

Joseph Andrew's children

- **Philip Andrew** was born in 1827. He began as a maltster and married Jane Guy Jones in October 1851 living in Nelson Terrace. He became a councillor for Swansea Lower Ward in 1857. His wife Jane died 23rd. Sept. 1859 and he lost his seat on the council when he was declared bankrupt in 1860. He bounced back and became a brewer at the Orange Street Brewery, owned by his father Joseph, and where he acted as a co-partner with one Henry Crowhurst. He re-married to Emily Bedford in Leominster in 1869. His daughter Jane Andrew married timber merchant Rees Davies in June 1871. Philip died in 1872 and his estate was auctioned.
- Charles Shimell Andrew, born 1829 was a licensed victualler and spirit merchant. Possibly helped by his father, he appears to have travelled to Australia in 1852 to seek his fortune in the Victoria gold rush but it is not known how successful this venture was. He married Lydia Oborn in 1856 and they lived in the Farmers Arms pub, Frog Street and later at the Orange Tree Inn and the Black Horse Inn, both belonging to his father Joseph, before being declared bankrupt in 1863. His bankruptcy summons from the Cambrian newspaper appears below. He died aged 35 years on the 2nd. May 1865 at The Recruiting Officer, in High Street, Swansea.

“Charles Shimell Andrew, now living in lodgings at No 19, Ffynone Street, at Swansea, in the county of Glamorgan, Journeyman Brewer, before then of No. 14, in Ffynone Street aforesaid, Journeyman Brewer, previously of the Black Horse in High-street at Swansea, aforesaid Licensed Victualler, and before then in lodgings at No. 19, Ffynone street aforesaid, out of business, and previously of the Orange Tree Inn, in Orange-street, at Swansea aforesaid Licensed Victualler, having been adjudged bankrupt under a Petition for adjudication of Bankruptcy, filed in the County Court of Glamorganshire, holden at Swansea, on the 23rd day of November, 1863, is hereby required to surrender himself to Lewis Morris, Esq., the Registrar of the said Court, at the first meeting of creditors to be held before the said Registrar, on the 9th day of December next, at two o'clock in the afternoon precisely, at the Townhall, Swansea. Mr. Lewis Morris, of No. 3, Fisher Street, Swansea, is the Official Assignee, and Mr. Henry Morris, of No. 7, Rutland-street. Swansea, is the Solicitor, acting in the bankruptcy.”

- Mary Ann Andrew, was born 1831 but died in June 1852 aged 21 years.
- Margaret Eleanor Andrew, was born 1832 and married Henry Jack of Perthshire in Swansea on 3rd. September 1863. There are no further details available.
- Leyshon Andrew was born 1st. May 1833 and became a chemist and druggist at 14 Castle Square, Swansea. He was made a member of the Pharmaceutical Society in 1857 and married Lucy Ann Wimsett in All Saints Church, Knightsbridge in 1858. With his brother William, he was co-owner of the Unity Inn, James Street and ran the Oxford Street Brewery as the Andrew Brothers. Their partnership was dissolved in 1875, after which he continued as the sole proprietor described as a brewer and maltster.

THE LONDON GAZETTE, NOVEMBER 26, 1875.

*NOTICE is hereby given, that the Partnership heretofore subsisting between us, the undersigned, Leyshon Andrew and William Andrew, as Brewers and Maltsters, at the Oxford-street Brewery, Oxford Street, in the town of Swansea, in the county of Glamorgan, in the name or under the style or firm of Andrew brothers, has been dissolved by mutual consent as from the 1st day of October, 1875; and all debts due and owing to and from the said firm will be received and paid by the undersigned Leyshon Andrew, who will in future carry on the said business. Dated this 20th day of November, 1875.
Leyshon Andrew. Wm. Andrew.*

He was also a dental surgeon, which at that time meant he was probably self taught, and first registered in 1878. His wife Lucy Ann divorced him in 1879 and returned to London with the children, working as a schoolmistress and governess and later as a private school principal. Leyshon was declared bankrupt in October 1880, after which he disappeared.

THE LONDON GAZETTE, OCTOBER 5, 1880

The Bankruptcy Act, 1869. In the County Court of Glamorganshire, holden at Swansea. In the Matter of Proceedings for Liquidation by Arrangement or Composition with Creditors, instituted by Leyshon Andrew, formerly of Holly Bush House, St. Helens-road, Swansea, and now of No. 3, Castleton-place, in the parish of Oystermouth, and the Oxford Street Brewery, Oxford-street, Swansea, all in the county of Glamorgan, Brewer, Maltster and Hop Merchant, trading under the style or firm of Andrew Brothers. NOTICE is hereby given, that a First General Meeting of the creditors of the above-named person has been summoned to be held at the office of Messrs. J. F. Harvey and Co. No. 14, Fisher-street, Swansea aforesaid, on the 14th day of October, 1880, at twelve o'clock at noon precisely. Dated this 29th day of September, 1880. CHARLES BROTHERS, of Neath, Solicitor for the said Debtor.

After 1880 he disappears from the local records, despite the dental register showing him registered at Beaconsfield House, St. Helens Road until 1905. (This was the home of his brother William and clearly an address of convenience). In the 1881 census and all subsequent censuses his ex wife Lucy, describes herself as a widow, despite the fact that Leyshon was still alive. He turns up thirty years later in the 1911 census, living in London as a retired chemist and dental surgeon, and married to a Sarah Andrew. Where had he been in those thirty years? Did he spend some of the time in gaol? Lucy Ann must have used the term "widow" as a convenience to avoid the embarrassment (seen through Victorian eyes) of having to explain the divorce and her move back to London. A clue to his whereabouts appears in 1902 when he and his new wife Sarah are listed on a passenger inventory for the SS Westernland, sailing from Liverpool to New York, 31st. August, 1902. He is described as returning home to 3328 Uber Street, Bristol, Philadelphia, where he must have been living for some time, and after having visited the UK. How long he had been there and for how long he had been married is unknown.

- William Andrew, was born in 1835 and became an ironmonger with extensive premises at 89 Oxford Street and 9 and 10 Park Street. He married Mary Jenkins 4th. November, 1858. His wife Mary died 21st. April 1867 and he re-married to Eliza Stobo in Glasgow on the 22nd. January 1874. With his brother Leyshon he was a partner in the Oxford Street Brewery until 1875. In 1876 they auctioned the Unity Inn and went their separate ways. He sold his business in 1881 and retired aged 46, to live as a "gentleman" at Beaconsfield House, Swansea but bought a small farm in Nicholaston, Gower, where he kept horses and cattle. He died in 1898, the only brother not to go bankrupt or lose his business.
- Catherine Elizabeth Andrew, born 25th. July 1838 married Joshua Avery in Swansea, in March 1860. Joshua was the son of Thomas and Harriet Avery with Harriet being a half sister to our John Andrew. She moved to Exeter after the marriage. (It was a pity that this was before the time of widely available photography, as the family gathering that must have happened would have produced a fascinating picture.)
- Thomas Andrew, born 28th. January 1841 became a maltster co-owning the Hafod malthouse and brewery. He was also elected a director of the Swansea Building Society in 1875. He traded with his brother James as a maltster and merchant based at the family home at No. 14 Fisher Street. This house was sold to John Francis Harvey, a firm of accountants, in March 1878 and the malting business was liquidated with the premises and stock-in-trade being auctioned off in July 1880. He and his brother James were remanded on bail in January 1882 for fraud and similar offences relating to the bankruptcy. They were both tried and

acquitted in February the same year. Between 1883 and 1886 the family moved to Ystalyfera. His wife, Margaret, died in 1886 at Ystalyfera. Thomas died in 1889 (Sep quarter 1889, Pontardawe). Without their parents, in 1891 their four youngest children are shown as boarders with the Lloyd family at Vine Inn, Craigymarched, Llanguick, Ystalyfera. I suspect the Lloyd family is related to Thomas's wife in some way – possibly a sister and brother-in-law.

- Joseph Andrew, was born 23rd. December 1843. Like his brother William he too was an ironmonger with premises in Oxford Street. He became a director of the 3rd. Co-operative Building Society and was treasurer of the Swansea Building Society in 1875. He married Sarah Ann Davies, a sister to Rees Davies who married Philip Andrew's daughter Jane Andrew. In 1881 his business went into liquidation and, possibly with money from his wife's family, they moved to London. In 1891 he is running a hotel with his wife at 68 Guildford Street, St. Pancras, London. They were still there in 1901, although Joseph died in 1905. Both are buried in Tycoch cemetery.
- James Andrew was born 15th. October 1845. He was a maltster in partnership with his brother Thomas at Hafod, until the business was liquidated in 1880. He was also a director of the South Wales Continuous Benefit Building Society. He married Elizabeth Lister 4th. February 1875 and they lived at 5, Belgrave Terrace. In 1881 James was still in Swansea living at St Helens Road. He was found not guilty of fraud in 1882. By 1891 the family were living near Bath and James is shown as a Canteen Manager. By 1901 his wife had died and James and his two sons had moved to Hastings, Sussex and trading as a tobacconist. By 1911 James is living in London by himself, and shown as a Wine, Spirit and Beer retailer. He married his business partner Edith Daniel, 36 years his junior, in 1918.

As detailed above most of Joseph's sons were very unsuccessful in business and the family as a whole fell rapidly from grace after 1880. The high profile, influential and comfortable lifestyle they enjoyed in their early lives was transformed when one after the other was declared bankrupt. Those still living after 1880 (except for William) all moved away from the area to places where they were unknown and their business track record was no longer an inconvenience to their lives. Their father Joseph Andrew, died April 13th. 1861, at his home in 14, Fisher Street, Swansea, with the fate of his children unknown to him. In his will he left almost £4000, a considerable sum of money at that time, but a large part of this can be put down to his inheritance from his father Philip.

Despite Philip Andrew's business acumen, his efforts in setting up several businesses and a property portfolio were largely lost in a string of bankruptcies and liquidations affecting his grandchildren. If he had lived longer his wealth would have passed down later when the recipients would perhaps have been, more mature and may not have lost their inheritance so easily. As it was the family disintegrated as his grandchildren fell out over their business partnerships and lost their inheritance through failed business ventures.