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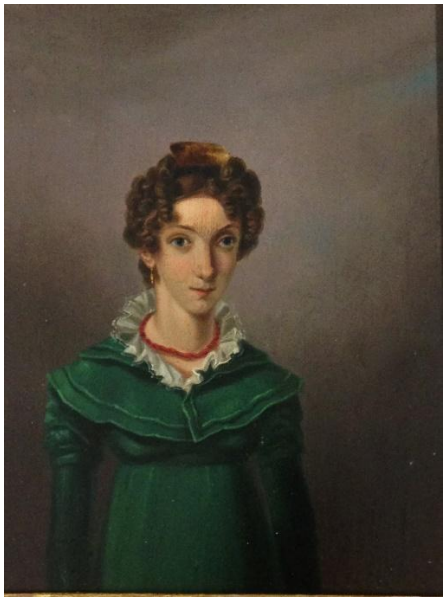
Newtown Textile Museum

Dr Richard Jones and his wife Jane



These two portraits were donated to the Newtown Textile Museum by JKD Lloyd, author and antiquary of Montgomery. He was closely involved with the establishment of the Museum in Newtown in the 1960s. The artist is unknown, but middle-class people started to commission family portraits in the mid-1800s – a time just before photography became common.

Dr Richard Jones was born at Mochdre and after gaining his MRCS at St Andrews, is first recorded in Newtown in 1841, as a surgeon living at ‘Bowling Green’ with two servants. In 1851 he lived at The Bank in Newtown with his wife and five children. He died in July 1872 aged 57, after a long illness.

His obituary states that in his professional life he ‘gained the esteem of his fellow-townsmen for his care and attention, and many good qualities. He had taken an active and prominent part in the public affairs of the town including being a trustee of more than one of the town’s public schools, a commissioner of taxes and a magistrate. He was a churchman and in politics a Conservative.

Jane Jones nee Mountford. Jane, his wife was born at Hopton, Churchstoke and married Dr Richard Jones around 1844. They had five children, four girls and a boy. The youngest two were twins.

The one son Edward Mountford Jones was educated at Shrewsbury and St John’s College Cambridge and went into the church. He was the Rector of Llanmerewig from 1878 – 1890.