

*Reference 1. A collection of over four hundred Jones family letters, written between 1885 and 1900, have survived and these chart the progress of the activities and working life of the family. Digital copies were placed in the Historical Archive facility in Bletchley Library, Milton Keynes by Gillian N B Thompson in 2008 and are now available for viewing online at the Archive's website under the heading of 'Well House letters'.*

John Jones, Eliza Ann's husband, died in 1897 aged 63 and was buried in St Mary's Churchyard, Bletchley. His obituary recorded in North Bucks Times Oct. 1897 (reproduced in Appendix 4, and also in ref.1) acknowledged his long service in a number of village activities; as the Village Club Secretary from the beginning of its existence in 1874; with Church connections as a bell ringer; choir member for 26 years; clerk of the Parish for 11 years from 1886 and Church grave digger. It also records his Army years as having been in the Army Royal Field Artillery for over 11 years and being discharged following injury. He had also been the Bletchley Post Office sub-postman for 14 years. In addition, he was well known as a violin player and noted for his ability as a mender of watches and clocks. Reference is made in the letter archive (ref.1) to some of these activities and also that he grew a significant amount of produce, including corn and vegetables, "in the field" as well as keeping pigs and rabbits to help feed the family.

Eliza Ann Jones died in 1927, aged 89, and she is buried in the same grave as her husband John in St Mary's Churchyard Bletchley and because of her longevity and past anecdotal connections to Lord Nelson and Lord Palmerston, an article appeared in the North Bucks Times marking the event of her death. (Appendix 5a).



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St Mary's Church, Bletchley (Grade I listed)  
(off Church Green Road)



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John William Jones & Eliza Ann Jones' gravestone  
in St Mary's Churchyard, Bletchley.  
(Situated on the R.H.S. of the path to the Church entrance, near to wall)

Louisa Hannah Garner retained the tenancy of Well House after her mother's death and continued to live there with her husband John Garner and their two, as yet, unmarried daughters Louise and Nora Emily. During the WW1 years, John was employed at the British Thomson-Houston (BTH) engineering works at Rugby and earlier in 1918 an incident at the Turbine Works had resulted in him being presented with a Carnegie Hero Award for the bravery of his actions in supporting an injured colleague. (Appendix 7) and the Edward Medal presented by HM the King

Louisa Hannah and her two daughters were all involved in St. Mary's Church activities and each are shown below, together with other dance-group members, in photos of an event in 1920.