

WALKING ON WATER STREET, Part 12 ©
LIFE AFTER DEATH: THE WILL OF THE SHIPOWNER
SIR ALFRED LEWIS JONES ¹

Graham Jones

I bequeath the following legacies free from duty to such of the following persons as shall at my death be in my employ or the employ of any firm or Company of which I am a member or director at my death (that is to say) [list of named individuals]... a year's salary to each clerk not included in the above list who shall have been ten years in the employ of Elder Dempster & Co or Elder Dempster Shipping Limited, a half year's salary to each clerk not mentioned or referred to above who shall have been five years in the employ of Elder Dempster & Co or Elder Dempster Shipping Limited, and three months salary to each clerk not mentioned or referred to above who shall have been one year in the employ of Elder Dempster & Co or Elder Dempster Shipping Limited.

Clause 10, Will of Sir Alfred Lewis Jones, 18th Oct. 1904

Alfred Lewis Jones was born in Carmarthen in 1845 and brought to Liverpool in infancy by his parents.² When he died in 1909, *The Manchester Guardian* of 17th December carried the following notification:

The funeral of Sir Alfred Jones is to take place at 2pm this afternoon at Anfield Cemetery. At 12.30 there will be a memorial at Mossley Hill Church in which the Bishop of Liverpool Dr Chavasse will take part. A special train will leave Lime St. Station for Mossley Hill at 11.50 am and the 2pm train from Lime St. to Euston will call at Mossley Hill.

Many hundreds of individuals, charities and institutions would eventually benefit from his Will, which would occupy his executor, Owen Harrison Williams, for the best part of 20 years in the time consuming process of dealing with a gross estate of over £670,000 (in excess of 65 million pounds today).³ His memorial, unveiled in 1913, remains to this day at the Pier Head, but few who pass by may be aware of the significance of Alfred Jones to the commercial life of Liverpool and the importance of his philanthropy and legacies to the city and further afield.



Fig 1. From A H Milne's 1914 biography (LRO).

Alfred Jones (fig 1) began his career at the age of 14 as captain's boy aboard one of the African Steamship Company's vessels. It was this experience of West Africa which would shape the rest of his life, leading to employment in that company's office, later to junior and then senior partnership at Elder, Dempster and Co [ED&C] (fig 2), and finally to taking control of both the African Steamship Company and the British and African Steam Navigation Company.⁴ By 1886, at the age of 40, he is shown in *Gore's Directory* as living at *Oaklands*, 34 Aigburth Road, where he would remain for the rest of his life (figs 3 & 4).

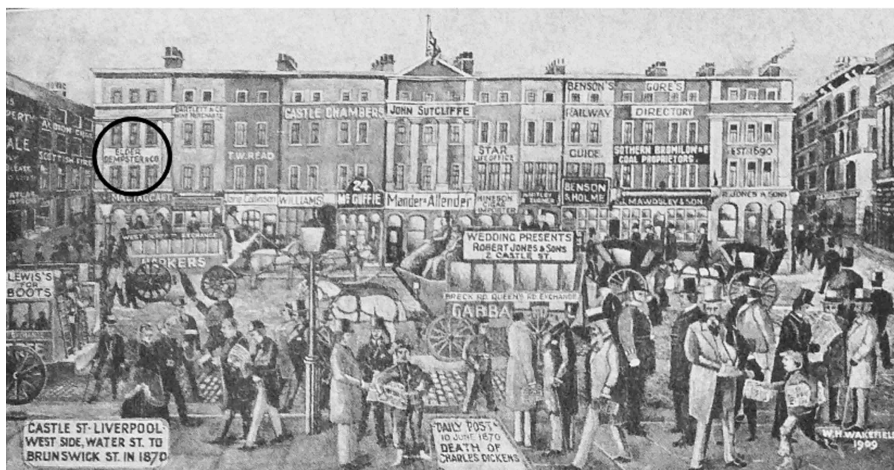


Fig 2. Castle Street in 1870 (Brunswick St to the left; Water St to the right) drawn by Heaton Wakefield in 1909 (the year of the death of A L Jones). The first floor sign of the office of Elder, Dempster & Co is circled. Courtesy Liverpool Record Office (LRO), ref. 942 WAK.



Fig 3. Oaklands. From A H Milne's biography. Courtesy LRO.

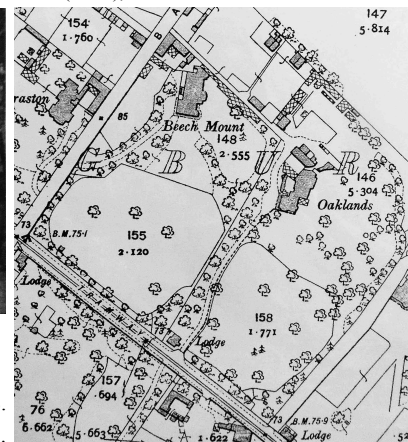


Fig 4. Oaklands shown on the 1908 O.S. Courtesy Liverpool Central Library (LCL).

Several biographies are readily available,⁵ and this account therefore commences in 1899 when Alfred Jones and other partners issued a *Memorandum and Articles of Association of Elder Dempster Shipping Limited* for a Company limited by shares (fig 5).⁶ Having outgrown its Castle Street offices, the Company had already taken over no. 6 Water Street and had renamed it African House (fig 6).⁷ However Alfred Jones had set his sights upon transferring his empire to an even more prestigious building on a site adjacent to Tower Buildings at the foot of Water Street.

Names, Addresses and Descriptions of Subscribers.	Number of Shares taken by each Subscriber.
ALFRED L. JONES, African House, Liverpool, Shipowner...	One.
RAYLTON DIXON, Cleveland Dockyard, Middlesboro', Shipbuilder	One.
W. J. DAVEY, African House, Liverpool, Shipowner ...	One.
HAROLD D. BATESON, 14, Castle Street, Liverpool, Solicitor	One.
J. DEMPSTER, 34, Castle Street, Liverpool, Shipowner ...	One.
J. CRAIG, African House, Liverpool, Manager with Messrs. ELDER, DEMPSTER & Co.	One.
D. JONES, African House, Liverpool, Shipbroker...	One.
Dated this 2nd day of May, 1899.	

Fig 5. From the Memorandum & Articles. Courtesy LRO.



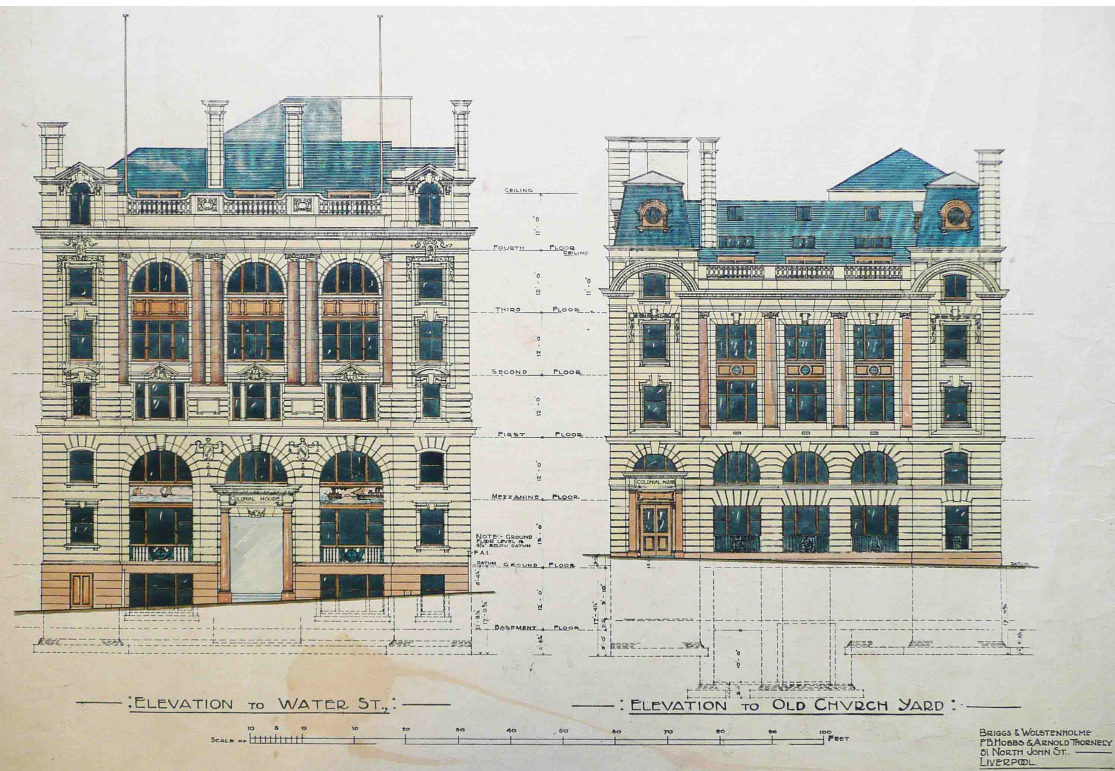
Fig 6. The junction of Water Street and Exchange Street West in 1927 showing African House on the left and, to its right, no. 4 Water Street and Phoenix Chambers (both parts of Brown's Buildings). The site is now occupied by Martins Bank. Courtesy LRO.



Although *The Building News* of 30th May 1902 carried a full-page 'photo-tint' of the design (fig 7), simplifications were made to the elaborate roof of what was eventually built (fig 8), and Colonial House arrived at no. 20 Water Street with its first *Gore's Directory* listing in 1906.

Fig 7. The architects' original 1902 design for Colonial House. The architects were Briggs, Wolstenholme, Hobbs and Thornely. Courtesy LRO, ref. Photographs & Small Prints: Commerce & Industry: Colonial House.

Fig 8. The revised architects plans, January 1906. Elevations to Water Street and Old Church Yard. Courtesy LRO, ref. Architectural Drawings and Building Plans, 7/40 Colonial House 1906.



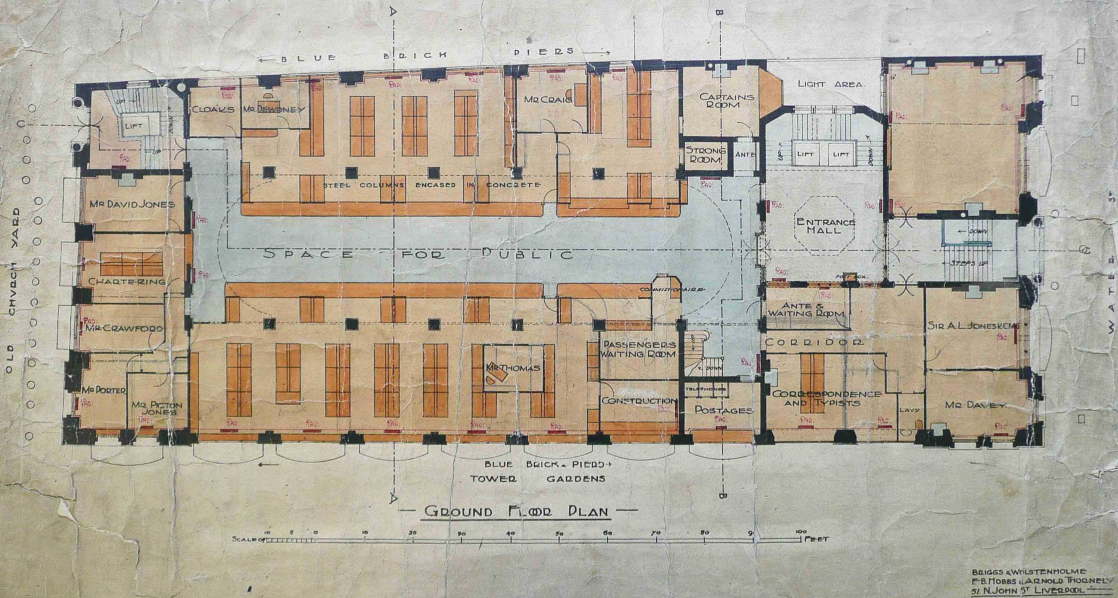


Fig 9. Architects' ground floor plan of Colonial House. On the right (facing Water Street) are the offices of Alfred Jones and William Davey; on the left (facing St Nicholas Church Yard) are those of David Jones and Alfred Crawford; at the top is the office of John Craig (taken into partnership shortly after the plans were drawn). Courtesy LRO.

When Alfred Jones made his will in 1904, he named three people as his executors: William Davey (friend and business partner) who had an office adjacent to that of Alfred Jones (fig 9), Augustus Warr (a friend), and Owen Harrison Williams who had married Florence Mary, one of the daughters of Alfred Jones' sister, Mary Isabel (fig 10). Then in 1907, Alfred Jones and William Davey made one of their managers, John Craig, a partner through an '*Articles of Partnership*'. Davey and Warr both died prior to Alfred Jones, thus leaving Williams with the immense task of administering the Will alone.

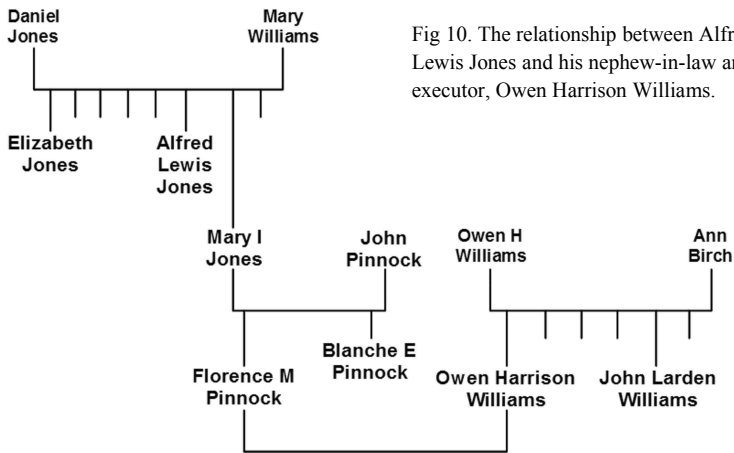


Fig 10. The relationship between Alfred Lewis Jones and his nephew-in-law and executor, Owen Harrison Williams.

In dealing with the estate it was fortunate that Owen Harrison Williams was only 45 years old when he obtained probate in 1910 and that he survived long enough to see the task completed. Following in the footsteps of his father, Williams had been a successful cotton broker. He had completed that aspect of his career early in life and prior to Alfred Jones' death, but had retained a directorship in the Bank of British West Africa which Alfred Jones had registered in 1894.

In order to administer the estate as conveniently as possible, in early 1910 he established a private office on the second floor of Colonial House and wisely appointed his younger brother, John Larden Williams, to act as his solicitor. Until their involvement with the Will, the solicitors Forwood & Williams and the solicitor Charles Grindrod had offices at no. 5 Cook Street,⁸ but immediately transferred to Canton Buildings, no. 15 Water Street, in order to be almost directly



Fig 11. From the O.S., 1927 edition (revised to 1924), sheet 106.10, showing Colonial House (A), Canton Buildings prior to demolition (B) and West Africa House (C). Courtesy LCL.

opposite Colonial House (fig 11). When it was learned that Canton Buildings was scheduled for demolition in 1923 to make way for the new India Buildings,⁹ the solicitors transferred to West Africa House, no. 25 Water Street, recently completed for the Bank of British West Africa (previously in Castle Street).

Owen Harrison Williams arranged with the surviving director, John Craig, for him to 'continue to carry on the said business with a view to its sale as a going concern' and, on 17th February 1910, Williams agreed to sell to 'Lord Pirrie and others' for the sum of £500,000.¹⁰ With that matter underway, Williams began to address the issue of

one particular clause in the Will and soon realised that '*Difficulties have arisen as to who are entitled to legacies under Clause 10 of the testator's Will and your Petitioner is desirous that the persons so entitled should be ascertained by the Court*'.¹¹ The reason for this was to protect the executor from future criticism and to allow the Attorney General to represent the residuary estate that would be available for charitable purposes. During August 1910, John Larden Williams therefore placed advertisements in a variety of newspapers,¹² with the concluding statement that:

Any persons claiming to be entitled to pecuniary legacies under the provisions of the above Clause as set out above are required by themselves or their Solicitors on or before the 15th day of September 1910 to send their Christian names surnames addresses and descriptions and full particulars of their claims to Mr. John Larden Williams of the firm of Forwood & Williams of 15 Water Street Liverpool the Solicitors for the said Owen Harrison Williams the Executor of the deceased or in default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of this order. Monday the 10th day of October 1910 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon at the Chambers of the Registrar of the Chancery Palatine of Lancaster at No.9 Cook Street Liverpool is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the said claims.

By October 1910, the Williams brothers found themselves faced with dealing with a list of 816 claims, and that list would eventually rise to a total of 1100, with many coming from abroad. Little must Alfred Jones have realised when he wrote his Will that the wording of Clause 10 was sufficiently ambiguous that a variety of questions would face the legal teams in interpreting which of these many applicants qualified for a legacy.

The first 356 claims were accepted without dispute for clerks or for those involved in at least some clerical work with Elder, Dempster & Co at Liverpool (277 clerks), London (35), Bristol (18), Avonmouth (18), Cardiff (5) and Manchester (3). Converted to 2019 values, these legacies ranged from roughly £100,000 for the Chartering Clerk with over 10 years service (David Jones whose office at Colonial House is shown in fig 9) to roughly £375 for a number of junior clerks with over one year of service (annual salary £1500). However, subsequent claimants found themselves required to submit affidavits and copies of Agreements of Service to substantiate their terms of employment and salaries, and to indicate whether the claims included a bonus and/or allowance.

The issues upon which the legal teams needed to reach agreement included whether employment should be restricted to staff in Elder, Dempster & Co and Elder Dempster Shipping Limited or whether staff in other parts of Alfred Jones' extensive empire could be included (e.g. see Appendix 3), whether individuals qualified if they had been clerks in the past but had subsequently moved into other occupations and, particularly, how the description 'clerk' was to be interpreted. Over the next three years these problematic claims were submitted by Forwood & Williams on behalf of the executor, dealt with by Garnett, Tarbet & Co on behalf of the Attorney General, and considered by the Courts.¹³

MISCELLANEOUS CLAIMS.

Serial Number of Claim.	CLAIMANT'S NAME.	Description.	Period of Service exceeding	Salary.	Amount of Legacy Claimed.
			Years.		
743	Everett, Joseph Aspinall	Manager of Sail-Making and Ship's Chandlery business	10	£2 15 0 per week	£143 0 0
744	Agate, Ernest Alfred	Shorthand Typist and assistant Passenger Clerk	Exceeding 4 years to Dec. 1908.	£62 0 0 per annum	(Not specified)
745	Michael, George Samuel	Assistant Foreman Carpenter	10	£2 8 0 per week	£124 16 0
746	Michael, John	Shipwright	do.	£2 2 0 per week	£109 4 0
747	Moore, George Henry	Foreman Stevedore	do.	£93 12 0	£93 12 0
748	Devereaux, William	Head Foreman Joiner	5	£143 0 0 per annum	£71 10 0
749	Huyton, James Edward	Checker	10	£78 0 0 per annum	£78 0 0
750	Ferman, Henry	Donkeyman	do.	£85 16 0	£85 16 0
751	Pearce, Ernest	Foreman Painter	5	£1 16 0 a week	£46 16 0
752	Michael, David	Shipwright	10	£2 2 0 per week	£109 4 0
753	Whittingham, Thomas E.	Foreman Painter	10	£3 0 0 per week	£156 0 0
754	Fothergill, James	Purser	10	Not specified	Not specified
755	Sutton, William Arthur Ernest	Purser Staff	do.	£96 0 0 per annum	£96 0 0
756	Danks, A.	Engineer Shore Staff	do.	£2 2 0 per week	Not specified
757	Rogers, Jesse	Foreman Tinsmith	do.	£130 0 0 per annum	£130 0 0
758	Seddon, William	Head Clerk in Grand Canary Coaling Co.	do.	£1500 0 0 commission £1500	£3000 0 0 (in addition to specific legacy of £500)
759	Riddiford, Gilbert	Barman in Imperial Direct West India Co.	do.	£5 0 0 a month	Not specified
760	Wakeham, George Percy	Chartering Clerk	8 years to 1905	£50 0 0	£25 0 0

Table 1. Claims from page 37 of the affidavit of John Larden Williams, 6th October 1910.

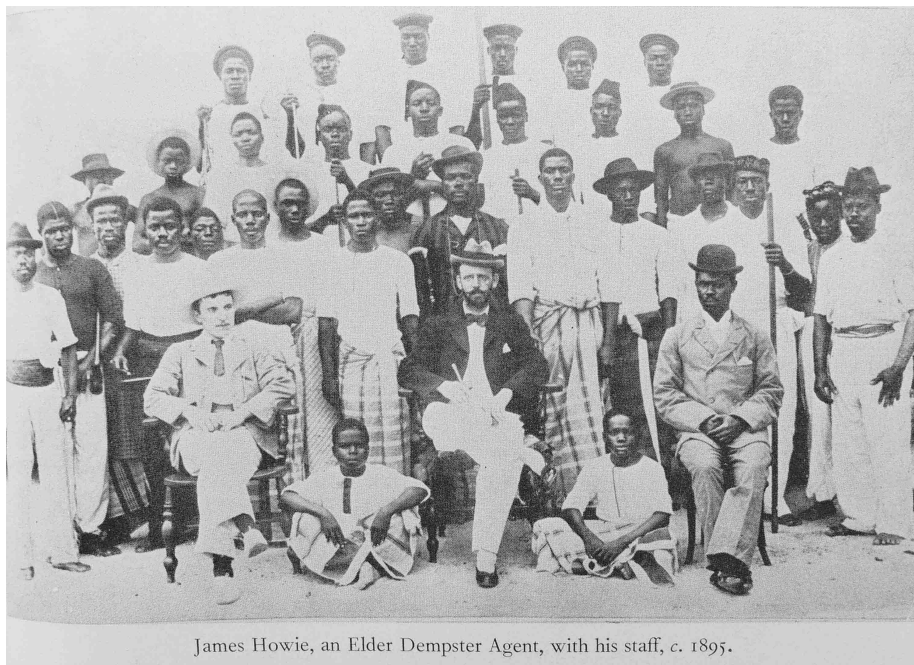
Many claimants put forward the argument that since Alfred Jones was a Director in the Companies employing them and with which Elder, Dempster & Co had regular business dealings, they were therefore qualified to submit claims (Table 1). This applied, for instance, to the 37 clerks employed by the Grand Canary Coaling Co and the 57 clerks employed by the Sierra Leone Coaling Co.¹⁴ However, almost all of those claims were disallowed, a representative example of the six successful ones being that of Miguel Ojeda de Las Palmas who, although he was employed by the Grand Canary Coaling Co on the date of Alfred Lewis' death, had been employed by Elder, Dempster & Co between 1883 and 1886. He was permitted a legacy of three months of his annual salary (Appendix 1, serial no. 571).

On the question, '*Is a purser a clerk?*', the Attorney General clearly didn't think so, and when the Vice Chancellor allowed the claims in an Order dated 29th February 1912,¹⁵ Garnett, Tarbet & Co were instructed to lodge an immediate Appeal.¹⁶ The case was taken to the Royal Courts of Justice where, on 7th May of that year, the Master of the Rolls, sitting with two Law Lords, agreed with the Appeal.¹⁷ All 25 purser claims were disallowed, although William Sutton (Table 1, serial no. 755), who was classed as '*Purser Staff*' with clerical duties, was allowed his legacy.¹⁸

Serial	Name	Address	Occupation	Claim
359	G J Farquharson	Hamburg	ED&Co Superintendent	26600 A
380	G F Moore	Antwerp	ED&Co Chief Clerk	33000 A
434	J L Lewis	Santa Cruz, Teneriffe [sic]	Hotel Manager	15000 D
435	H Roby	Santa Cruz, Teneriffe [sic]	Hotel Clerk	625 A
472	F C Perez	Las Palmas, Grand Canary	ED&Co Printer	4900 A
478	J Sauerbrei	Las Palmas, Grand Canary	Hotel Manager	20000 D
487	D W Cambell	Montreal	ED&Co Clerk	68500 A
653	J Taylor	Calabar, West Africa	Forcados Shipping Bureau Clerk	5625 A
661	C A S Henry	Constant Spring, Jamaica	Jamaica Hotels Cashier	4550 A
663	L Scattie	Constant Spring, Jamaica	Hotel Manager	15000 D
679	R H Pugh	Sekondi, Gold Coast	Sekondi Lighterage Claim Clerk	18300 A
813	J J C Mills	Forcados, S. Nigeria	Agent at Forcados	45000 D
840	J Howie	Lagos, S. Nigeria	Manager, Bank British West Africa	27500 D
845	H S Ffolkes	Kingston, Jamaica	Steam Laundry Book-keeper	3250 A
910	E A T A Johnson	Lagos, S. Nigeria	Bank BWA Clerk	5000 A

Table 2. Examples of claims (£ converted to 2019 values) that were allowed (A) and disallowed (D).

Table 2 provides examples of claimants working abroad and indicates that claims of Managers were disallowed if they could not justifiably argue to have been involved in significant clerical work. James Howie, for example, had been an Elder Dempster Agent in earlier years (fig 12),¹⁹ and a Manager at the Bank of British West Africa at various West African locations in later years. Neither role was judged to have involved sufficient work as a clerk and, as he had also unfortunately resigned in May 1909, his claim failed.



James Howie, an Elder Dempster Agent, with his staff, c. 1895.

Fig 12. From P. N. Davies, *The Trade Makers*, plate 19.

In the case of '*Claims by Persons Formerly in the Service of Elder, Dempster & Co., but now in the Service of Elders and Fyffes Limited of which the Testator was a Director*', all 27 claims were allowed other than those of three Managers who claimed £1250, £1375 and £2750 (1909 values). Although these three had begun their lives as clerks with Elder, Dempster & Co, they had transferred to Elders & Fyffes Limited in 1901 as Managing Directors, following the merger of Elder, Dempster & Co's banana business with that of the London merchant, Edward Fyffe.²⁰ In their affidavits, they suggested that their time as clerks should provide the basis for their lengths of service, whilst their salaries as Directors at the death of Alfred Jones should be the justification for the sizes of their legacies. John Larden Williams was clearly unimpressed, and the claims were disallowed.²¹

In 1899, Alfred Jones had acquired a Welsh colliery at Maesteg, near Port Talbot, renaming it Elder's Navigation Colliery Ltd, in order to provide coal for his coaling stations in the Canary Islands and Sierra Leone.²² No doubt much to the delight of that community, all eight of the colliery's clerks plus the colliery manager (whose clerical duties were deemed important) were successful in their claims.²³ More locally, as the word spread through Elder, Dempster & Co's related communities in Liverpool of the possibility of a legacy, many employees who were not classed as clerks also submitted speculative claims. Table 3 provides a few examples of the occupations of applicants whose claims were unsuccessful (see also Appendix 1).

Serial	Name	Address	Occupation	Claim
817	S Turnbull	111 Upper Parliament St	Marine Surveyor	20000
847	W R Morrison	48 Ancaster Rd, Aigburth	Chief Engineer	27000
872	W Wilson	15 Roache St, Toxteth Park	Crane Driver	7800
880	W Sutcliffe	27 Greenleaf St, Liverpool	Shipwright	10500
905	J Parker	33 Cantsfield St, Liverpool	Engineering Foreman	3570
922	S Troughton	12 Birch Tree Rd, L'pool	Storekeeper, Mersey Engine Works	1750
927	J Hankin	8 Date St, Seaforth	Wheelwright Foreman in Charge	2270
928	E Gleed	77 Caryl St, Liverpool	Foreman Stables Horsekeeper	10900
933	J T Atherton	153 High Park St, L'pool	Foreman Stevedore	13000
970	E Fowler	17 Tabley Rd, Wavertree	Assistant Shore Steward	9100
992	J Whittingham	28 Elwy St, Liverpool	Painter's Assistant Foreman	9620
1028	W J Beesley	10 Mark St, Seacombe	Superintendent Elec., Colonial Hse.	2600
1029	S Bayley	Colonial House	Keeper of the Building	4750
1031	R Sherman	6 Gwendolyn St, Liverpool	African Labour Overlooker	3900

Table 3. Selection of unsuccessful claims by Merseyside employees (£ converted to 2019 values).

Of only seven women employees whose names appear in the list of 1100, the claims of Harriette Richards and Louisa Barnard (shorthand typists/clerks at Colonial House), May Brown and Agnes Seiferheld (stenographers at Montreal and New Orleans) and Idris Bowser (weighing clerk, location not specified) were all allowed, whilst that of Janet Bonitto (Hotel Matron, Jamaica) was disallowed, and Emmeline Webster (stenographer, Jamaica) unfortunately provided no proof.

Of the 100 affidavits submitted by claimants which are in the collection of legal documents, perhaps the saddest is that of Sarah Jane Harrison of 24 Barbara Street (a street now abolished, originally between Beaufort Street and Harlow Street near Harrington Dock and currently the site of an industrial estate).

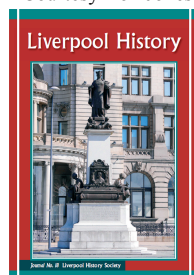
Her husband, John, had worked for 38 years for both Elder Dempster & Co and Elder Dempster Shipping as a foreman stevedore at the Brunswick, Coburg and Queens Docks at a weekly wage of £2-10s and Sarah believed that he had performed clerical work. In 1902, John had sustained serious injuries in consequence of being struck by a cask of Palm Oil which totally incapacitated him for about three months. After partial recovery he continued to work for the two firms until he died intestate in 1911. Her claim (Appendix 1, serial no. 995) was rejected and she therefore lost both her husband and a legacy of a year's wages which, in 2019 value, would have provided her with a much-needed £13,000.

Colonial House senior staff were involved in considerable work searching through records to prepare affidavits regarding such a large number of the claims,²⁴ and they must have been mightily relieved when, in July 1914, everything was finally settled. *'1100 claims had been put forward amounting to about £120,000. Of these 780 were allowed for approximately £70,000. 320 amounting to approximately £50,000 were disallowed'*.²⁵ The total disallowed (roughly £5 million today) thus became available for charitable causes.



Fig 13. A card printed in Prussia (i.e. before WWI), showing the memorial in its original position outside the Mersey Docks & Harbour Board Building. Author's collection.

Below: 2019 Journal cover.
Courtesy Ron Jones.



A year earlier an allegorical memorial sculpture to Alfred Jones, raised by public subscription, had been unveiled at the Pier Head (fig 13).²⁶ Alan Milne wrote of those that had attended Alfred Jones' funeral in 1909 that *'not the least striking feature was the large attendance of those in the humblest positions'*.²⁷ And so it is perhaps likely that many of the 279 Liverpool male and female clerks that had so richly benefited from their legacies were also able to be present at the 1913 ceremony to thank Sir Alfred in their thoughts.



Figs 14 & 15. The memorial in its current position outside the Royal Liver Building.

The allegorical figure representing Liverpool wears a castellated crown. In her left hand she holds a ship upon a globe and her right hand is slightly extended. According to the Finance Committee Minutes 1/62: 134, this was '*symbolical of welcoming Commerce to the Port of Liverpool*'.

For almost a century the sculpture stood outside the Mersey Docks & Harbour Board Building before being moved to where it now stands outside the Royal Liver Building (figs 14 & 15 and cover of the 2019 Journal). See also Appendix 7.

With Clause 10 finally dealt with, more attention could be given to other matters which would occupy the executor for a considerably longer period of time. Alfred Jones naturally had made provision in his Will for his family – his two nieces, Florence and Blanche, and his sister, Mary, to whom he left Oaklands in which she would continue to live. Following that, according to Clause 13, the executor needed to make use of the residual investments to provide trust funds for '*such charitable purposes and objects in England (or any British Possession on the West Coast of Africa) as my trustees may in their absolute discretion think fit*'. With such a wide scope for interpretation, the executor therefore set to work to put together a number of draft schemes for disposing of the very considerable residue, the first of which was approved by the Registrar in April 1913 naming 65 charities and worthy causes (fig 16).²⁸

In the Chancery of the County Palatine of Lancaster.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

Wednesday the 16th day of April 1913.

IN THE MATTER of the Estate of Sir Alfred Lewis Jones, deceased.

BETWEEN OWEN HARRISON WILLIAMS - - - Plaintiff,

AND

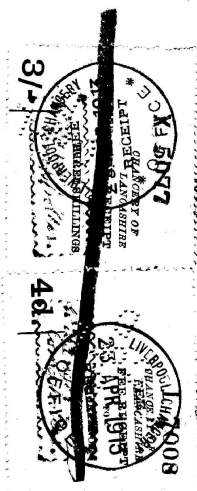
HIS MAJESTY'S ATTORNEY AND SERGEANT

within the County Palatine of Lancaster Defendant.

IN PURSUANCE of the Directions given to me by the Order dated the 17th day of March 1913 and having been attended by Counsel and Solicitors for the Plaintiff and Defendant I HEREBY CERTIFY as follows :—

I have approved of the satisfaction of the sums specified in the First column of the Third Schedule to the said Order by the appropriation by the Plaintiff of the investments or the payments of cash as specified in the Third column of the Schedule hereto.

The said 5 per cent. Debenture Stock of Elder Dempster & Co. Ltd. is to be appropriated at £102 per cent. and the other appropriated investments at the sums mentioned in the said Third Column of the Schedule hereto.



Filed 23rd April 1913

THE SCHEDULE BEFORE REFERRED TO.

Name of Charity.	Amount of gift.	Method of Payment.
Incorporated Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine	£30,000	Cash.
The same.	£10,000	£9804 Elder, Dempster & Co. Ltd. 5% Debenture Stock.
Plaintiff and John Campbell Robertson	£20,000	Cash.
Plaintiff and the Right Honourable Charles Edward Henry Hobhouse, M.P.	£20,000	Do.
Plaintiff and Dr. William Brogdon Paterson	£10,000	Do.
John Craig, David Jones and James Henry Sharrock	£5,000	£3,500 Debentures of African Steamship Company, redeemable 1913 £3542 13 4 Cash 1457 6 8

Fig 16. Page 1 of the Registrar's Certificate of 16th April 1913 with the Liverpool Chancery Office and Lancaster Chancery Office stamps from filing on 23rd April. The remaining three pages listed gifts in cash or debenture stock ranging from £5000 to £40 for a further 60 charities (see Appendix 4).

It was natural that support for the development of tropical medicine would be at the top of the list of gifts. On 28th May 1898, Joseph Chamberlain had addressed a circular to the Governors of the Colonies recommending that '*a special Training School in Tropical Medicine should be established*', the result of which had been the formation of the London School of Tropical Medicine. Alfred Jones had immediately responded by unexpectedly announcing at a meeting at the Royal Southern Hospital that same year that he would start a Liverpool School and would fund it for the first three years.²⁹ The executor therefore made provision for £30,000 cash and £10,000 in stock (1913 values) to be paid to the Incorporated Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine [ILSTM] (with additional gifts provided in later Certificates), with up to £10,000 of that being for '*the cost of the erection and equipment of a laboratory at Sierra Leone West Africa to be called "The Sir Alfred Jones Tropical Laboratory" ... under the control of the said Association*'.³⁰ Many years later, the Dean of Liverpool University's Faculty of Medicine, in an article for the May 1951 edition of *The Liverpoolian*, wrote, with evident pride, that between 1920 and 1941 this laboratory had been maintained at Freetown and had been '*a very fitting tribute to the far-sighted generosity of Sir Alfred Jones*'.

The £20,000 to be held by the plaintiff and John Robertson was in order to set up an Elder Dempster & Co Employee Benefit Scheme. The £20,000 to the plaintiff and Charles Hobhouse was to provide a fund for '*technical education and Mission Schools in British West Africa*'.³¹ The £10,000 to the plaintiff and William Paterson was for building a hospital at Garston, whilst the £5,000 to Craig, Jones and Sharrock was as trustees of the '*Sir Alfred L. Jones Fund for Relief of Poverty*'. A later Scheme provided securities and shares '*towards the building and/or endowment of a Church on a site in the City of Liverpool to be approved by the Plaintiff*', additional shares for the ILSTM and funds for a further 42 charities.³²



On 7th January 1914, Alfred Jones' sister, Mary, died and it wasn't long before the lodge at Oaklands (fig 17) began to wonder what life might be left for it after her death because, in April 1912, the Corporation had announced its intention to widen the section of Aigburth Road upon which it stood.

Fig 17. 1910 watercolour of the Oaklands lodge. Courtesy LRO, ref. Beattie Collection 148.

By April 1914 the opinion of the executor's Counsel was that *'if the Corporation require the Cottage at the gates of "Oaklands" to be pulled down they will have to pay compensation for it'*.³³ A lengthy correspondence between the executor, solicitors, Town Clerk, City Engineer and Estate Agents (Paterson & Thomas of 16 Cook Street) then ensued. By June 1915, following arguments as to the fate of the lodge and the valuation of the Oaklands estate,³⁴ agreement had been reached for the sale of a strip of land which bordered the existing Aigburth Road. The lodge was to survive, fenced off for the estate's use at one shilling per annum until the land on the remainder of the estate was sold, and the Corporation's purchase would be *'calculated at the rate of four shillings per square yard and the purchase shall be completed within three months after the termination of the War'*.³⁵

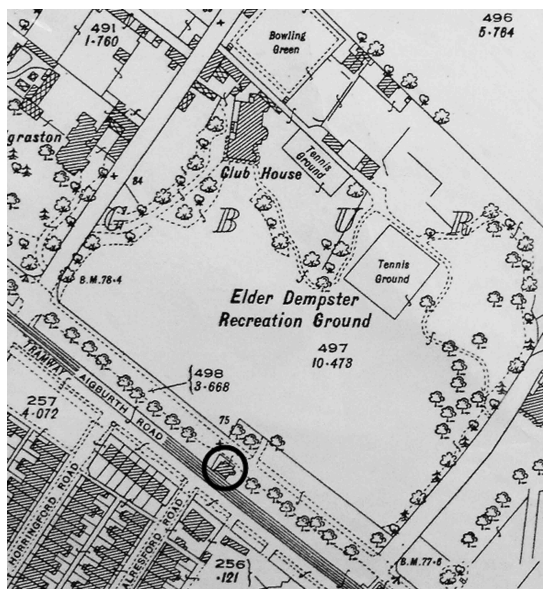


Fig 18. From the Ordnance Survey, 1927 Edition, Lancashire sheet 113.8. The lodge is circled. Courtesy LCL.

It was not until 1921 that the Court was requested to sanction the sale of Oaklands,³⁶ and the 1927 Ordnance Survey shows what subsequently happened (fig 18). Together with a row of trees, the lodge had survived (circled), trapped between the tramway and the southbound carriageway.

It was Oaklands itself that had vanished, replaced by tennis courts as part of the Elder Dempster Recreation Ground, whilst Beech Mount, the property adjacent to Oaklands (fig 4), had become the Club House. This would also eventually succumb to progress and, between Barkhill Road and Holmefield Road, two cul-de-sacs now occupy the site.

The stocks and shares in Alfred Jones' residuary estate that had been allocated to a proposed hospital at Garston were subject to a requirement for the building contract to be signed before 1st November 1914, failing which these funds would revert to the testator's residuary estate.³⁷

The *Liverpool Echo* of 20th June 1914 was therefore pleased to announce that:

The initial difficulties which have beset the scheme for providing a new Accident and Emergency Hospital for Garston have, fortunately, been overcome, and actual operations have this week been commenced on the commanding site secured for the hospital... The late Sir Alfred Jones, K.C.M.G., who lived in Aigburth, within the old Garston boundaries, was strongly in favour of the new hospital, and on his death a bequest of £10,000 came from the estate.



Fig 19. The Sir Alfred Jones Memorial Hospital in a 1980s photograph. Author's collection.

Four months later the foundation stone of the *Sir Alfred Jones Memorial Hospital* (fig 19) was inscribed (somewhat formally, since Florence was Alfred Jones' niece, albeit the executor's wife) with the words *'This stone was laid by Mrs. O. Harrison Williams on October 15th 1914'*. The *Liverpool Echo* of 1st May 1917 noted in the report of the second annual meeting of the governors of the hospital that

the hospital was formally opened on February 23, 1916, and within two hours of the opening the first patient was admitted... the War Office requested that accommodation might be made for military cases, and at a subsequent meeting it was decided to place twenty-three beds at the disposal of the military authorities.

On 27th September 1916, the executor ('Harry') wrote to his brother ('Jack') that *'a really fine place has been erected which does great credit to the Architect... at the moment there are twenty injured soldiers there'*,³⁸ and on 2nd July 1917 he proposed *'to give to the Trustees of the Hospital stocks of the value of about £3000 with a view to the same being invested and accumulated and applied after the termination of the War to building a new wing which is urgently required'*.³⁹



Fig 20. Pendyffryn. From A H Milne's book, plate 11. Courtesy LRO.



Fig 21. St Cynbryd, the Parish Church of Llanddulas, on a postcard dated 1907. Author's collection.



Fig 22. The inscription on the Lych Gate facing the church reads *'Erected in memory of a dear mother by Alfred L. Jones 1899'*. Author's collection.



Since Alfred Jones came from Wales, the executor was naturally sympathetic to suggestions for gifts to Welsh causes. Alfred Jones had enjoyed much of his leisure time in later years at *Pendyffryn* (fig 20), his house in the village of Llanddulas (where he was affectionately known as *'the Banana Jones'*),⁴⁰ and in 1899 he had paid for the Lych Gate at the Parish Church (fig 21), and had dedicated it to his mother (fig 22). This was the first of several churches and other worthy causes in Wales to benefit from his estate,⁴¹ and the *Liverpool Echo* of 14th May 1914 reported that in memory of Alfred Jones and his widowed sister (who by then had also died) *'a tower has been erected to complete the Church House'* at Llanddulas.

In 1915, with the continuing uncertainty as to the location of the '*proposed new Church*' in Liverpool, the Court was asked to extend the period for the funds to be retained for that purpose '*until the expiration of six months after the termination of the war*'.⁴² The official date of the termination of WWI was 31st August 1921 but, on 17th January of that year, Forwood & Williams received a letter indicating that:

*We have conferred with the Bishop of Liverpool and the promoters of the intended Church and there is a very strong feeling not only that building at the present time is inopportune but that it should not be attempted.*⁴³

The Court therefore gave permission for the plans to be delayed yet again and it was not until 16th July 1923 that the agreed site of the church finally came before the Court. The Brief provided to Counsel for the Attorney General for that day's hearing indicates that

*It was at first thought it might be erected in Queen's Drive, Wavertree. Then it was found that there were other Churches rather too near... [following which] a Scheme was submitted by the Solicitors acting for the Lord Bishop of the Diocese (referred to in the list of papers accompanying this Brief as the abandoned Scheme)... The Lord Bishop subsequently appointed a Committee to consider and report upon the said proposed scheme and such Committee advised that the scheme be not proceeded with owing to the many changes which had taken place in the District.*⁴⁴

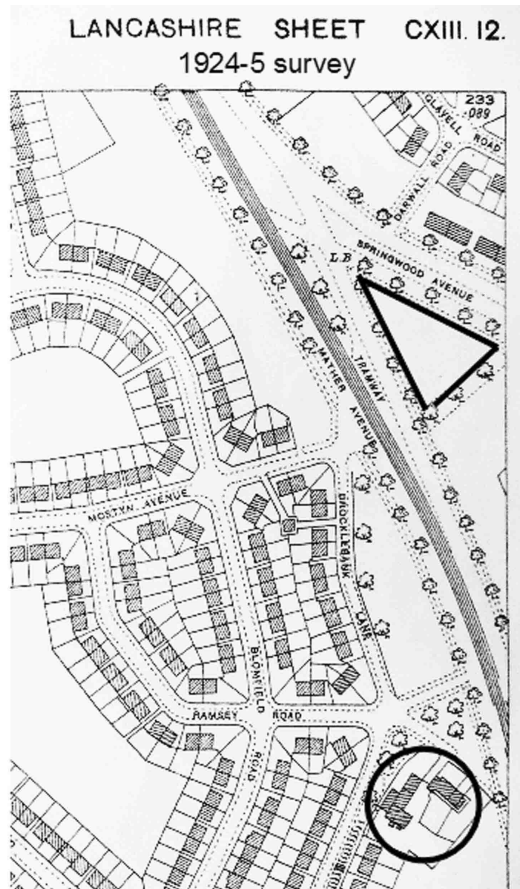
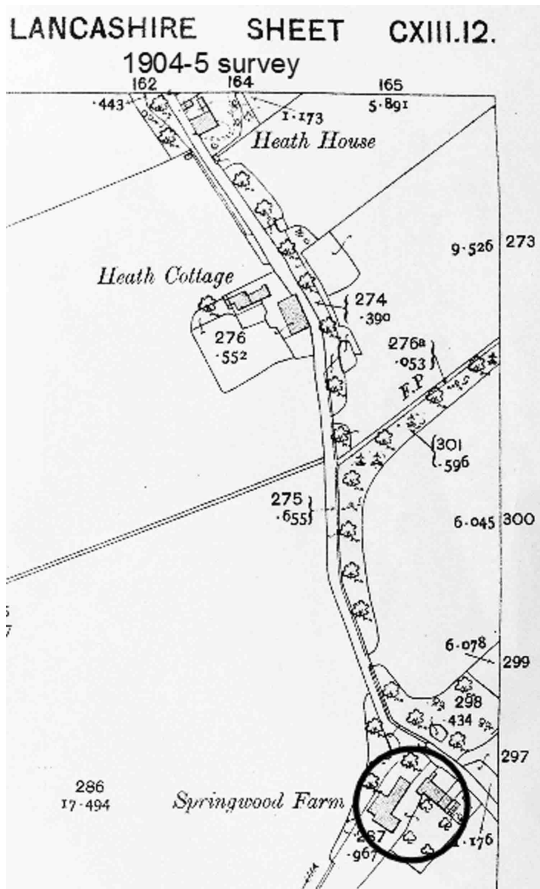
This Brief included an exhibit marked 'O.H.W.2' which was the 1922 report by the architect, Major D A Campbell, regarding the site for the now abandoned scheme:

*St John the Evangelist, Menlove Avenue, Wavertree... at the junction of Menlove Avenue and Green Lane... we estimate the cost of a plain but good substantial building to seat 500 worshippers to be say £12,500.0.0... estimate is based on the assumption that present day prices are 100% in excess of pre-war prices.*⁴⁵

With the plan for St John the Evangelist having been rejected, it was a neighbouring and rapidly developing housing estate that therefore benefited from the delays in reaching the final agreement for the church to be '*on the North-East side of Mather Avenue on the Springwood Estate Allerton in the City of Liverpool*' (figs 23 & 24). This Scheme was not, however, without complications because:

*A new district of All Souls Springwood Liverpool [is] being promoted under Section 17 of the Liverpool and Wigan Churches Act 1904 in contemplation of the sale of the site of the old church of All Souls Vauxhall... which... is at present being or is intended shortly to be demolished within a period of six months from the date hereof.*⁴⁶

The Springwood site was to be purchased out of funds from the Bishop who would also make a contribution of not less than £1000 towards the building, and the endowments of the old church would be transferred to the new church. The proceeds from the sale of the site of the old church would also be allocated to the erection of the new.



Figs 23 & 24. Springwood Farm and its land on the 1904-5 O.S. and the Springwood Estate that had been developed by the 1924-5 survey together with the triangle of land for the church. Courtesy LCL.

Although the architect (the same Duncan Campbell of 51 North John Street) would be at liberty to make use of the materials of the old church, he expressed concern that this building (closed in May 1923, in Eaton Street, near to the Leeds-Liverpool canal) *'is entirely faced with red sandstone which is much decayed in parts owing to the proximity of Chemical Works'*.⁴⁷ In the event, the materials were not used and were subsequently sold for £75.

The Secretary to the Bishop indicated that the site for the new church was to be purchased from the Corporation for £1450 and that the purchase money *'hath been appropriated in the hands of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners'*, that the grant of £1000 from the Bishop *'hath been secured and is now available at short notice'*, and that it was *'thought by the Diocesan Authorities that no great difficulty will be encountered in providing additional funds for the proper furnishing'*.⁴⁸

Although Campbell's original estimate for the cost of building a church for 500 worshippers was £12,500, the Ecclesiastical Commission subsequently requested the number to be accommodated to be increased to 700. The lowest tender for the architect's revised design was £23,275,⁴⁹ the executor agreed to cover the difference, and the church was eventually completed for £25,471 including the architect's fees.⁵⁰

The building was consecrated on 21st May 1927 (figs 25 & 26). *'The style, considered one of the finest in the country is Byzantine (general in period 320-1000 A.D).'*⁵¹ The memorial tablet reads: *To the Glory of God. This Foundation Stone was laid by Florence Mary Williams, 4th July 1925* (in contrast to the more formal inscription for Garston Hospital). See also Appendix 6.



Fig 25 (left). All Souls, Springwood, August 2018.



Fig 26 (right). All Souls, Springwood, January 2019.

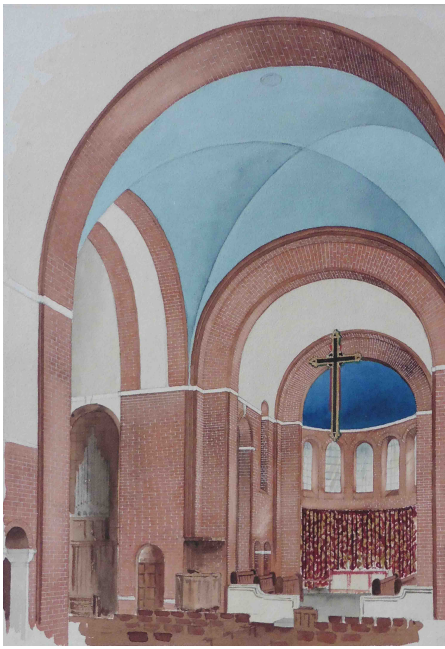


Fig 27. Undated architect's design for interior of All Souls. Courtesy Carol Hewitt.



Fig 28. Interior of All Souls, 2018.

Fig 29. Driveway entrance to *The Chalet*, 2018.



And so, on 3rd May 1928, after almost two decades dealing with a hugely complex task, Owen Harrison Williams was in a position to seek a final distribution of the residual estate.⁵² He and Florence had just a few more years in peace together at *The Chalet*, built for them in 1921 on the edge of the shore in St Margaret's Road, Hoylake (fig 29), before he died on 1st December 1934.

The few thousand pounds and securities that remained of the estate after that final distribution lay dormant until 1949 when the liquidator, William MacGregor of 5 Fenwick Street, managed to secure an Order to change the name of the Plaintiff from '*Owen Harrison Williams (since deceased)*' to the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis. In doing so he acknowledged that the site of the church of All Souls in Vauxhall (the sale of which had been planned two decades earlier) '*has not yet been sold and being in an area which has suffered very extensive war damage I consider it unlikely that it will be sold in the near future*'.⁵³

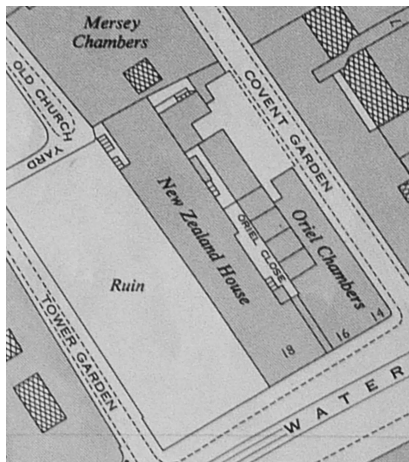


Fig 30. A detail from a 1930 aerial view, with 'Elder Dempster' prominently displayed on the roof of Colonial House. Courtesy LRO.



Fig 31. Colonial House, viewed from Tower Building, after the bombing of 3rd May 1941. Courtesy LRO, ref. Photographs: Pier Head (on open shelves).

In its position near the junction of Water Street and Georges Dock Gates, Colonial House had also been vulnerable to German bombing of the neighbouring docks (fig 30), and on the night of the 3rd May 1941 it too was destroyed (fig 31).



The LRO copy of the architects' 1906 plans of the building carry pencil marks with the surveyors' comments on the extent of the damage ('wall destroyed', 'floor destroyed', 'roof slope destroyed' etc). This sad ruin remained until well after the war (fig 32) following which Reliance House arrived in 1958 to take its place.

Fig 32. From the Ordnance Survey, 1953 Edition, SJ3490, showing 'Ruin' for the site of Colonial House. The rear of Oriel Chambers was also destroyed in the Blitz. Courtesy LCL.

Two mosaics from each side of the Water Street entrance to Colonial House (figs 33 & 34) had survived the bombing and had been carefully stored to await a new home. During construction of Reliance House they were installed in its Tower Gardens entrance (figs 35-37) where they remained on open view for over half a century as an important reminder to passers-by of the Blitz.

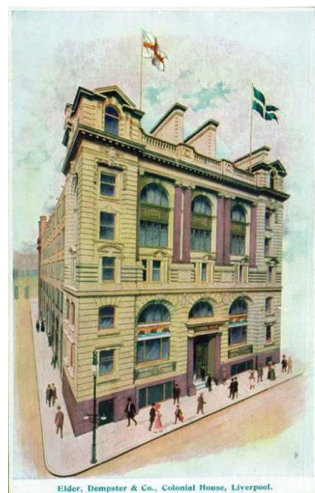


Fig 33. A detail from fig 8 showing the position of the mosaics. Fig 34. An early 20th century postcard showing Colonial House at the junction of Tower Gardens and Water Street. Author's collection.



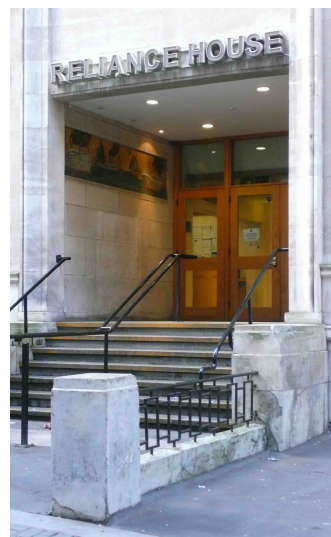
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Figs 35 & 36. The mosaics representing ships of the 1492 and 1905 periods, photographed in 2009.

Fig 37. The Tower Gardens entrance to Reliance House showing the position of the 1905 plaque. The 1492 plaque faced it on the opposite wall.



Building work commenced in 2017 for conversion of Reliance House into apartments and in 2018 it was discovered that the mosaics had mysteriously vanished.⁵⁴



Fig 38. The 2011 replacement Garston Hospital in 2018.



Fig 39. The Memorial Garden in the replacement hospital, 2018.

As for the Sir Alfred Jones Memorial Hospital, it survived until 2009 when it was demolished to make way for the replacement which was opened in 2011 (fig 38). In a fitting tribute, the front entrance to the old hospital was carefully taken down and reassembled to form the focus of the Sir Alfred Jones Memorial Garden (fig 39). It is a delight to sit there and reflect upon a truly remarkable man, his gifts to the city of Liverpool and beyond, and to Owen Harrison Williams who selflessly devoted so many years as his executor.

Alfred Jones lies at peace in Anfield Cemetery (fig 40) where the epitaph (fig 41) reads *'He worked that he might give'*, and Alan Milne had concluded his 1914 biography of Sir Alfred with the comment that:



No more fitting words to describe himself could be said of Alfred Jones than those that he unexpectedly used on a tragically sad occasion, as he turned feverishly to work – “In the midst of Life we are in Death! Yes! But in the midst of Death we are in Life!”



Figs 40 & 41.
Anfield Cemetery,
2016.

References and Notes

This is a longer version of the article in *Liverpool History*, 18 (2019), pp.105-117. Modern photographs are by the author.

1 A collection of several hundred legal documents (largely solicitors' copies) was purchased by the author in 2016 and forms the basis of this article. It includes 100 Affidavits from claimants seeking legacies under Clause 10 of the Will (see Appendix 1); Annual Accounts for Alfred Jones' Estate from 1911 to 1929; Briefs for the Attorney General's Counsel; Certificates for annuities, gifts to charities, legacies, and the purchase and sale of stock; Correspondence; Instructions and Opinions; Judgments, Reports and Transcriptions; Notices, Orders and Summons; and Petitions, Schemes and Statements. In the references which follow, items in this collection of legal documents are prefaced 'CLD'. Individual documents can be inspected in Liverpool by application via graham@lark-ascending.co.uk.

2 It was not until the death of his father that Alfred Lewis Jones first appeared in *Gore's Directory* in 1870 as a gentleman in Freehold Street, Fairfield, and in 1871 as a book keeper at the same address. There, at the age of 25, the census shows him as the head of the household comprising his mother, Mary Jean, and his sisters, Elizabeth and Mary Isabel (wife of John Pinnock, a merchant who spent much of his time abroad and died in 1878). In the 1880 *Gore's Directory* Alfred Jones first listed himself as a merchant (alphabetical section) and as a ship broker (Freehold Street numerical section). In 1882 he classed himself as a shipowner, and by 1883 he had moved from Freehold Street (having been listed at various addresses there during that period) to Eaton Road, Cressington Park where, in 1884, he listed himself as a shipowner with Elder, Dempster & Co. By 1886 he had arrived at *Oaklands*, 34 Aigburth Road, Grassendale. In 1893 he was first listed as a J.P., by 1898 as '*Consul Congo Free State*', and in 1902 the recently conferred '*K.C.M.G.*' was added to the list.

3 Probate was granted to the surviving executor, Owen Harrison Williams, on 8th January 1910. Gross value £674,259-7-0d, net value of personal estate £446,759-7-0d. Sealed on 5th September 1912 at Victoriaborg, Accra. The value of the gross estate in modern money as being in excess of £65 million is based on the change in the RPI. Other calculation methods would make the value considerably more. See www.measuringworth.com and assume that the 1910 amounts mentioned in this article should be multiplied by a factor of 100 to convert them roughly into the purchasing power of today's money.

4 The African Steamship Company was founded in 1852 by Macgregor Laird, the second son of the Birkenhead shipbuilder, William Laird. Macgregor Laird put the running of the Liverpool agency in the hands of two of his brothers, William and Hamilton Laird. It was into the office of these agents that Alfred Jones arrived in 1860 and where he first met two other junior clerks, Alexander Elder and John Dempster. Following Hamilton Laird's death in 1860 the agency was run by William Laird and Joseph Fletcher. Then, with the retirement of William Laird in 1863 and the arrival of Lawrence Parr, the agency became Fletcher and Parr. Alexander Elder resigned in 1866. With the formation in 1868 of the Edinburgh-registered British and African Steam Navigation Co [B&ASNC], this rival Company invited John Dempster to be the Liverpool agent and he then invited Alexander Elder to join him in partnership that same year. Alfred Jones remained with Fletcher & Parr until 1878 when he established his own business which soon became a threat to the B&ASNC. He and William Davey were invited into junior partnerships of that Company on 1st Oct 1879 (details from Peter Davies, ref 5). Elder and Dempster retired on 31st Dec 1884. John Craig was admitted into partnership on 1st July 1907 (details from CLD. Letter, John Craig, Colonial House, to Forwood & Williams, 15 Water Street, 11th November 1910).

5 Biographies include the one published in 1914 by Alan Hay Milne, Secretary of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (*Sir Alfred Lewis Jones K.C.M.G. A Story of Energy and Success*, Henry Young & Sons, Liverpool) which can be downloaded from <https://archive.org/details/cu31924029879255>.

Richard Fry's *Bankers in West Africa. The Story of the Bank of British West Africa Limited* (Hutchinson Benham Ltd, 1976; LRO ref. H 332.1 FRY) is an account of the bank which Alfred Jones founded (ref 6). A detailed account appears in *The Trade Makers: Elder Dempster in West Africa, 1852-1972* by Peter N Davies (Allen & Unwin, 1973) which takes the story from the foundation of the African Steamship Company and includes photographs, extensive tables and comprehensive references.

6 *Memorandum and Articles of Association of Elder Dempster Shipping Limited, 2nd May 1899*, together with similar documents for the Bank of British West Africa (1894), African Oil Mills Co (1898), the British and African Steam Navigation Co (1900), Elders & Fyffes Ltd (1901), the Imperial Direct West India Mail Service (1901) and the Incorporated Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (1905) all of which Alfred Jones also founded are part of Accession 2464 at the LRO. The CLD also includes ones for the Cape Coast Castle Boating Co Ltd (1903) (Appendix 3) and Elder Dempster & Co Ltd (1910), the latter resulting from the purchase of Elder Dempster & Co by Lord Pirrie and Owen Philipps.

7 The LRO has two 1927 photographs of African House, no. 6 Water Street, shortly before it was demolished to make way for Martins Bank, ref. Photographs and Small Prints: Commerce & Industry: Firms: Brown's Buildings. An 1899 example of the headed notepaper of Elder Dempster & Co is reproduced in Walking on Water Street [WoWS] Part 10, From a Shambles to Martins Bank, *Liverpool History*, 16 (2017), p.81, fig 16.

8 Once early estate work had been dealt with, the solicitors combined practices as Forwood, Williams & Grindrod. Courthope Wilson was the original Counsel for the executor (the 'Plaintiff') and John Rutherford was the original Counsel for the Attorney General (the 'Defendant'). Both had chambers in Harrington Street. Garnett, Tarbet & Co (solicitors for the Attorney General) were based in Royal Insurance Buildings in North John Street. In 1919 Henry Glover took over from Wilson, and Henderson McMaster replaced Rutherford. Matters concerning the estate were heard by the Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor of the County Palatine of Lancashire (from the 1920s by an elevated Courthope Wilson) sitting at St George's Hall, and Certificates were issued by the Registrar. When the residue of the estate was finally dealt with in 1949 the Attorney General's Counsel was Eric Griffith.

9 For photographs of Canton Buildings see WoWS Part 8, Vanished Streets: Chorley Street, 1725-1925, *Liverpool History*, 14 (2015), pp.34-35, figs 8&10. All WoWS articles are available in pdf form on the LHS website.

10 CLD. *Williams v. Attorney General, Originating Petition, 22nd June 1910*. Section 10 was with regard to the 17th February agreement to sell. One of the 'others' in the purchase of Elder, Dempster & Co was Owen Philipps. P N Davies, *op. cit.* (ref. 5), p.170, comments upon the speed with which Pirrie and Philipps acted following Alfred Jones' death: '*within a few days Philipps had obtained an option to his estate*'. On 31st March 1910, Philipps and Pirrie formed Elder, Dempster and Company Limited, and the subsequent formal agreement provided for the '*Sale to the [ED&CL] of the business and goodwill of Elder Dempster and Company, The Grand Canary Coaling Company, The Tenerife Coaling Company and the Sierra Leone Coaling Company, and of the profits and assets mentioned in an agreement dated the 2nd of April, 1910*' (P N Davies, *op. cit.*, p.172). As 'Lord Kysant', Philipps was destined two decades later to go to prison for financial irregularities (knowingly issuing a false prospectus). In subsequent references *Williams v. Attorney General* is simplified to *WvAG*.

11 CLD. *WvAG*. ...22nd June 1910. Section 13 of the Petition was with regard to Clause 10 'difficulties'.

12 CLD. *WvAG*. Affidavit of John Larden Williams, 6th October 1910. The newspapers were the *Daily Mail*, the *Daily Telegraph*, the *Liverpool Courier*, the *Liverpool Daily Post and Mercury*, the *Liverpool Journal of Commerce*, the *London Gazette* and *The Times*.

13 CLD. For example, (a) *WvAG*. Report, 23rd November 1910. F. Willis Taylor, Registrar ; (b) a handwritten *Opinion* signed by John Rutherford, 16th December 1910; (c) *WvAG*. Report of the Registrar of 19th January 1911. F. Willis Taylor.

14 Alfred Jones used his privately owned trading companies to provide coal for his ships and also those of other lines calling at Las Palmas, Grand Canary, and at various ports along the West African Coast.

15 CLD. (a) *WvAG*. Minutes of Order, 29th February 1912. (b) *WvAG*. Re Pursers. Transcript of Shorthand Writers' Notes of Judgment and discussion. Judgment of Vice Chancellor O. L. Leigh Clare, February 29th 1912.

16 CLD. *WvAG*. Notice of Appeal. Sent 14th March 1912 by Garnett, Tarbet & Co to 'the above named Plaintiff and to Messrs. Forwood & Williams and to [list of claimants]'.

17 CLD. *WvAG* and Another. Judgment. 7th May 1912. Before the Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Buckley and Lord Justice Kennedy. Transcript from Shorthand Notes.

18 Claims by employees whose job descriptions did not indicate that their work involved significant duties as clerks were generally unsuccessful. Of the 18 miscellaneous examples in Table 1, for example, 10 claims were allowed (nos. 743, 745, 747, 748, 749, 752, 753, 755, 757 and 759), six disallowed, one claimant failed to provide the required proof (756) and one claim was withdrawn (758).

19 P N Davies, *op. cit.*, p.18 acknowledges the 'Misses Howie' as supplying the photograph. Tracing current copyright via the original publishers and subsequent owners of George Allen & Unwin has been unsuccessful.

20 In 1884, as a result of a personal visit to the Canary Islands, Alfred Jones saw the possibility of importing bananas and of subsidising traders in order to enable the fruit to be sold cheaply (Milne, *op. cit.*, p.22). In 1888 Fyffes, Son & Co of London also began commercially importing bananas. In 1897 it became Fyffe Hudson & Co Ltd. Then, with Elder, Dempster & Co having begun to import bananas from Jamaica, in 1901 the companies merged to become Elders & Fyffes Ltd (Memorandum: see ref 6).

21 CLD. *Forwood & Williams to Messrs Laurence Jones & Co*, 18th September 1911 indicated that 'the important question therefore arises whether Managing Directors under Agreements of Service such as were entered into in this case are Clerks or not', and Laurence Jones' reply two days later agreed that they were not clerks. On 12th February 1912 Forwood & Williams provided the Attorney General's solicitors with correspondence following 'a search made through the Testators private correspondence in the hope that some letter which might possibly be useful on cross examination [of Ackerley and Stockley] might be found'. The fact that both are also shown in the Memorandum of Association of Elders & Fyffes as shareholders with Alfred Jones would hardly have helped their claims.

22 Elder's Navigation Collieries Ltd was founded on 5th March 1900, following Alfred Jones' purchase of the existing mine. See www.welshcoalmines.co.uk/GlamWest/Oakwood.htm for further details.

23 **CLD. WvAG. Further Certificate. 30th April 1912. F. Willis Taylor, Registrar** (for the eight clerks). **WvAG. Further Certificate. 28th February 1913. F. Willis Taylor, Registrar** (for the colliery manager).

24 **CLD.** Correspondence between Forwood & Williams and the Accounts Department at Colonial House between October and December 1910 provides some indication of the amount of detailed information that was required. Various affidavits were subsequently sworn by John Craig (e.g. 5th May 1911 regarding claims 817-922), Alfred Crawford (e.g. 12th January 1912 regarding claims 668-692 for those employed by the Sekondi Lighterage & Hotel Co Ltd, the Cape Coast Castle Boating Co Ltd and the Accra Boating Co Ltd), James Sharrock (e.g. 21st November 1912 regarding claims within serial nos. 939-1037), and John Richards (e.g. 28th November 1912 regarding claims 1058-1065 for those employed by Elder's Navigation Collieries Ltd).

25 **CLD.** Correspondence, *Forwood & Williams to Garnett, Tarbet & Co, 15th July 1914*. The total cost connected with the legacy enquiry amounted to about 11% of the rejected claims, and the *Liverpool Daily Post* on 22nd July 1914 noted the Attorney General's praise for the work of the executor, solicitors and officials in minimising the cost in dealing with this aspect of the estate.

26 The memorial was unveiled on 5th July 1913. There is an excellent description by Terry Kavanagh in *Public Sculpture of Liverpool*, Liverpool University Press, 1997, pp.135-137.

27 A H Milne, *op.cit.*, p.107, which includes a photograph of the memorial on the facing page.

28 **CLD. WvAG. Minutes of Order. 17th March 1913** listed the charities. **WvAG. Certificate. 16th April 1913. F Willis Taylor, Registrar** certified the methods of payment to the charities (of which fig 16 is the first page); the final entry on p.4 was for £40 towards a chime of bells at Llanddulas (see Appendix 4).

29 A H Milne, *op. cit.*, p.75. See also ref 6.

30 **CLD. WvAG. Draft Scheme for Interim Distribution of Residuary Estate, 14th February 1913.**

31 Although Alfred Jones' teenage voyage to West Africa was the only journey he ever made there, *'the sad state of things so impressed him he determined no effort should be wanting to better the condition of the natives'* (unpublished biographical notes by his sister, quoted in P N Davies, *op. cit.*, p.75).

32 **CLD. WvAG. Scheme for a Second Interim Distribution of Residuary Estate.** Draft copy bearing Liverpool Chancery and Lancaster Chancery stamps dated 11th July 1914.

33 **CLD. (a) WvAG. Affidavit of Messrs J. L. Williams and Paterson. 18th June 1915** regarding the 1912 Corporation notice of widening. **(b) Sir A L Jones Deceased. "Oaklands". Counsel's Opinion. 2nd April 1914. Courthope Wilson** regarding the consequence for the lodge.

34 **CLD. (a) Re Sir A L Jones Deceased. "Oaklands" Correspondence. Exhibit marked "J.L.W.3."** referred to in the Affidavit of John Larden Williams and Henry Sanderson Paterson sworn herein this 18th day of June 1915. **(b) Re "Oaklands". Valuation by Messrs. Paterson & Thomas. Exhibit H.S.P.1.**

35 CLD. *Owen H. Williams and The Lord Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Liverpool. Conditional Agreement. Exhibit marked "J.L.W.2." referred to in the Affidavit of John Larden Williams and Henry Sanderson Paterson sworn herein this 18th day of June 1915.* The Summons was taken out on the following day and was given the approval of the Attorney General a few days later.

36 CLD. *WvAG. Minutes of Order. 11th May 1921* for the sale of Oaklands, the cottage and lands to Elder, Dempster & Co Ltd, and for the purchase money to be transferred to John Craig, David Jones and James Sharrock as trustees of '*The Sir Alfred Lewis Jones Fund for the relief of poverty*'.

37 CLD. *WvAG. Scheme for a Second Interim Distribution of Residuary Estate.* Paragraph 5.

38 CLD. *WvAG. Miscellaneous Correspondence.* A collection of 21 letters between 18th June 1915 and 21st June 1917 regarding charities. The architect for the hospital was Charles Anderson.

39 CLD. *WvAG. Affidavit of the Plaintiff. Sworn 2nd July 1917*, regarding the consequence of the war on delaying a scheme for the final distribution of the estate.

40 See <http://www.llanddulashiddenhistory.co.uk/jones%20lewis.htm> for the affectionate identification of Alfred Jones as '*the Banana Jones*'. P N Davies, *op. cit.*, p.182 mentions that, '*All sources agree that Alfred Jones was prepared to listen to anyone with a reasonable complaint or suggestion. However, once he offered the caller a banana from the bowl on his desk this was recognised to be an indication that the interview was at an end*'.

41 CLD. *WvAG. Order, 17th March 1913* providing £660 for the Trustees of Llanddulas Church House (in addition to the £40 for bells mentioned in ref 28). *WvAG. Order, 13th December 1913* providing £2000 for an endowment of the Llanddulas Rectory (see Appendix 5). The executor also provided gifts via later schemes for the Church of Llangunnoch (Carmarthen) where Alfred Jones' grandfather had been a parishioner and was buried, for St Peter's Church (Carmarthen) with which Alfred Jones had been associated in childhood, for scholarships at the Universities of Aberystwyth and Bangor, for a bed at the Carmarthen Infirmary, and for a Muniment Room at the National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth.

42 CLD. Forwood & Williams to Garnett, Tarbet & Co, 16th June 1915, and the Order of 25th June.

43 CLD. *Proposed Church, Gamon Farmer & Co, 1 South John Street, 17th January 1921.*

44 CLD. *WvAG. V.C. at Liverpool 16th July 1923. Brief on Behalf of the Attorney General (Church Scheme).* The brief was for Henderson McMaster.

45 CLD. *WvAG. Report. Exhibit 'O.H.W.2'* by Campbell & Honeyburne, 27th December 1922. This was the architects' report for the abandoned St John the Evangelist Scheme, as an exhibit for 16th July 1923 Court hearing before the Vice-Chancellor and used initially to cost the All Souls Scheme.

46 CLD. *WvAG. Proposed Church. Supplemental Scheme.* Printed but undated draft, consistent with being presented at the 16th July 1923 Court hearing.

47 **CLD. WvAG.** *Affidavit of D. A. Campbell. 21st June 1923.* Architect's report on the site for All Souls but without revised costings and with comments regarding the Vauxhall Church.

48 **CLD. WvAG.** *Proposed Church. Affidavit of T. Hollins Arden. 2nd July 1923.* Affidavit of the Bishop of Liverpool's secretary.

49 **CLD.** (a) *Proposed New Church of All Souls, Springwood, Liverpool. Tenders. December 1924.*
The 14 tenders ranged from £23,275 (W H Davey & Co Ltd of Bank Chambers, Runcorn) to £29,813.

50 **CLD.** *Report on Accounts to 30th September 1929. James Todd, Chartered Accountant, Preston.*

51 *Souvenir handbook on the occasion of the 21st birthday of All Souls, Springwood, May 1948.* Kindly made available to inspect and photograph by Carol Hewitt at All Souls. See Appendix 6.

52 **CLD. WvAG.** *Affidavit of Plaintiff. 3rd May 1928* together with 15 exhibits marked 'O.H.W.1' to 'O.H.W.15'. In paragraph 22, towards the end of the affidavit, Owen Harrison Williams noted, perhaps with a sigh of relief, that he'd had

responsibility of executing the trusts of the Will of the Testator for a period of Nineteen years and I am desirous that a final distribution of the residuary estate of the Testator should be now made.

In the transcript notes of 7th May 1928 before the Vice-Chancellor, Henry Glover noted that the Schemes that Williams had devised had provided gifts of over £325,000 to an impressive array of charities. A measure of the responsibility that he had undertaken and the esteem in which he had been held can be seen in the Brief for Henderson McMaster on 21st June 1919 that

Mr Harrison Williams has single handed carried through the administration of this very large estate and that he has shewn great discrimination and tact in dealing with the many complicated questions which have arisen during the past 9½ years. The view of the Attorney General that the Executor is deserving of every consideration is reinforced by that of the Duchy Solicitor.

Although remunerating an executor (over and above paying his costs) was not common practice, Williams received £5000.

53 **CLD. WvAG.** *Affidavit of William Roberts MacGregor in support of Summons. Filed on behalf of Sir Alfred L. Jones Trust & Estate Co. Ltd. Sworn 8th June 1949.*

54 Several attempts in person and by e-mail to ascertain the fate of the mosaics have failed to receive a satisfactory response from Legacie, the contractor for the conversion of Reliance House, other than a verbal statement that they are 'in storage'. The walls on which the mosaics were mounted are said no longer to exist following the narrowing of the corridor which now forms an internal entrance.

Appendix 1. Claimants whose details are part of the WoWS Part 12 collection

Surname	First names	Serial no.	Address on claimant's affidavit (marked *) or other document (e.g. affidavit of an Elder Dempster & Co manager) together with employment details if known	Claim (£-s-d), and whether allowed (A) or disallowed (D)
Ackerley *	Alfred Roger	709	Grafton House, Mount Ararat Rd, Richmond, Surrey Manager, Elders & Fyffes, London	1375-0-0 D
Alder *	William Gibson Brown	379	35 Rue Generale Van Merlen, Zurenborg, Antwerp General Superintendent, Elder Dempster & Co	500-0-0 333-0-0 A
Allen *	Peter	871	Town of Coleman, Alberta, Canada [retired] Colliery Manager, Elder's Navigation Collieries	110-0-0 A
Ambler	Herbert	- - -	Sudbourne, 35 Whitefriars Cres., Westcliff-on-Sea Checker & overlooker, ED&C at London Docks	26-0-0 17-10-0 A
Andrews	John Bertram	875	30 Jolliffe Street, Princes Park, Liverpool Clerk in Portage Dept, ED&C	19-10-0 13-0-0 A
Atcherley *	Robert	710	Las Palmas, Grand Canary Manager, Elders & Fyffes (previously with ED&C)	1250-0-0 D
Atherton *	John Thomas	933	153 High Park Street, Liverpool Foreman Stevedore, ED&C	130-0-0 D
Bains	James Alexander	711	107 Courtland Avenue, Ilford, Essex Ledger Clerk, Elders & Fyffes (prev. w. ED&C)	84-0-0 A
Barnett	Francis John	712	Llandaff, Cedar Road, Croydon, Surrey Clerk-in-Charge, Elders & Fyffes (prev. w. ED&C)	78-0-0 A
Bayley *	Samuel	1029	Colonial House, Liverpool Keeper of the Building, Colonial House, ED&C	47-10-0 D
Beesley *	William John	1028	10 Mark Street, Seacombe Superintendent Electrician, Colonial House, ED&C	26-0-0 D
Bell	Isaac	883	15 Pickwick Street, Liverpool Crane Driver, ED&C	44-6-0 D (no proof)
Bogle *	Pancho	555	48 East Street, Kingston, Jamaica Timekeeper, ED&C Jamaica	78-0-0 D
Bonitto *	Janet Elizabeth	662	Constant Spring Hotel, St Andrew Parish, Jamaica Hotel Matron, Jamaica Hotels Ltd	37-10-0 D
Bower *	Richard	853	10 Gordon Road, Seaforth Marine Superintendent, ED&C Libreville	450-0-0 75-0-0 A
Broderick *	George Pelham	664	Constant Spring Hotel, St Andrew Parish, Jamaica Hotel Kitchen Clerk, Jamaica Hotels Ltd	18-0-0 16-5-0 A
Cain *	Edward Gawne	936	108 Windsor Street, Liverpool Storekeeper, Stevedore's Dept, ED&C	109-4-0 D
Campbell *	David William	487	296 Cote des Neiges Road, Montreal Clerk, ED&C Montreal	1028-16-1 685-0-0 A

Conolly *	George	694	5 Halifax Road, Ainsdale and Forcados, S. Nigeria Dry Dock Manager & Superintendent Engineer, Nigerian Dry Dock & Engineering Company	420-0-0 D
Corran *	Robert	931	19 Whittaker Street, Liverpool Superintendent Stevedore, ED&C	234-0-0 D
Corran *	John	1017	64 Dombey Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool Foreman Stevedore, ED&C	93-12-0 D
Cotterell *	George Archibald	495	Montreal Marine superintendent, ED&C Montreal	102-17-7 72-16-0 A
Crane	Walter	713	90 Rose Hill Street, Derby Clerk, Elders & Fyffes, Bristol (prev. w. ED&C)	65-0-0 A
Davenport	Albert	715	21 Ridley Road, Sheil Road, Liverpool Clerk, Elders & Fyffes (prev. w. ED&C)	72-0-0 36-0-0 A
Davidson *	Ernest	830	Calabar, S. Nigeria Clerk, Agent & Manager, ED&C Calabar	125-0-0 83-6-8 A
Dickinson *	Henry	1018	4 Olney Street, Liverpool Foreman Stevedore, ED&C	46-16-0 D
Donald	Bruce Isaac	714	31&32 Bow St, London [E&F office] Clerk, Elders & Fyffes (prev. w. ED&C)	150-0-0 A
Duval *	Henry James	553	20½ Prince of Wales St, Allman Town, Kingston Assistant Wharfinger, ED&C Jamaica	47-13-4 D
Dyson *	Charles	876	11 Norman Road, Seacombe Clerk in Wharfinger's Dept, ED&C	46-16-0 41-12-9 A
Edwards	John	716	Carisbrooke, Bramhill nr. Stockport, Cheshire Book-keeper, Elders & Fyffes (prev. w. ED&C)	336-0-0 A
Ellis	Edward Burke	829	Georgetown, Demerara, British Guiana Manager, Imperial Direct West India Mail Service	162-10-0 D (no proof)
Evans *	John	197	St Georges Hill, Easton-in-Gordano, Somerset Marine Superintendent, ED&C Liverpool [retired]	600-0-0 A
Evans *	Dr. Arthur John	200	17 Canning Street, Liverpool Medical Superintendent, ED&C	150-0-0 A
Evans *	William Alfred Edward	497	136 Liscard Road, Liscard Agent, ED&C Lagos	500-0-0 D
Farquharson *	George James	359	31 Claudiusstraese, Wandsbeck bie Hamburg Superintendent, ED&C Hamburg	400-0-0 C 266-0-0 A
Ffolkes *	Herbert Sigismund	845	Walter's Hotel, Cartagena, Colombia [retired] Book-keeper, Kingston Steam Laundry, Jamaica	32-10-0 A
Flood	John Leathom	888	c/o C O Grindrod, 15 Water St [solicitor] Commercial Clerk, Lever Bros. (prev. w. ED&C)	78-0-0 D
Fowler *	Edwin	970	17 Tabley Road, Wavertree, Liverpool Assistant Shore Steward, ED&C	91-0-0 D

Gerrish	Maurice	348	The Swan, Pill, Somerset Clerk, ED&C Avonmouth	15-0-0 D (no proof)
Gilbertson	William Henry	717	319 Kingston Road, Wimbledon, London Clerk, Elders & Fyffes (prev. w. ED&C)	150-0-0 A
Gleed *	Edwin	928	77 Caryl Street, Liverpool Foreman Horsekeeper, Liverpool Cartage Co	54-10-0 D
Godwin	Eric Grimston	718	2D Bickenhall Mansions, Gloucester Place, London Clerk, Elders & Fyffes Cardiff (prev. w. ED&C)	33-0-0 66-0-0 A
Hamilton	Charles James Dawson	719	Santa Cruz, Teneriffe [sic] Book-keeper, Elders & Fyffes (prev. w. ED&C)	288-0-0 A
Hankin *	James	927	8 Date Street, Seaforth Foreman in Charge, Liverpool Cartage Co	91-0-0 A
Harrison	George Keith	720	61 Ravenswood Road, Clifton, Gloucestershire Clerk, Elders & Fyffes (prev. w. ED&C)	28-0-0 27-0-0 A
Harrison *	Richard William	935	52 Graig Street [sic], Liverpool [Grain St?] Foreman Stevedore, ED&C	93-12-0 D
Harrison *	Sarah Jane, widow of John Harrison	995	24 Barbara Street [abolished], Liverpool Foreman Stevedore, ED&C	130-0-0 D
Henderson *	Edward Greener	695	7 Stargate, Ryton-on-Tyne, Newcastle Accountant, Nigerian Dry Dock & Engineering Co	60-0-0 A
Hendrick *	Harold Herbert	651	39 Liscard Grove, Liscard Assistant, Winnebah (Gold Coast) Boating Co	225-0-0 72-5-0 A
Henry *	Cecil Augustus Silvera	661	Constant Spring Hotel, St Andrew Parish, Jamaica Cashier, Jamaica Hotels Ltd	52-0-0 45-10-0 A
Howie *	James	840	'Vine Cottage', Ripley, Surrey and Cape Coast Manager, Bank of British West Africa (various loc.)	275-0-0 D (no proof)
Hunter *	Alfred William	874	70 Bridge Street, Birkenhead Clerk, ED&C Wharfinger's Office	46-16-0 A
Johnson *	Edmund A T Akesoneja	910	Broad Street, Lagos, S. Nigeria Clerk, Bank of British West Africa	200-0-0 50-0-0 A
Jones	James Pickering	858	c/o Lagos Stores Ltd, Stanley Street, Liverpool Manager, Lagos Stores	600-0-0 D (no proof)
Jones *	William Jenkin	866	Llwy-Teg, Turberville Street, Maesteg, Glamorgan Clerk, Elder's Navigation Collieries	91-0-0 C 45-10-0 A
Jones *	William	870	Arnant House, Heolfain, Maesteg, Glamorgan Clerk, Elder's Navigation Collieries	78-0-0 91-0-0 A
Kemp	Charles John Murray	721	Lomond Bank, Balmaha, Drymen, Scotland Clerk, Elders & Fyffes Glasgow (prev. w. ED&C)	51-0-0 A
Langford *	Thomas	806	94 Belgrave Road, Liverpool Foreman, ED&C Labouring Dept	117-0-0 A
Lees *	Charles	313	Landa Wickwar, Gloucestershire Superintendent Engineer, ED&C Bristol	300-0-0 200-0-0 A

Lewis *	John Llewelyn	434	Hotel Pino De Oro, Santa Cruz, Teneriffe [sic] Hotel Manager	150-0-0 D
Lindo *	Arthur Blain	554	69½ Church Street, Kingston, Jamaica Wharfinger's Clerk, ED&C Kingston	156-0-0 D
Lobb *	James Alroy	857	120 Earlston Road, Liscard Purser (pref. w. ED&C)	274-10-0 D
Lugg *	Francis Davey	297	Bosabreene, Penzance Marine Superintendent, ED&C London	200-0-0 133-6-8 A
Lythgoe *	Thomas	877	233 Beaufort Street, Liverpool Timber Checker, ED&C	78-0-0 A
Machin	Charles Bryant	724	23 Stanley Avenue, St Andrews, Bristol, Glos. Clerk, Elders & Fyffes (prev. w. ED&C)	33-0-0 A
Martyr *	Joseph Walter Cook	1082	Cape Town, South Africa Chief Shipping Superintendent, ED&C Cape Town	600-0-0 D
Miller	Cecil William Davies	861	64 Hampstead Road, Liverpool Clerk, Bank of British West Africa	20-0-0 D
Mills *	James John Cornish	813	48 Lidderdale Road and Forcados, S. Nigeria Agent at Forcados	450-0-0 D
Milner	Ernest Edward	723	63 Morton Hall Road, Wimbledon, London Clerk, Elders & Fyffes (prev. w. ED&C)	396-0-0 A
Moore *	George Frederick	380	11 Rue du Transvaal, Zurenborg, Antwerp Chief Clerk, ED&C Antwerp	350-0-0 A
Moore *	George Henry	747	10 Ruby Street, Liverpool Foreman Stevedore, ED&C	93-12-0 A
Morris *	John Armour, executor for John Edwards	4	Colonial House Clerk, ED&C	160-0-0 A
Morrison *	Alice Ann, Power Att. for William Ritchie M.	847	48 Ancaster Road, Aigburth, Liverpool Chief Ship's Engineer, ED&C	270-0-0 D
Murphy *	Michael	932	3 Albion Street, Stoneycroft, Liverpool Foreman Stevedore, ED&C	169-0-0 D
Nunes	Manuel Luiz	1086	100 Imperatriz D. Amelia Street, Funchal, Portugal Customs House Clerk, Madeira	not specified 9-0-0 A
O'Connor *	William	1050	New Lincoln Road, St Andrew, Jamaica Chief Dining Steward, Jamaica	26-0-0 D
Ojeda *	Miguel	571	Calle Perdomo No. 5, Las Palmas Clerk, Grand Canary Coaling Co	120-0-0 27-15-8 A
Park *	Thomas	863	66 Dombey Street, Liverpool Freight Receiver, ED&C	93-12-0 A
Parker *	James	905	33 Cantsfield Street, Liverpool Engineering Foreman, ED&C	33-15-0 D
Parry *	Thomas	899	9 Tay Street, Dingle, Liverpool Crane Driver, previously Clerk, ED&C	88-0-0 D

Parsons	James John	838	c/o Solicitors, 41 North John Street Junior Clerk, ED&C Avonmouth	32-10-0 D
Peacock	Stanley James	725	34 Maitland Park Road, Haverstock Hill, London Stores Clerk, Elders & Fyffes (prev. w. ED&C)	78-0-0 39-0-0 A
Pederson	Arthur Alexander	882	55 Ashfield, Picton Road, Wavertree, Liverpool Clerk, ED&C [to 1908]	71-0-0 D
Perez *	Francisco Chica	472	Las Palmas, Grand Canary Printer, ED&C Grand Canary	49-0-0 A
Petty	Thomas Henry Jacob	898	Bank Place, Pill, Bristol, Glos. Engine Room Shore Staff Labourer	39-0-0 D (no proof)
Pollock	Malcolm McCallum	889	c/o McBride, Mount Florida, Glasgow Chief Marine Engineer	204-0-0 D (no proof)
Pugh *	Richard Hildor	679	167 Netherfield Road North, Liverpool Claims Clerk, Sekondi Lighterage & Hotel Co	300-10-0 183-0-0 A
Quallo *	Lewis Christopher	997	Constant Spring Hotel, Jamaica Hotel Electrician, ED&C Jamaica	21-2-6 D
Rees *	Daniel	660	'The Hollies', Maesteg, Glamorgan General Manager, Elder's Navigation Collieries	125-0-0 83-6-8 A
Rees	William Arthur	726	'Streasley', Beachwood Av., Kew Gardens, Surrey Clerk, Elders & Fyffes London (prev. w. ED&C)	72-0-0 A
Robertson *	William Alexander	484	414 Old Chester Road, Rock Ferry Clerk in Charge, Hotel Metropole, Madeira	400-0-0 66-10-4 A
Roby	Henry	435	Hotel Pino De Oro, Santa Cruz, Teneriffe [sic] Clerk, Pino De Oro Hotel	43-15-0 6-5-0 A
Rogers *	Jesse	757	109 Blythswood Street, Liverpool Foreman Tinsmith	130-0-0 A
Ronchetti *	Calimero M	848	37 West 91 st Street, Manhattan, New York Assistant Hotel Manager, Constant Spring Hotel	30-0-0 D
Ross	William Lecky	727	185B Liverpool Road, Patricroft, Manchester Shore Steward's Clerk, E & Fyffes (prev. w. ED&C)	54-0-0 A
Sauerbrei *	John	478	Hotel Metropole, Las Palmas, Grand Canary Manager, Hotel Metropole	200-0-0 D
Savage	Eustace Maxwell	887	c/o African Oil Mills Ltd, Colonial House Secretary, African Oil Mills	125-0-0 D (no proof)
Scattie *	Louis	663	Constant Spring Hotel, St Andrew Parish, Jamaica Hotel Manager, Constant Spring Hotel	150-0-0 D
Scott	William George Clarkson	728	48 Coniston Road, Muswell Hill, Middlesex Book-keep Clerk, Elders & Fyffes (prev. w. ED&C)	30-0-0 A
Scott	Thomas	862	13 Madeira Street, Dundee Chief Engineer	240-0-0 D (no proof)
Sharp	Robert	859	The Farm, Purton, Berkeley, Gloucester Chief Marine Engineer	208-0-0 D (no proof)

Sherman *	Robert	1031	6 Gwendolyn Street, Liverpool African Labour Overlooker, ED&C	39-0-0 D
Sinnett *	William	934	50 Corn Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool Foreman Stevedore, ED&C	93-12-0 D
Sloan	Thomas William	729	69 Helix Road, Brixton, London Clerk, Elders & Fyffes (prev. w. ED&C)	60-0-0 A
Stockley *	Arthur Henry	731	14 Addison Crescent, London Manager, Elders & Fyffes London (prev. w. ED&C)	2750-0-0 D
Sutcliffe *	William	880	27 Greenleaf Street, Smithdown Road, Liverpool Shipwright, ED&C	105-0-0 D
Talbot	Arthur Ernest	696	48 Serpentine Road, Liscard Manager, Nigerian Dry Dock & Engineering Co	91-10-0 D
Taubman	Edgar William	733	5 Richmond Crescent, Cardiff, Glamorgan Junior Clerk, Elders & Fyffes (prev. w. ED&C)	15-0-0 A
Taylor *	Joseph	653	Calabar, West Africa Shorthand Clerk, Forcados Shipping Labour Bureau	56-5-0 A
Taylor *	William	965	68 Selborne Street, Liverpool Wharfinger's Dept Clerk, ED&C	78-0-0 A
Thomas	Robert John	856	c/o Solicitors, 20 Sir Thomas Street Clerk, African Oil Mills	120-0-0 D
Thomas *	David Walter	864	4 Queen Street, Maesteg, Glamorgan Clerk, Elder's Navigation Collieries	91-0-0 45-10-0 A
Thompson *	William Peter	196	47 The Elms, Dingle, Liverpool Chief Superintendents' Clerk, ED&C	800-0-0 A
Thompson	William Davies	732	3 Avenue Road, Southampton Clerk in Charge, Elders & Fyffes (prev. w. ED&C)	132-0-0 A
Thorpe *	Charles Edward	891	120 Northbrook Street, Liverpool Crane Driver, ED&C	88-8-0 D
Tomkies	John	892	4 Rhyl Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool Crane Driver, ED&C	88-8-0 D (no proof)
Toner *	John	930	53 Grafton Street, Liverpool Foreman in Charge (Stables), Liverpool Cartage Co	117-0-0 D
Troughton *	Stephen	922	12 Birch Tree Road, Aigburth, Liverpool Store-keeper, Mersey Engine Works Co	17-11-0 D
Turnbull *	Samuel	817	111 Upper Parliament Street, Liverpool Marine Surveyor, ED&C	200-0-0 D
Tyler *	Thomas Richard	332	'Loanda', Shirehampton, Bristol Assistant to Superintendent, ED&C Avonmouth	109-4-0 72-16-0 A
Vansie *	Thomas Henry	665	Constant Spring Hotel, St Andrew Parish, Jamaica Hotel Porter, Constant Spring Hotel	36-8-0 D
Voules *	Frank Herbert Newman	278	4 St Mary's Axe, London Confidential Clerk, ED&C London	375-0-0 200-0-0 A

Walkelin	Sydney John	734	34 Dartmouth Park Hill, London Statistical Clerk, Elders & Fyffes (prev. w. ED&C)	66-0-0 A
Whittingham *	John	992	28 Elwy Street, Liverpool Painter's Asst Foreman in Charge, ED&C	96-4-0 D
Wilde *	Edward	929	17 Vronhill Street, Liverpool Foreman in Charge, Saddlery, Liverpool Cartage Co	78-0-0 D
Wilkie *	James Bowyer	199	8 Southwood Road, Liverpool Superintendent, ED&C	750-0-0 A
Williams *	William	865	102 Bridgend Road, Maesteg, Glamorgan Clerk, Elder's Navigation Collieries	104-0-0 52-0-0 A
Williams *	Arthur	911	'Clontarf', Blundellsands Transport Clerk, Sekondi Lighterage & Hotel Co	50-0-0 59-15-0 A
Williams *	Thomas	1083	8 Maesteg Road, Maesteg, Glamorgan Coke Foreman, Elder's Navigation Collieries	78-0-0 D
Wilson *	William	872	15 Roache Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool Crane Driver, ED&C	78-0-0 D
Wilson	Thomas	884	65 Copperfield Street [abolished] (Toxteth) Crane Driver, ED&C	85-16-0 D (no proof)
Wilson	Richard	885	11 Paulton Street, Liverpool Donkeyman, ED&C	70-4-0 D (no proof)
Wood	Jno. Theodore	881	c/o African Oil Mills Ltd, Colonial House Book-keeper, African Oil Mills	200-0-0 D (no proof)
Young	William Eaton	735	89 Alfred Street, Roath, Cardiff, Glamorgan Clerk, Elders & Fyffes Cardiff (prev. w. ED&C)	72-0-0 36-0-0 A

The **claims certificate of 7th July 1911** provides the following details of legacies and annuities under clauses 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 & 11 of the Will:-

Legacies:

Mary Isabel Pinnock (£1,500), O H Williams as trustee for Blanche Elizabeth Pinnock (£30,000), O H Williams as trustee for Florence Mary Williams (£20,000), O H Williams (£2,500), William Morris, gardener (£91-0-0), Fred Vickers, under-gardener (£62-8-0), Fred Forbes, under-gardener (£54-12-0), Charles Stant, gardeners' boy (£26-0-0), James Lancaster, coachman (£93-12-0), Edith Lane, housemaid (£25-4-0), Mary Edwards, waitress (£25-4-0), Alice Mason, cook (£30-0-0), Matilda Bruce, professional nurse (£50-0-0), J Wardell, chauffeur (£104-0-0), Florence Mary Bolt, charwoman (£23-8-0).

Annuities:

Mary Isabel Pinnock (£2,000 per annum during her life)
W R Farrar, husband of a sister of A L Jones (£156-0-0 during his life)

Appendix 2: the Hinderton Estate

An aspect of the Will which it was not possible to comment upon within the printed version of this article concerns the fate of the Hinderton Estate. 281 acres of freehold land in the parish of Neston were purchased in 1906 as a Building Estate, two-thirds owned by Alfred Jones and one-third by Owen Harrison Williams on a mortgage of £24,000 from the Bank of British West Africa. By the time of the death of Alfred Jones, with some of the land having been sold, the Estate comprised 228 acres of undeveloped freehold land, other freehold land containing two houses which had been built on Hinderton Road and which were let out to Mrs Swindell (£75 annual rental) and Mr Henderson (£80 pa). Two other houses had been built and sold. An Electric Light Works had been erected and a mains supply had been provided for these and neighbouring properties, with most of the land being rented out to a local farmer, Mr Thomas Ball of Hinderton, on an annual tenancy (£365.8.0 pa).

Because of the executor's conflict of interest, in 1913 the Attorney General suggested that Williams should sell to the Alfred Jones Estate his one-third share (£2,420 of his own money which he had personally invested in addition to his share of the mortgage of £24,000) *'so that the Hinderton Estate can be sold free from all charges'*, and this was carried out.

However, whilst the Attorney General proposed that the Hinderton Estate (and eventually Oaklands as well) should be sold by public auction, the executor preferred the sale to be to

a Trust and Estate Company intended to be called the Sir Alfred L. Jones Trust and Estate Company Limited and having a capital of £60,000 divided into shares of £1 each all the shares in which will form part of the Testators estate and can be distributed amongst charities with the approval of this Court.

With property market conditions judged to be unsuitable for a successful auction, the executor's preference subsequently prevailed, the Company was registered on 13th December 1913, and it took over ownership of the Hinderton Estate along with stocks and shares from other parts of Alfred Jones' Estate to make up the nominal total of £60,000.

The Attorney General insisted that when the Trust and Estate Company came to make gifts to charities out of this nominal total (either by transferring shares or by selling them and transferring the proceeds) that *'such Charitable Institutions shall permanently associate the testator's name "with the said gifts in an approved manner"'*. Most of the gifts in the 11th July 1914 Interim Scheme (ref. 32) involved such transfers, and several were for hospital beds *'to be named after the Testator'*.

With the Hinderton Estate remaining as part of Alfred Jones' Estate, it thus became possible for the executor to arrange for some of the land itself to be made available to charities. One of those which benefited to the extent of £6,800 was *Liverpool Holiday Camps (Incorporated)* for purchasing land to form a holiday camp for boys and young men. By July 1917 this had proved so successful that Williams proposed '*to make a further gift in stocks of the present value of about £350 to assist in providing the expense of equipping the camp with buildings, cricket pitch, swimming bath, etc*'.

A second charity which had received a gift (£1,800 in the 1914 Interim Scheme) was the *Liverpool Ladies Association for the Care and Training of Girls* (also known as the *Seaside Laundry and Training Home*). The Association had branch premises at Ashton House, Parkgate, which '*carried on as a Laundry and Training Home for high grade defective girls and women*' (to quote the Secretary of the Finance Committee of Ashton House), but the building had become unsatisfactory. The intention had been for £1,200 of the gift to be used to purchase four acres of land on the Hinderton Estate, for £500 to be used to build a new Training Home, and for the remaining £100 to be used for laying out the gardens. However, following the intervention of the war and the subsequent increase in building costs, the Home was never built and, in October 1920, the gift was transferred to assist in the purchase of an existing house, *Thorn Heys*, in Birkenhead, and the land reverted to the A L Jones Trust Fund.

Clause 2 of the 1914 Interim Scheme also proposed setting aside £5,000 for land on the Hinderton Estate '*to be devoted to the encouragement of physical and military training and rifle shooting in England*', and General Kyffin Taylor had proposed that the land (about 40 acres) be taken over by the West Lancashire Territorial Army and used for the proposed purposes. Again, with the war having intervened, by January 1924 it was clear that '*No scheme has yet been sanctioned by the Court*', and that the proposal was no longer practicable. The value of the land having declined to approximately £4,000, a cash sum was transferred to the West Lancashire T A Association.

The eventual disposal by the executor of the land at Hinderton Estate is noted in an audit of the accounts for 30th September 1929 as having involved a loss of £799-10-0. Aerial photographs today suggest that much of this area has been retained as farm land.

Hinderton Estate information has been compiled from the following **CLD** items:

55.1. *Sir Alfred Lewis Jones Deceased. Particulars of the Hinderton Estate situate in the Parish of Neston in the County of Chester*. Undated, but accompanying the Accounts of 30th September 1911.

55.2. *Hinderton Estate. Statement and suggested Scheme for consideration of the Attorney General. Exhibit marked "OHW1" referred to in the Affidavit of Owen Harrison Williams sworn before me this 30th day of May 1913, Gilbert Cowie, A Commissioner*.

55.3. Draft *Instructions* to John Rutherford from Garnett, Tarbet & Co and draft *Summons*, both 29th May 1913.

55.4. Draft *Affidavit of William Ross*, local secretary of the Bank of British West Africa (through which the mortgage was obtained).

55.5. *Affidavit of Theodore Garnett*, 31st May 1913, and *Williams v Attorney General. Order*, 2nd June 1913.

55.6. *Owen Harrison Williams Esq to Mr Thomas Foggett on behalf of the Sir Alfred L Jones Trust and Estate Company Limited. Agreement for Sale*, 19th November 1913 (subsequently reappearing on 3rd May 1928 as "OHW15").

55.7. *Affidavit of the Plaintiff*, 20th November 1913.

55.8. *Brief on behalf of the Attorney General of the Duchy*, 8th July 1914, for John Rutherford. Ditto, 20th July 1914.

55.9. *Affidavit of the Plaintiff*, 2nd July 1917.

55.10. *Brief on behalf of the Attorney General*, 15th October 1920, for Henderson McMaster.

55.11. Draft *Affidavit of the the Plaintiff*, undated but referred to in the Brief as 'sworn October 1920'.

55.12. *Draft Scheme for the application of a sum of £4,000 pursuant to an Order dated [blank]. Settled H P Glover 14th Jany/24.*

55.13. Correspondence, Forwood & Williams to Garnett, Tarbet & Co, 17th January 1924.

55.14. *Order*, 12th May 1924 to pay £4,000 to the T A Association.

55.15. *Report on Accounts to 30th September 1929*. James Todd, Chartered Accountant, Winckley Square, Preston.

Appendix 3

The first page of the 31 objects of the Cape Coast Castle Boating Company Ltd (incorporated 5th January 1903), one of several companies which Alfred Jones set up and controlled in order to support his main Elder Dempster business interests. The 1100 legacy claims included eight from employees of this company, seven of which were allowed.

THE COMPANIES ACTS, 1862 TO 1900.

COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES.

Memorandum of Association

OF

**THE CAPE COAST CASTLE BOATING
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

1. The name of the Company is "THE CAPE COAST CASTLE BOATING COMPANY, LIMITED."
2. The Registered Office of the Company will be situate in England.
3. The objects for which the Company is established are :—
 - (1) To carry on at Cape Coast Castle, in the Gold Coast Colony, or elsewhere in the West African Colonies, the business of transporters and carriers of passengers and cargo from the beach to shipboard, and *vice versa* by means of surf boats, lighters or other craft.
 - (2) To purchase or otherwise acquire, take upon lease, construct, maintain, establish, work and use in the West African Colonies, or elsewhere, wet and dry docks, slips, quays, wharves, piers, workshops, machinery, warehouses, buildings, yards, and every kind of property, structure, appliance, and thing necessary or useful for the accommodation, loading, discharging, repairing, fitting-out, victualling, equipment, salving and assistance of vessels and shipping.
 - (3) To build, charter, equip, load on commission, sail, repair, let out to hire, trade or otherwise deal with steam or other ships, boats and vessels of all kinds or any part or parts or shares thereof respectively.

Appendix 4

The remaining three pages of the Certificate of 16th April 1913 (see fig 16).

Name of Charity.	Amount of Gift.	Method of Payment.
Liverpool Central Relief and Charity Organisation Society	£5,000	£2500 Cash. £2,451 Elder, Dempster & Co. Ltd. 5% Debenture Stock.
Lancashire (Navy League) and National Sea Training Homes for Poor Boys	£5,000	£3,000 Cash. £1,961 Elder, Dempster & Co. Ltd. 5% Debenture Stock.
Liverpool Council of Voluntary Aid	£5,000	£4902 Elder, Dempster & Co. Ltd. 5% Debenture Stock.
Missions to Seamen	£3,000	£2941 Do.
Plaintiff	£3,000	Appropriated in Estate Accounts.
Hospital for Women, Shaw Street, Liverpool	£3,000	Cash.
Home for Epileptics, Maghull	£3,000	Do.
Liverpool Seamen's Orphan Institution	£3,000	£2941 Elder, Dempster & Co. Ltd. 5% Debenture Stock.
Church of England Homes for Waifs and Strays (Liverpool Diocese)	£2,000	£1961 Do.
Infirmary for Children, Liverpool	£2,000	£1961 Do.
General Mission Fund of the Parish of St. Mary, Walton, Liverpool	£2,000	Cash.
Trustees of the Officers Provident Fund of the Bank of British West Africa.	£2,000	£1961 Elder, Dempster & Co. Ltd. 5% Debenture Stock.
Official Trustees of Charitable Funds	£2,000	£1900 Bond of Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, redeemable 1st January 1921. £1922 13 9 Cash 77 6 3
Plaintiff	£2,000	Appropriated in Estate accounts.
Mersey Mission to Seamen.	£1,500	£1471 Elder, Dempster & Co. Ltd. 5% Debenture Stock
Children's Convalescent Home, West Kirby.	£1,200	£1176 Do.
Liverpool Stanley Hospital.	£1,000	£980 Do.
Liverpool Shipbrokers Benevolent Society.	£1,000	£980 Do.
Samaritan Hospital for Women, Upper Parliament Street, Liverpool.	£1,000	£980 Do.
Colonial Nursing Association.	£1,000	£980 Do.
Liverpool Sanatorium, Kingswood, Delamere Forest.	£1,000	£980 Do.
David Lewis Northern Hospital, Liverpool.	£1,000	£980 Do.
Royal Liverpool Country Hospital for Children, Heswall.	£1,000	£980 Do.

Name of Charity.	Amount of Gift.	Method of Payment.
Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool	£1,000	£980 Elder, Dempster & Co. Ltd. 5% Debenture Stock.
Governing Body of St. Chad's Hall, Durham	£1,000	Cash.
Bristol Royal Infirmary, Marlborough Street, Bristol	£1,000	£980 Elder, Dempster & Co. Ltd. 5% Debenture Stock.
Handel Cossham Memorial Hospital, Kings- wood, Bristol	£1,000	£980 Do.
Liverpool Central Relief and Charity Organ- ization Society	£1,000	£980 Do.
Liverpool Summer Camp for Destitute Boys	£700	£686 Do.
Hoylake and West Kirby Cottage Hospital	£500	£490 Do.
Home for Crippled or Incurable Children	£500	£490 Do.
Stewart Jones' Children's Evening Homes	£500	£490 Do.
Liverpool Ladies' Sanitary Association	£500	£490 Do.
Salvation Army (Garston Branch)	£500	Cash.
Royal Albert Institution, Lancaster	£500	£490 Elder, Dempster & Co. Ltd. 5% Debenture Stock.
Liverpool Maternity Hospital and Ladies' Charity, Brownlow Hill	£500	£490 Do.
St. Paul's Eye Hospital, Liverpool	£500	Cash.
Liverpool Ladies' Association for the care and training of girls.	£500	£490 Elder, Dempster & Co. Ltd. 5% Debenture Stock.
Children's Aid Society.	£500	£490 Do.
Royal National Lifeboat Institution (Liverpool Ladies' Auxiliary Collection).	£300	£294 Do.
Seaside Laundry and Training Home, Ashton House, Parkgate	£250	£245 Do.
The Gordon Hall Young Women's Christian Association, Liverpool	£250	£245 Do.
Hornby Hall, 72, Princes Road, Liverpool	£200	Cash.
Girls' Friendly Society, Liverpool Lodge	£200	Cash.
Liverpool Police Court and Prison Gate Mission	£200	£196 Elder, Dempster & Co. Ltd. 5% Debenture Stock.
Birkenhead and Wirral Children's Hospital	£200	Cash.

Name of Charity.	Amount of Gift.	Method of payment.
Girls' Home for Domestic Training, Dingle Lane, Liverpool	£200	Cash.
Society for the Relief of Sick and Distressed Needlewomen, Liverpool	£200	£196 Elder, Dempster & Co. Ltd. Debenture Stock. 5" ₆
Rural Midwives' Association, 47, Victoria Street, London, S.W.	£200	£196 Do.
Self Help Emigration Society, 39, Memorial Hall Buildings, Farringdon Street, London, E.C.	£100	Cash.
Trustees of Liverpool Cathedral Fund	£4,000	Do.
Liverpool University	£1,000	Do.
The Rev. Canon Charles Frederick Roberts and Thomas Hussey, Trustees of Church House, Llanddulas	£660	Do.
Liverpool Dental Hospital	£500	Do.
University of Liverpool, School of Russian Studies	£300	Do.
Trustees of Liverpool Institute,	£150	Do.
Liverpool Royal Southern Hospital, Out-patients' Department	£100	Do.
West Indian African Mission	£100	Do.
Liverpool Day Industrial Schools' Camp, Newton, Cheshire	£50	Do.
The Rector and Churchwardens of Llanddulas, towards Chime of Bells for Llanddulas Church	£40	Do.

F. Willis Taylor.

Registrar.

Appendix 5

One of several supplemental schemes for specific charities (see figs 20-22).

Fos. 5

1910.—Letter J.—No. 519.

1912.—Letter J.—No. 826.

In the Chancery of the County Palatine of Lancaster.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

Wednesday, the 3rd day of December, 1913.

In the Matter of the Estate of SIR ALFRED LEWIS JONES, deceased.

BETWEEN OWEN HARRISON WILLIAMS - - Plaintiff,

AND

HIS MAJESTY'S ATTORNEY AND SERJEANT

within the County Palatine of Lancaster - Defendant.

IN PURSUANCE of the directions given to me by the Orders in this action dated the 19th December 1910 and the 7th July 1913 and having been attended by Counsel and Solicitors for the plaintiff and defendant I hereby certify as follows:—

I have settled the Scheme in the form set forth in the Schedule hereto for the payment and application of the sum of £2000 being the legacy referred to in paragraph 16 of the Schedule to my Report in this action dated the 5th February 1913.

THE SCHEDULE.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEME pursuant to Clause 16 of the Scheme dated the 5th day of February 1913.

1.—The following Stocks, viz.:—

- (a) £582 13 8. India $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ Stock.
- (b) £574 18 0. New South Wales $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ Stock Redeemable 1930/50
- (c) £556 18 3. Dominion of Canada $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ Stock Redeemable 1930/50
- (d) £514 4 8. Union of South Africa 4% Stock Redeemable 1943/63

shall be transferred by the plaintiff to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners as a benefaction to be held by them for the augmentation of the endowment of the Rectory of Llanddulas in the Diocese of St. Asaph and County of Denbigh and to be met by the said Commissioners with a grant of £250 out of their Common Fund to be permanently secured for the further augmentation of the endowment of the said Rectory.

2.—The Charity hereby created shall be known as "The Sir Alfred L. Jones Llanddulas Benefice Augmentation Fund."

F. WILLIS TAYLOR,

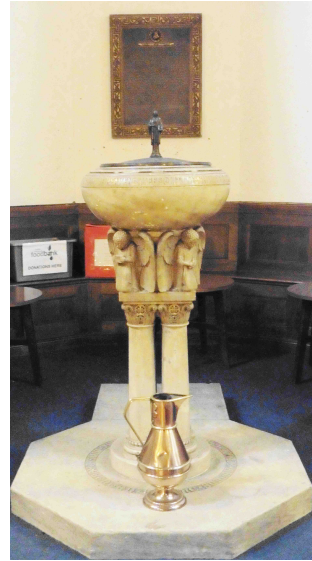
J. B. Blackburne
Deputy Registrar.



Made 3 Dec 1913

Appendix 6

Memorial plaque on the baptistry wall of All Souls, Springwood.
The foundation stone laid by Florence Mary Williams
is on the outer side of this wall (behind the blue sign in fig 25).

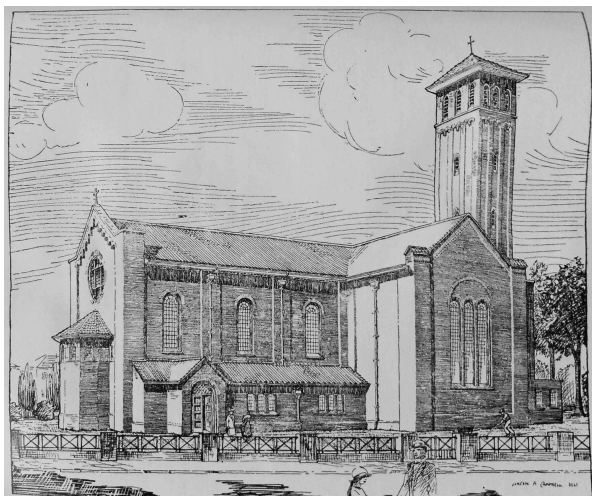


From the All Souls souvenir handbook. Courtesy Carol Hewitt.

A Short History of The Church and Parish of All Souls, Springwood.

May, 1948, is an important date in the short history of the Church of All Souls. Twenty-one years ago—May 21st, 1927—the building was consecrated by the late Lord Bishop of Liverpool, Dr. A. A. David, and set apart for public worship for all time within the diocese of Liverpool. The total cost of the fabric alone was £25,000. The style, considered one of the finest in the country is Byzantine (general in period 320—1,000 A.D.), the Architects being Messrs. Campbell and Honeybourne, Liverpool. The cost of the building was provided for out of the Estate of the late Sir Alfred Jones, the Trustees stipulating that this money was to be expended solely on the fabric.

A legacy of £10,000 in the Will of Sir Alfred Jones had provided for the building of a Church in the Mossley Hill area, but later the Liverpool Corporation scheme for a residential estate at Springwood (Allerton) made the need of a Church more urgent there, so the Trustees agreed to the suggestion of the Late Bishop Chavassee to transfer the project to Springwood. The estimated cost of the building of the Architects' plans, however, came to double the money then available. After a suggestion was made to build the Chancel and leave the Nave for completion later, the Trustees, appreciating such an enormous task for a Parish just formed, agreed to bear the full cost of the Church building. This was a great relief, for the cost of the contents and furnishings were estimated to be £1,500, and this amount would have to be raised by very few people in a period of two to three years.



ARCHITECT'S DRAWING—ALL SOULS.
(South Aspect).

Appendix 7

Details from the allegorical Memorial at the Pier Head (see figs 14 & 15).

