preferment. He continued to reside in Hoxton-square, and attended the church of St Stephen, Walbrook, on Sunday mornings until the death of the Rector, Dr. Croly, in 1861. He then attended the Sunday morning service at St. Paul's Cathedral. He had good library, and now time to study. St Paul's Church, Haggerston, was consecrated on the 30th January, 1860. The Rev. William Stone was the first Incumbent. The writer attended the church of St. Marv, Moorfields, from the year 1852. In September, 1860, he saw Mr. Attwood there on two Sunday evenings ...

*Mr. Attwood was regular in his attendance St. John's, Islington, on Sunday evenings, until he became a Catholic, and thought much of the sermons of Canon Oakeley. He was received by Father Kaye at Hackney, about November, 1862, and from that time attended Mass at Islington, as well as Vespers and Benediction. In 1864 he published "Stromata Pro Catholica," the text of which was written before he became Catholic, and the notes were afterwards added.
William Clement. 24th August, 1884.*

This is interesting as it links him indirectly with James Britten and Rev. H W G Kenrick.

⁹ Memorial, Astwood Cemetery, Worcester – same stone as Martha Maria Atwood
[<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=93961819&ref=acom>
viewed 2016 September 30]

*In loving memory of Susanna Maria Atwood born 1819, died 1907
"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for"*