

Walter Mackenzie Williams

Walter Mackenzie Williams was born in Bangor in 1865. He was the son of **John Williams**, Parish Clerk and Sacrist, and **Susan Emma Williams**. In the 1861 Census, John Williams was described as Parish Clerk and was a lodger at 7, High Street, , aged 30, born Bangor. In 1862, John Williams married Susan Emma Boston, (born in Bangor 1838), daughter of **Joseph Boston**, head gardener at Longford Hall, Stretford – he was previously the Bishop of Bangor’s gardener. By 1871, John (described as Sacrist and Innkeeper) and Susan Emma Williams were living at 5, High Street. They had five children, including Walter Mackenzie Williams. John Williams died 11 December 1873, aged 45; his gravestone records that he was Parish Clerk of Bangor Cathedral and for 11 years Superintendent of Glanadda Cemetery. By the time of the 1881 Census, his widow had married **Samuel Crosby**, goods agent, LNWR.

Walter M. Williams is listed as an apprentice watchmaker in 1881, a Jeweller in 1891, and a Shopkeeper (Watch and Jewellery) in 1901. The *Chronicle* regularly commended his Christmas window displays. A former chorister of Bangor Cathedral, he was a popular tenor soloist in local concerts and was a member of the Upper Bangor Literary Society, the Church Missionary Society and the Bangor Workingmen’s Conservative Association. An active freemason, he was a member of St. David’s Lodge and the Star of Gwynedd Lodge, also the Prince of Wales Lodge of the Order of Oddfellows.

He died, unmarried, 19 June 1910, aged 45 and was buried in the family grave at Glanadda Cemetery

