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1.0 Abstract

This project is to discover information relating to the reported wreck of the schooner *SV Jane Ellen* for which there is a report (MADU Ref. 238) of it having gone aground on 14 October 1881 at Abererch, Caernarfonshire, Wales. The home port was given as Porthmadog (Fig. 1).

The Coflein report gives the *SV Jane Ellen* aground at Abersoch on 21st March 1887 and became a total loss.

The objective is to establish the facts relating to the wreck report and discover the circumstances leading up to the grounding and the outcome, together with any other relevant information.

The research is limited to information available on-line as access to libraries and record offices was not possible at this time due to the lockdown for the CORVID-19 pandemic.

Figure 1, Extract from MADU data-base

Ships aground at Abererch Oct. 1881

235	14/10/1881	Antech Packet	Abererch
236	14/10/1881	Dreadnought	Abererch
237	14/10/1881	Harkaway	Abererch
238	14/10/1881 *	Jane Ellen	Abererch
239	14/10/1881	St George	Abererch

Schooner	rc, ch		1832		235
Schooner	rc, iwj			home port: Barnmouth	236
Schooner	rc, ch, iwj			home port: Chester	237
Schooner	rc, iwj	78	1863	* iwj: 04-10-1881/ home port: Porthmadog	238
Brig	rc, ch, iwj				239

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2.5 Abbreviations

A list of abbreviations some of which used in report, i.e.

GAT	Gwynedd Archaeology Trust
IJNA	International Journal of Nautical Archaeology
MADU	Malvern Archaeological Diving Unit
NAS	Nautical Archaeology Society
NPRN	National Primary Resource Number
OS	Ordnance Survey
RCAHMW	Royal Commission on the Ancient & Historical Monuments of Wales
URL	Uniform Resource Locator

3.0 Introduction

This wreck is listed as one of five vessels driven aground on 14th October 1881 at Abererch. It seemed logical to examine the circumstances of all five and prepare a report for each. I hoped to discover information which would answer the following questions:

- What were the vessel's specifications?
- What historical information is available relating to the vessel?
- What was the story leading up to wrecking?
- What caused the wrecking?
- What has happened since the wrecking?
- Has anyone previously investigated or researched the vessel back story?
- Has anyone dived, recorded, surveyed or worked on the site?
- Has any salvage, etc. been carried out?
- Have there been any previous reports produced relating to the vessel?

4.0 Background

Prior to starting this research the only knowledge of the vessel and wreck was that given in the MADU data-base (Fig.2).

Figure 2, Extract SV Jane Ellen from MADU data base.

Welsh Wreck Web Research Project - Data Base (master)
 Shipwrecks of North Cardigan Bay (compiled by Sue Barker)

MADU Ref. No.	Date Wrecked	Name	Location 1	Location 2	Details
238	14/10/1881 *	Jane Ellen		Abererch	wrecked

Vessel Type	Matts	Ref.	L	B	D	L	B	D	Ton	Gross Ton	Net Ton	Year Built	Additional Notes
Schooner		cc. iwi									78	1863	* iwi: 04-10-1881/ home port: Porthmadog

And the R Cadwalader data-base (Fig. 3).

Figure 3, Extract from R Cadwalader data-base.

NAME	TYPE	BUILT	HOME PORT	DATE	LOCATION	NOTES
JANE ELLEN	SCH	1863	PMADOG	14/10/1881	ABERERCH	Built Pmadog 78nrt. Owner W.Lloyd Pmadoc. Wrecked at Abererch. Is this the same vessel in EH's list? Which says she was lost in an explosion on the Thames in 1887? If so, the above may have been a minor episode and the vessel salvaged.

5.0 Research Methodology

The following were used in this research:-

Acer Laptop with fast fibre wireless internet connection, I-phone.

Search engines used were

Google Chrome

AVG Secure Browser

Microsoft Office

Windows 10

Snip & Sketch

Methodology: first step to check out Coflein, but nothing there relating to this 'wreck' at Abersoch.

Then Lloyds Register. Porthmadog archive. Newspaper records. Crewlist.

List of sources,

Coflein: <https://www.coflein.gov.uk/en/site/search> No record of the beaching (Abererch)but good information on the vessels wrecking at Abersoch.

Lloyds Register of shipping: <https://hec.lrfoundation.org.uk/archive-library/lloyds-register-of-ships-online> - Lloyds Register, starting point. Records missing for some of the crucial years and a relevant page missing in one of the registers.

Library of Wales: <https://newspapers.library.wales/view/3310679/3310687/68/> - excellent for local news reports on the storm and beaching but could find nothing relating to the wrecking at Abersoch.

[The Cambrian News and Merionethshire Standard Archive](#)– good source.

<http://www.maritimearchives.co.uk/> - good to identify ships and for crew lists but none available for *SV Jane Ellen*

Crew lists and other documents: <http://www.crewlist.org.uk/about/findingoncrewlists> - good for dates but no crew information available

<http://shipbuildinghistory.com/shipyards/emergencylarge/foundation.htm>

https://content.libraries.wsu.edu/digital/collection/cchm_photo/id/6983/

<https://www.wrecksite.eu/wreck.aspx?33705>

<https://www.crewlist.org.uk/data/vesselsalpha?>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20070425234855/http://freespace.virgin.net:80/r.cadwalader/maritime/lifeboat/wreck.htm>

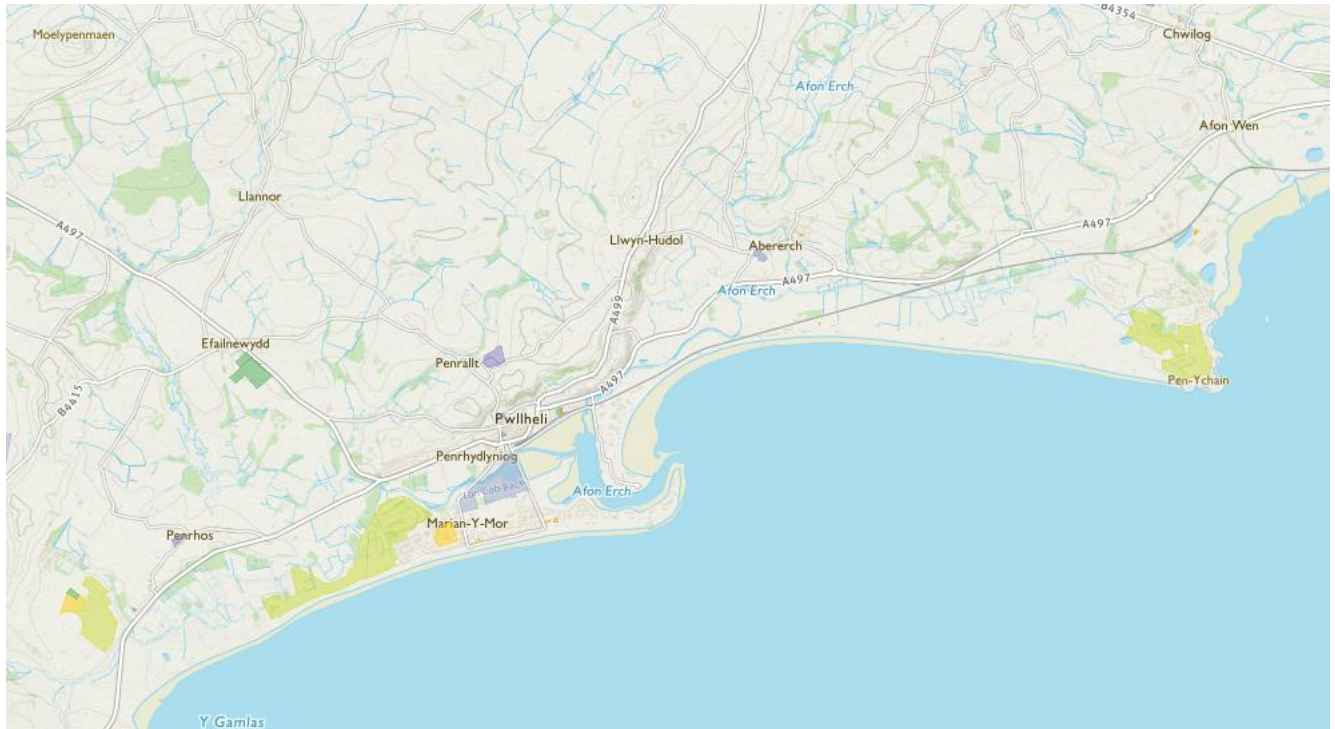
<https://southampton.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/FULL/WPAC/BIBENQ/>

https://www.festipedia.org.uk/wiki/Portmadoc_Maritime - historical info on Portmadoc but limited info on ships built there.

6.0 Results

The site of the beaching is given as Abererch referring to the sands about 1 mile East of Pwllheli at the North of Cardigan Bay

Figure 4, Location of Abererch sands.



Site map showing location of Abererch sands to East of Pwllheli.

- The *SV Jane Ellen* specification,**
 Built at Portmadoc (original spelling) 1863. Known to be a two-masted trading Schooner (top sail) intended primarily for the slate trade.
 Official number 44250. (Fig.6) 76Tons.
 Builders dimensions: keel length 66ft 10ins, Beam 18ft 11/2ins, depth of hold 9ft 41/2ins.
 Lloyds measurements are Length 72ft 5ins, Beam 18ft 5ins, depth 9ft 2ins. For further information see Appendix A.
- Background information,**
 The builder was Mr Wm. Griffith from Borth, who built the ship at Portmadoc, for Wm Lloyd of Portmadoc who had a Ship Chandlery and a Drapers business there. The ship was described as being 'an exceedingly neat and well-built vessel and for its size fully equals in every respect, any other ship which has hitherto been built in Portmadoc.' (Fig. 5). There is almost a hint in this description that this might have been the first ship built by Wm Griffith at Portmadoc. I could not find any reference to him or the *SV Jane Ellen* in the Portmadoc records that are available on-line. The ship was intended for the local slate trade.
 The Master Captain Owen Jones and the Owner Wm Lloyd seemed satisfied with the ship as they continued to operate it until at least 1873 and then with Master J Owens until 1880.

Figure 5, Extract from the North Wales Chronicle and Advertiser for the Principality, 6th June 1863

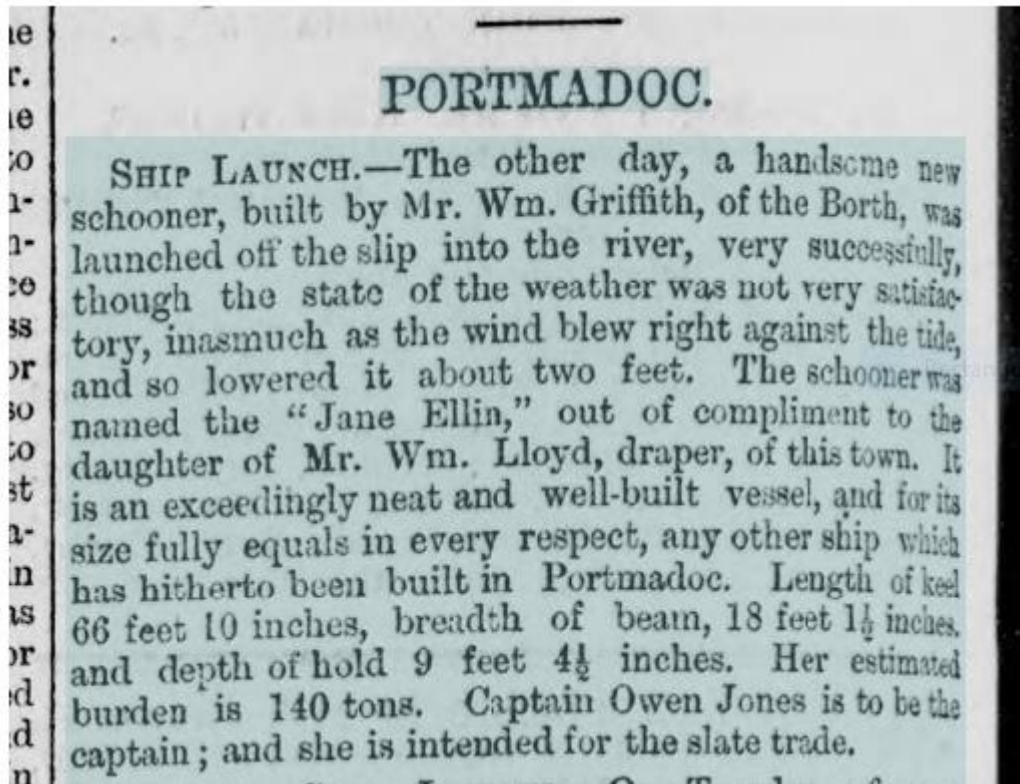


Figure 6, Extract from Appropriation book

Official No 44250. 76 Ton Schooner *Jane Ellen*, Registered Port Caernarvon.
24th July 1863

Appropriation Books, Official Numbers 44201 - 44250 (44250)

Image source [clip](#) CLIP images

Official Number.	Name of Ship.	Tonnage.	Whether Steam or Sailing Ship.	Port of Registry.	Date of Registry.	Occasion of Appropriation.	Date of Appropriation.
44,250	Jane Ellen	76	Sailing	Caernarvon	24 July 1863	First Reg.	24 July 1863
	Wingin	86			20		20
	Volunteer	115			23		11-4-4,3
	Sam Ellen	74			24		23

For a straightforward name the vessel has been confusingly misnamed during its life Viz. At the launch it was referred to, in the report (Fig. 5), as the *Jane Ellin* named by the owner with respect to his daughter. Now Elin is the Welsh equivalent of Ellen which is short for Helene which is interpreted as beauty or stylish and the Welsh Elin means strong and productive. The owner Wm. Lloyd had two daughters Mary and Jane Ellen he clearly intended the Schooner to be named after Jane Ellen.

In the Official number Appropriation record it is listed as *Jane Ellen*

The Mercantile Navy List of 1863 lists the vessel as the *Jane Ellen* of Carnarvon (Fig. 7).

Figure 7, Extract from the Mercantile Navy list 1863, No 44250 *Jane Ellen*, Carnarvon.

BRITISH REGISTERED VESSELS.

T.R.W.H to T.S.H.G.					T.S.H.J to T.S.P.G				
Off. No.	Signal Letters.	Name of Vessel, and Port of Registry.	Tons.	Horse Power.	Off. No.	Signal Letters.	Name of Vessel, and Port of Registry.	Tons.	Horse Power.
44151	T.R.W.H	Aaskalon of Liverpool	631	100	44241	T.S.H.J	Margaret Pugh of Carnarvon	628	
2	T.R.W.J				2	T.S.H.K	Infanta of Carnarvon	45	
3	T.R.W.K	R. D. Shepherd of Liverpool	846		3	T.S.H.L	Emma Annie of Carnarvon	72	
4	T.R.W.L	Queen of Liverpool	920		4	T.S.H.M	Pursuit of Carnarvon	89	
5	T.R.W.M	Argus of Liverpool	59		5	T.S.H.N	Grace Phillips of Carnarvon	85	
6	T.R.W.N	Maritana of Liverpool	1207		6	T.S.H.P	Princess of Wales of Carnarvon	163	
7	T.R.W.P	Whinfell of Liverpool	834		7	T.S.H.Q	Margaret Davies of Carnarvon	47	
8	T.R.W.Q	Aquila of Liverpool	198		8	T.S.H.R	Virgin of Carnarvon	86	
9	T.R.W.S	Colonia of Liverpool	51		9	T.S.H.V	Volunteer of Carnarvon	115	
44160	T.R.W.V	Phenologist of Liverpool	506		44250	T.S.H.W	Jane Ellen of Carnarvon	78	
1	T.S.B.C	Waverley of Liverpool	731		1	T.S.J.B	Artistic of Cardiff	173	

Extract Mercantile Navy List, 1880: showing entry for SV *Jane Ellen*

Mercantile Navy List, 1880, page 346 Ship: JANE ELLEN, Sail Image source: clip Crew List Index Proj

Year 1880 GO Page 346 GO

46 ALPHABETICAL LIST OF BRITISH REGISTERED SAILING VESSELS.

Official No.	Name of Ship and Port of Registry.	Rig.	Where built.	When built.	International Code Signal (if any).	Registered Tonnage.	Name and Address of Sole Registered Owner, or of Managing Owner when there are more Owners than One.
61525	Jane E. Hala, Halifax, N.S.	Bn.	Jordan River, N.S.	1870	..	107	Augustus W. West, Halifax, N.S.
25545	Jane Edwards, Arbroath	Sr.	Perth	1859	..	77	Alexander Petrie, West Mary St., Arbroath.
47804	Jane Edwards, Perth	Sk.	Perth	1864	V.Q.D.T	27	James Duncan, Macduff, Banffshire.
56195	Jane Elizabeth, Hull	Yl.	Scarborough	1867	..	42	Bayes Cowling, Filey, Yorkshire.
11198	Jane Ellen, Aberystwith	Sr.	Aberdovey	1856	K.R.P.L	83	Morgan Owens, Aberystwith.
44250	Jane Ellen, Carnarvon	Sr.	Portmadoc	1863	T.S.H.W	76	Wm. Lloyd, 3, High St., Portmadoc, Carnarvon.
58221	Jane Fairlie, Greenock	S.	Scilly	1872	L.D.S.P	361	Donald McLaren, Greenock.
54875	Jane Fenwick, Grimsby	Dy.	Sunderland	1866	..	58	Arthur Cullum, Grimsby.
76615	Jane Filmer, Rochester	Sr.	Woolwich	1866	..	58	Arthur Cullum, Grimsby.

The first appearance in the Lloyds Register is in 1865 (Appendix B) where the vessel No 44250 is listed as Jane Ellin and continued to be so referred until 1872 when Ellin is manually crossed out and Ellen typed in.

- **Historical Information,**
I have discovered the following historical information relating to the *SV Jane Ellen*, The *SV Jane Ellen* traded mostly around the Irish Sea and Bristol Channel carrying slate from Portmadoc and coal (on return passage). Generally incident free. There was a lifeboat service in 1867 to a 'Jane Ellen' but I believe that this was to an Aberystwyth based 35 Ton schooner.

Picture 2, Elsinore Bowl.



The Elsinor (Elsinore) Bowl Captain Jones and his wife Ellen received in 1867.



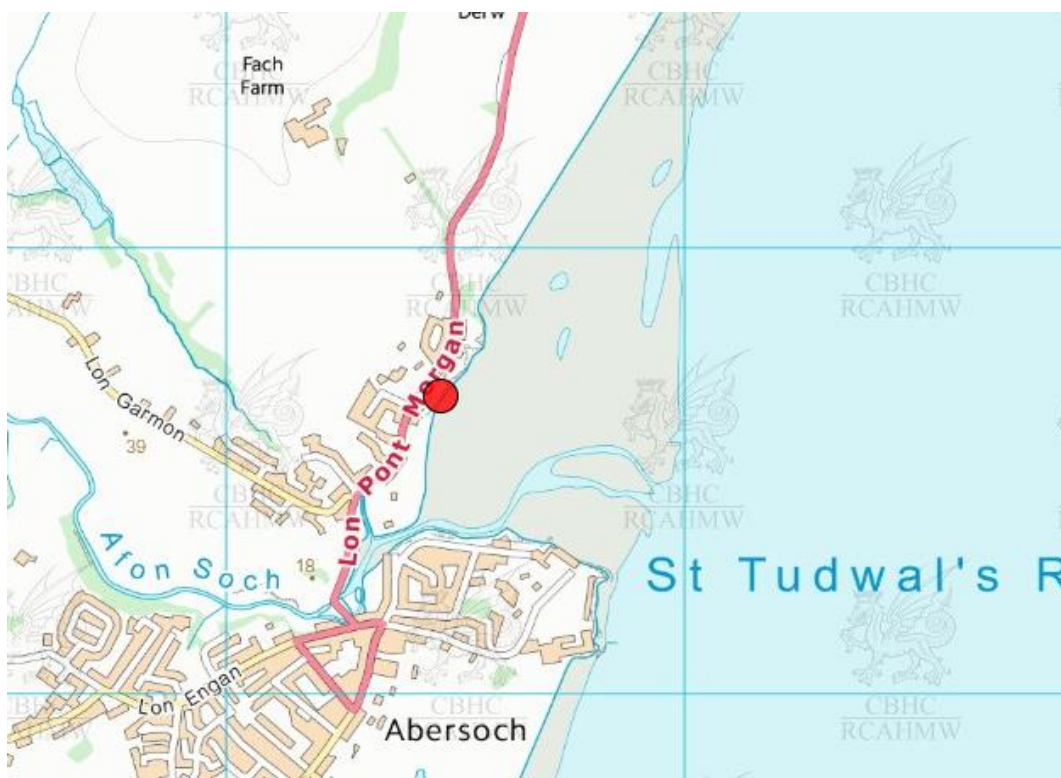
Some of the descendants of Capt. Jones who continued the maritime tradition.

- **Lead up to wrecking,** All we know is that the *SV Jane Ellen* was on passage from Pwllheli to Caernarfon and ran ashore at Abersoch (Fig. 8 Coflein report).

Figure 8, Extract from Coflein record of wreck in 1887

Coflein

SV JANE ELLEN



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NPRN 271506

Map Reference SH32NW

Grid Reference SH3146728667

Unitary (Local) Authority Maritime **Old County** Maritime **Community** Maritime

Type of Site: WRECK **Broad Class:** MARITIME **Period:** Post Medieval

Site Description Archaeological remains associated with the loss of this vessel are not confirmed as present at this location, but may be in the vicinity.

Event and Historical Information: The JANE ELLEN was a 76nt wooden schooner built in 1863. At time of loss on 21 March 1887, the vessel was owned by J Evans of Abererch (also the master). The vessel was on passage from Pwllheli to Caernarfon when it ran ashore at Abersoch in an east-south-easterly force 5.

Sources include: Board of Trade Wreck Return 1887 Appendix C Table 1 pg139 (905)
Larn and Larn Shipwreck Database 2002

Maritime Officer, RCAHMW, June 2010.

- **Cause of the wrecking**, Strong on-shore wind and poor navigation.

Figure 9, Map showing locations of Caernarfon, Pwllheli and Abersoch.



- **Since the wrecking** the ship was sold and dismantled.
- **Previous investigation or research of this vessel**,
The only previously documented information is that which is contained in the data bases.
- **The Site**,
As an aground wreck site there is nothing to record by diving or surveying at the site.
- **Additional Information**,
With research limited to on-line at the present time I have not been able to discover a copy of the builder's original plans or any photographs or drawings.
However I was very grateful to receive information from Deborah (Jones) Krisko, featuring the painting reproduced on the front cover of this report and the image and pictures at Picture 2, page 12.

- **Events encountered during the vessel's lifetime,**

Information given in the MADU data base and R Cadwalader data base and also in Henry Parry 'Wreck and Rescue on the Coast of Wales' record a beaching of the vessel on Abererch sands on the morning of the great storm of Oct 14th 1881. Ivor Wynne Jones in 'Shipwrecks of North Wales' Ed 3 1986 includes the *SV Jane Ellen* in his wreck map and Index but with no text indeed he has no reference to the 1881 storm or the many wrecks resulting. There is some debate as to whether this information confuses the *SV Jane Ellen* with the *SV John Ellis* which was the vessel beached at Abererch (along with four other ships) according to contemporary local newspaper (Appendix D).

It has been suggested that this account naming the *SV John Ellis*, Master Captain Willoughby of Portmadoc, is a misprint for the *SV Jane Ellen*. Unfortunately the Lloyds Register 1883 to 1889 are not available to verify this information, but the Mercantile Navy lists for the period list a Schooner *John Ellis* No 17363, 99 Tons, registered at Carnarvon, home port Portmadoc owned by John Ellis of Ralph Tar, Borth, Carnarvonshire. As this vessel was on passage to Copenhagen from Portmadoc it seems to me that the contemporary newspaper record is accurate and there is no reference in the newspaper reports to the *SV Jane Ellen*.

- **Passengers and crew,**

The *SV Jane Ellen* did not normally carry any passengers, her typical crew would comprise The Master, Mate, two Seamen, a Cook and a Boy.

- **Owners and Masters,**

Mr R Cadwalader has provided an extract from 'Porthmadog Ships' (Fig 10). This states in the second part that the *SV Jane Ellen* had nine owners including Owen Jones, the master. We do know that the owner at the wrecking 21st March 1887 was listed by Coflein as J Evans of Abererch who was also the Master (Fig. 8). It seems unlikely to me that the vessel changed hands seven times between 1881 and 1886. I believe that confusion has arisen due to Wm Lloyd Company having several shareholders (both family and others) and having shares in several ships during the period one of whom may well have been Captain Owen Jones following his retirement as Master.

I believe therefore that the *SV Jane Ellen* (44250) only had one owner. I could conjecture that if this vessel was indeed aground at Abererch (1881) and slightly damaged it could have prompted a sale to Captain J Evans of Abererch. Unfortunately the Lloyds Registers are not available for this period. I believe that Captain Owen Jones retired sometime in 1873 being replaced by Captain J Owens. In 1887 The Master was J Evans (of Abererch). I believe Wm Lloyd Co. remained the owners whilst J Evans was probably a shareholder.

The first part of the extract (Fig 10) refers to the vessel being lost in an explosion in the Thames. I believe that this is totally at odds with other evidence e.g. Coflein, and should be discounted. Interesting though that this account has J Evans as Master and Wm Lloyd Co. as owners.

Figure 10, Extract from "Porthmadog Ships" by Aled Eames and Emrys Hughes - 2009 edition

JANE ELLEN 76tn. 72.5 / 18.5 / 9.2. Built Porthmadog 1863 by Griffiths. Ma J Evans. Owners W Lloyd and others. Lost with all hands in an explosion on the Thames. The master had three sons on board at the time; only one of them was saved. 1887?

ON 44250. Sr. Built 19.5.1863 by William Griffiths. Reg Cn 23.7.1863 - 24. Ma Owen Jones. Nine owners include Owen Jones, Tremadog MM 24/64 and William Lloyd, PM draper 14/64. 21.3.1887 Wrecked near St Tudwal's Road. C/r lost. RC 9.4.1887.

7.0 Analysis

I believe that the conclusions arrived at are accurate and the only information that I could discover that in some way match the basic information provided in the data bases.

My concerns relate to the discrepancy between my conclusions and the data base viz,

The date: given as 14th Oct 1881 refers to the Beaching at Abererch the actual wrecking of this vessel occurred on 21st March 1887.

The vessel: given as 'Jane Ellen' – I have remarked on the possibility that in the incident at Abererch the vessel may have been as reported the *SV John Ellis*.

Wrecked: given as wrecked in MADU (Fig. 2) and in R Cadwalader (Fig. 3). Whichever vessel it actually was, it was driven onto the beach in the storm, but although very likely slightly damaged was re-floated and continued in service.

I was surprised that I could not find any local or newspaper reference to the 1887 wrecking of this local vessel.

8.0 Conclusions & Recommendations

I have probably spent approximately 25 hours on this project including about 14 hours on-line.

My account conflicts to some extent with the basic facts set out in the data bases but I believe that I have developed the most plausible account.

I do not believe that there is scope for any further development of this incident.

The eventual wreck of the vessel is documented in Coflein and all the dates coincide.

9.0 References

Lloyds Registers

Coflein

Plimsoll Project: Lloyds register entries

Mercantile Navy List

Library of Wales

RNLI The Life-Boat January 1st 1968

Festipedia

Crew List, Clip Files.

Ivor Wynne Jones 'Shipwrecks of North Wales' Ed 3 1986

Henry Parry 'Wreck and Rescue on the Coast of Wales'

Aled Eames 'Adventures in Sail'

R Cadwalader

Appendices:**Appendix A, Specification *SV Jane Ellen*.**

Vessel	Name/s	Jane Ellen		
	Type	Schooner		
		Coastal Cargo, Built for slate trade.		
Built	Date			
		Launched first week of June 1863		
		Commissioned July 1863		
	Builder	Wm. Griffiths		
		Borth		
Construction	Materials	Wood, Iron bolted.		
	Decks	Single		
	Bulkheads			
Propulsion	Type	Sail.		
	Details	Top sail Schooner, two masts.		
Dimensions	Length	72ft	5ins	m
	Beam	18ft	5ins	m
	Draught	9ft	2ins	m
Tonnage	Gross	76		
	Net			
Owner	First	Wm Lloyd		
		3 High Street, Portmadoc		
	Last	J Evans		
		Abererch		
	Others			
Registry	Port	Carnarvon, Portmadoc		
	Flag	British T.S.H.W.		
	Number	44250		
History	Routes	Irish Sea coastal trading		
	Cargo	Slate, Coal, Wood.		
Final Voyage	From	Pwllheli		
	To	Caernarfon		
	Captain	J Evans		
	Crew	5		
	Passengers	None		
	Cargo			
Wrecking	Date	21/03/1887		
	Location	Abersoch		
	Cause	Force 5 east-south-easterly wind. Poss. navigation error.		
	Loss of life	None		
	Outcome	Sold for dismantling		

Appendix B, Extract from Lloyds Register entries for the SV Jane Ellen.

Extract from Lloyds Register 1865.

1865-66.											JAN		
No.	Ships.	Masters.	Tons.	DIMENSIONS.			BUILD.		Owners.	Port belonging to.	Port of Survey and Destined Voyage.	Classification.	
				Length.	Breadth.	Depth.	Where.	When.				No. Years first assigned.	Character for Hull & Stores.
160	— Edwards	Sr A. Raitt	77	66·2	18·8	9·9	Perth	1859	J. Salmond	Arbroth	Mtr. Coaster	7	A 1
		pt. I.B.		Drp. 64			<i>D. Smeaton</i>						12,64
1	— Ellen	Sk E. Rees	35	46·7	14·4	8·0	Abryst	1851	E. Rees	Aberyst	Abs. Coaster	12	A 1
		I.B.		Srprs 64							Cont. 63-	4	2,64
2	—	Sr J. Richards	83	72·0	19·5	10·0	Abrdvy	1856	Morgan & Co	Aberdvy	Abs. Coaster	8	A 1
		I.B.		<i>O. & T. S. Srprs 64</i>							Cont. 64-	3	12,64
3	— Ellin	Sr O. Jones	76	72·5	18·5	9·2	Ptmade	1863	Lloyd & Co	Ptmade	Pmd. Baltic	8	A 1
		I.B.					<i>Griffiths 5mo.</i>						7,63
4	— Ewing	Sr Cormic	455	120·8	25·4	18·6	Grenck	1859	Brenan	London	Shl. Callers	13	A 1

1866-67.											JAN		
No.	Ships.	Masters.	Tons.	DIMENSIONS.			BUILD.		Owners.	Port belonging to.	Port of Survey and Destined Voyage.	Classification.	
				Length.	Breadth.	Depth.	Where.	When.				No. Years first assigned.	Character for Hull & Stores.
6	— Edwards	Sr A. Raitt	77	66·2	18·8	9·9	Perth	1859	J. Salmond	Arbroth	Mtr. Coaster	7	A 1
		pt. I.B.		Drp. 64			<i>D. Smeaton</i>						12,64
7	— Ellen	Sk E. Rees	35	46·7	14·4	8·0	Abryst	1851	E. Rees	Aberyst	Abs. Coaster	12	A 1
		I.B.		Srprs 64							Cont. 63-	4	2,64
8	—	Sr J. Richards	83	72·0	19·5	10·0	Abrdvy	1856	Morgan & Co	Aberdvy	Abs. Coaster	8	A 1
		I.B.		<i>O. & T. S. Srprs 64</i>							Cont. 64-	3	12,64
9	— Ellin	Sr O. Jones	76	72·5	18·5	9·2	Ptmade	1863	Lloyd & Co	Ptmade	Pmd. Baltic	8	A 1
		I.B.					<i>Griffiths 5mo.</i>						7,63
160	— Ferguson	Sr W. Ross	104	79·0	21·5	10·5	Findhn	1856	J. Ferguson	Invrness	Abn. Baltic	7	

1867-68.

JAN

No.	Ships.	Masters.	Tons.	DIMENSIONS.			BUILD.		Owners.	Port belonging to.	Part of Survey and Destined Voyage.	Classification.	
				Length.	Breadth.	Depth.	Where.	When.				No. Years first assigned.	Character for Hull&Stores
1	Edwards Sr pt.I.B.	A. Raitt	77	66.2	18.8	9.9	Perth	1859	J. Salmond	Arbroth	Mtr. Coaster	7	12,64
2	Ellen I.B.	Sk E. Rees	35	46.7	14.4	8.0	Abryst	1851	E. Rees	Aberyst	Abs. Coaster	12	A 1
3	 I.B.	Sr J. Richards	83	72.0	19.5	10.0	Abrdvy	1856	Morgan&c	Aberdvy	Abs. Coaster	8	A 1
4	Ellin I.B.	Sr O. Jones	76	72.5	18.5	9.2	Ptmde	1863	Lloyd&Co	Prtmade	Pmd. Baltic	8	A 1
5	Emily YM Apr 1866	Bg J. Jones	298	111.5	26.4	16.1	Sndrl'd	1866	Brewis&C	Sndrlnd	Sld. Medit.	9	A 1

1868-69.

JAN

Ships.	Masters.	Tons.	DIMENSIONS.			BUILD.		Owners.	Port belonging to.	Part of Survey and Destined Voyage.	Classification.	
			Length.	Breadth.	Depth.	Where.	When.				No. Years first assigned.	Character for Hull&Stores
1 Jane Davies pt.I.B.	Sr D. Davies	84	74.6	19.0	10.3	Bidefd	1858	D. Davies	Aberyst	Abs. Coaster	8	A 1
2 Doull I.B.	Bk J. Paige	417	137.3	30.0	14.7	N. Scot	1861	R.&J. Doull	Pictou	Glr. N. York	4	10,61
3 Duncan Y&YM 64 pt.I.B.	Sw J. Elliott	277	104.0	26.5	15.0	Seahm	1860	Elliott&Sn	Sndrlnd	Cif. Medit.	8	A 1
4 Edwards pt.I.B.	Sr A. Raitt	77	66.2	18.8	9.9	Perth	1859	J. Salmond	Arbroth	Mtr. Coaster	7	12,64
5 Ellen I.B.	Sk E. Rees	35	46.7	14.4	8.0	Abryst	1851	E. Rees	Aberyst	Abs. Coaster	12	A 1
6 I.B.	Sr J. Richards	83	72.0	19.5	10.0	Abrdvy	1856	Morgan&c	Aberdvy	Abs. Coaster	8	A 1
7 Ellin I.B.	Sr O. Jones	76	72.5	18.5	9.2	Ptmde	1863	Lloyd&Co	Ptmade	Pmd. Baltic	8	A 1

Extract from Lloyds Register 1869-70 listed as 'Jane Ellin'

1869-70.										JAN			
No.	Ships.	Masters.	Tons.	DIMENSIONS.			BUILD.		Owners.	Port belonging to.	Port of Survey and Destined Voyage.	Classification.	
				Length.	Breadth.	Depth.	Where.	When.				No. Years first assigned.	Character for Hull & Stores.
151	Jane Cargill Bk	J. Hill	225	109-0	24-1	14-4	Arbroth	1859	Cargill & C	Arbroth	Arb.	8	A 1
	pt.I.B.			Drp.61			Arb. S&C.				Cont. 67-	3	10,67
2	Catherine Sr	H. Thomas	78				Ptmdc	1845	Jones & Co.	Ptmdc	Pmd Coaster	11	E 1
	I.B.			wd. Alrp. 56	Drp. 60							C. 4	5,69
3	Cochrane	J. Cochrane	77	73-7	18-4	9-3	Rothay	1860	Cochrane &	Grenock	Cly. Coaster	7	
	Sew Stm I.B.M.C		60				M'Lea	9mo.					10,60
4	Davie (Iron) Cem.	Sr Ritchie	799	193-5	32-2	19-6	P. Glasg	1868	Hendran &	Glasgow	Cly.		A 1
	pt.I.B.						Duncan				1 B&H (A.A.C.P.)		1,65
5	Davies	Sr D. Davies	84	74-6	19-0	10-3	Sidefd	1858	D. Davies	Aberyst	Abs. Coaster	8	A 1
	I.B.			Srprs 67							Cont. 66-	5	1,67
6	Doull	Bk J. Paige	417	137-3	30-0	14-7	N. Scot	1861	R. & J. Doull	Pictou	Gl'r. N. York	4	
	I.B.						Doull	7mo.					10,61
7	Duncan	Sw J. Elliott	277	104-0	26-5	15-0	Seahm	1860	Elliott & Sn	Sndrlnd	Cff. Medit.	8	
	pt.I.B.						Potts	4mo.					1,64
8	Edwards	Sr A. Raitt	77	66-2	18-8	9-9	Perth	1859	J. Salmond	Arbroth	Mtr. Coaster	7	
	I.B.			Drp. 64			D. Smeaton						12,64
9	Ellen	Bk E. Rees	35	46-7	14-4	8-0	Abryst	1851	E. Rees	Aberyst	Abs. Coaster	12	A 1
	I.B.			Srprs 64								C. 4	5,69
160		Sr J. Richards	83	72-0	19-5	10-0	Abrdvy	1856	Morgan & C	Aberdovy	Bng. Coaster	8	A 1
	I.B.			O. & Tan. Srprs 64								C. 3	5,69
1	Ellin	Sr O. Jones	76	72-5	18-5	9-2	Ptmdc	1863	Lloyd & Co.	Portmadoc	Pmd. Baltic	8	A 1
	I.B.						Griffiths	5mo.			n.r. 67		8,67
2	Emily	Bg J. Jones	298	111-5	26-4	16-1	Sndrl'd	1866	Brewis & C.	Sunderlnd	Sld. Meditrn.	9	A 1 A 1

JAN										1870-71.			
No.	Ships.	Masters.	Tons.	DIMENSIONS.			BUILD.		Owners.	Port belonging to.	Port of Survey and Destined Voyage.	Years Assigned.	Character for Hull and Stores, also Date of Last Survey.
				Length.	Breadth.	Depth.	Where.	When.					
5	Davies	Sr D. Davies	84	74-6	19-0	10-3	Sidefd	1858	D. Davies	Aberystwh	Abs. Coaster	8	A 1 A 1
	pt.I.B.			Srprs 67						n.r. Bng. 71	Bng. Cont. 66-	8	4,65 2, 72
7	Ellen	Bk E. Rees	35	46-7	14-4	8-0	Abryst	1851	E. Rees	Aberystwh	Abs. Coaster	12	A 1
	I.B.			Srprs 64								C. 4	5,69
8		Sr J. Richards	83	72-0	19-5	10-0	Abrdvy	1856	Morgan & C.	Aberdovy	Bng. Coaster	8	A 1
	I.B.			O. & Tan. Srprs 64								C. 3	5,69
9	Ellin	Sr O. Jones	76	72-5	18-5	9-2	Ptmdc	1863	Lloyd & Co.	Portmadoc	Pmd. Baltic	8	A 1
	I.B.						Griffiths	5mo.			n.r. 67		8,67
180	Emily	Bg J. Jones	298	111-5	26-4	16-1	Sndrl'd	1866	Brewis & C.	Sunderlnd	Cff. Meditrn.	9	A 1 A 1

JAN										1871-72.			
No.	Ships.	Masters.	Tons.	DIMENSIONS.			BUILD.		Owners.	Port belonging to.	Port of Survey and Destined Voyage.	Years Assigned.	Character for Hull and Stores, also Date of Last Survey.
				Length.	Breadth.	Depth.	Where.	When.					
6	Ellen	Bk E. Rees	35	46-7	14-4	8-0	Abryst	1851	E. Rees	Aberystwh	Abs. Coaster	12	A 1 A 1
	pt.I.B.			Srprs 67	8 & 12 yrs		Mat. n. E. lsn & Srprs 72			n.r. Bng. 71	Aut. Cont. 66-67	6	4, 72
	I.B.			Srprs 64 & 72						S. E. Abs. 72-8, 73		C. 4	4, 72
7		Sr J. Richards	83	72-0	19-5	10-0	Abrdvy	1856	Morgan & Co.	Aberdovy	Bng. Coaster	8	A 1
	I.B.			O. & Tan. Srprs 64								C. 3	5,69
8	Ellin	Sr O. Jones	76	72-5	18-5	9-2	Ptmdc	1863	Lloyd & Co.	Portmadoc	Pmd. Baltic	8	A 1
	I.B.						Griffiths	5mo.			n.r. 67		8,67
9	Emily	Bg J. Jones	298	111-5	26-4	16-1	Sndrl'd	1866	Brewis & Co.	Sunderlnd	Sld. Meditrn.	10	A 1 A 1

Note: name correction from Ellin to Ellen

1872-73.												JAN		
No.	Ships' Names and Official Numbers.	Masters.	Tons.	DIMENSIONS.			BUILD.		Owners.	Port belonging to.	Port of Survey and Destined Voyage.	Years Assigned.	Character for Hull and Stores, also Date of Last Survey.	
				Length.	Breadth.	Depth.	Where.	When.					Year.	Date.
121	Jane Ellen 11198	Sr J. Richards I.B.	83	72·0	19·5	10·0	Abrdvy	1856	Morgan & Co.	Aberdovy	Bng. Coaster	8 C. 3	5,69	
2	Ellin Ellen 44250	Sr O. Jones I.B. J. Owens	76	72·5	18·5	9·2	Prtmdc	1863	Lloyd & Co.	Portmadoc	Pmd. Baltic Cont. Pmd. 72- Pmd. Coaster	9 6	8,67	A 1 9, 72
3	Emily	Bg J. Jones	298	111·5	26·4	16·1	Sndrl'd	1866	Brewis & Co.	Sunderlnd	Shl. Meditrn.	10		A 1

1873 List not available.

1874-75.												JAN			
Official Number.	Ships' Names.	Masters.	Registered Tonnage.	Registered Dimensions.			Engines of Steamers, Builders of Engines.		Build.		Owners.	Port belonging to.	Port of Survey.	Years Assigned.	Character for Hull and Stores, also Date of Last Survey.
				Net. Gross. Under Deck.	Length.	Breadth.	Depth.	Materials, Repairs of Ships, &c.	Where. Builders' Names.	When.					
6 44250 T.S.H.W.	Jane Ellen	Sr J. Owens I.B.	119 76	72·5	18·5	9·2	..... S&12yrsMat. srp.72	Prtmdc Griffiths	1863 5mo.	Lloyd & Co.	Prtmdoc Cont. Pmd. 72-	Pmd.	9 6	A 9, 72
7 11198 K.R.P.L.	Jane Ellen	Sr T. Davies I.B. Salted J. Williams	83	72·0	19·5	10·0	..... O. & Tam. srp. 64 drp. 75 S&12yrsMat	Abrdvy	1856	J.H. Jones M. Owens	Aberdovy Rest Ab.	Abs.	9 7	A 7, 72
8 54894 H.M.N.A.	Jane Emily	Bg J. Jones r. & Y.M. 72 c.f.	298	111·5	26·4	16·1	..... drp. 72	Sndrl'd Thompson	1866 11mo.	G.B. Sully	Brdgwtr H.T. Sld. 70 A.S.C.P.	Shl.	10	A 3, 72
9	Jane Fairlie	Bl W Harris	361	130·0	28·0	13·0	.....	Sndrl'd	1862	M.T.	.....	.....	.....	.....

Not showing in the 1883 or 1889 lists

Appendix C – The Timeline for the *SV Jane Ellen*.

1863 19th May 1863 Built at Porthmadog by Wm Griffith of the Borth for Wm Lloyd of Porthmadog

1863 June Launched and named Jane Ellen after Miss Jane Ellen Lloyd, daughter to the owner.

1863 Allocated Official number 44250 in appropriation listing 24th July.

1863 to 1887 listed in Crew listings – Master Captain Owen Jones of Porthmadog.

1863 Listed in the Mercantile Navy list as Jane Ellen of Carnarvon.

1865 First appearance in Lloyds Register 1865-1866. Listed as Jane Ellin. Master O Jones, Owner Wm Lloyd & Co. Home port: Portmadoc.

1866 Lloyds Register – all as before.

1867 Lloyds Register – all as before.

1869 Lloyds Register – all as before.

1869 Lloyds Register – all as before.

1870 Lloyds Register – all as before.

1871 Lloyds Register – all as before.

1872 Lloyds Register – Name corrected to Jane Ellen, otherwise all as before.

1873 Lloyds Register – change of Master to Captain J Owens.

1874 Lloyds Register – all as before.

1875 to 1882(incl.) – No copies of Lloyds Registers available.

1880 Entry in Mercantile Navy List Registered sailing vessels – all as before.

1881 Suggestion that may have run aground at Abererch during storm of 14 Oct but may have been confused with Schooner *John Ellis*.

1883 Lloyds Register – page missing so no record.

1884 to 1888(incl.) – No copies of Lloyds Registers available.



1881 to 1887 sometime Change of Master to J Evans of Abererch.

1887 – 21st March, Wrecked at Abersoch. Master: J Evans. Owner Wm Lloyd Co. shareholders: J Evans and O Jones.

1889 - No record – consistent with ship wrecked and scrapped 1887.



Appendix D, The storm 14th October 1881, extracts from contemporary newspaper reports.

Extracts from the Cambrian News and Merionethshire Standard.

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THE STORM. I Since the terrible gale, known in this part of the country as the Royal Charter gale there has not I be so severe a storm on the Welsh coast as was experienced last Friday and the preceding Thursday night. Induration it was more prolonged than that storm in which the large steamship and its living freight were lost. The wind began to freshen on Thursday evening from the south-south-east, and, increasing in force, veered to the south-south-west between ten and eleven, at which time it was blowing a gale. The storm continued with increased violence ,until three o'clock on Friday afternoon, when rain began to fall, and the wind, which was then blowing almost due west, to abate. It is calculated by Professor Stone, of the

PWLLHELI.

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PWLLHELI. A most terrific storm has prevailed here from about midnight on Thursday last week. It is feared that great destruction has been done to property, both on land and sea. A large stack of hay belonging to Mr. Owen Owens, coal merchant, of this town, was whirled away and scattered before the wind. Several signal posts on the Cambrian Railways have been blown down. House tops and chimney pots have been also blown off in several of the adjacent neighbourhoods. About six a.m. on Friday, the schooner Dreadnought, Captain Bogan, laden with pitwood, from Cork for Barrow, parted her cables at St. Tudwell's Roads, and was driven ashore at Abererch beach, near this town. The crew were all saved by means of ropes attached from the shore to the rigging. The surf is making a clean sweep over the vessel, and she will be greatly damaged, if not a total wreck. The schooner Amlwch Packet, Captain Williams, with coals, from Bristol Channel for Port Nant, is also ashore here, having drifted before the wind from the roads; crew saved. The Harkaway, from Beaumaris, met with a similar fate, as did also the schooner John Ellis, Captain Willoughby, from Portmadoc for Copenhagen crew saved. The brig St. George, for Aberdovey, laden with deals, is also ashore crew saved.