

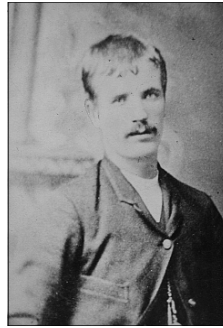
Southern California Genealogical Society Ancestors Gallery



This watercolor is of **Anne Dodd Ellis**, who was born about 1817 in Rhosllannerchrugog, North Wales. She was the daughter of **Joseph Dod** (born April 13, 1777) and **Anne Jones** (born ca. 1780), and the widow of **Charles Ellis**.

The portrait was painted on what appears to be scrap paper. (There are traces of writing from an accounting ledger on the other side.) The artist is unknown. The picture was brought to the U.S. by Anne's son, **Benjamin Ellis**, when he emigrated to Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, in 1870. In 1879, at age 35, Benjamin was killed in a coal mine, just twelve days after becoming a U.S. citizen.

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Charles Ellis was the grandson of **Anne Dodd Ellis** (left), and the son of immigrant **Benjamin Ellis**.

Charles was born in Wales in 1863 and killed in a coal mine accident in Pennsylvania in 1890, at age 26.

According to his obituary, he had become trapped between the cage that was lowering miners into the mine, and the timbers of the wall surrounding the cage. The cage rolled over him "in the same way that one might roll a stick between two boards," the obit said, and his body was later discovered on top of the cage, where it had dropped, "terribly mangled." He left a young wife and two toddlers.

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Family portrait of **George Lloyd Hopkins** and **Sarah Ellis Hopkins** (granddaughter of **Anne Dodd Ellis** and sister of **Charles Ellis**) with their children. The youngsters are, from left to right, **Arthur**, **Elizabeth** (seated on her father's knee), **Benjamin**, **Bloduyn**, and **Mary**. The photo was taken about 1901 or 1902, in Youngstown, Ohio.

George, the father, had been put to work in Pennsylvania coal mines as a child, but later learned carpentry, and with his two brothers, became a successful contractor and builder in Ohio.

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Isaac "Ike" Armfield was born February 1814 in Guilford County, NC. Isaac died 16 Jul 1886 in Montfort, Grant County, WI. Notes on this photo listed his age as 80 years 38 days. Isaac is the father of **Wesley Armfield**, featured elsewhere in the Ancestors Gallery.



This photo of **Lester Eugene Johnson** bears a strong resemblance to his great-grandfather, **Isaac Armfield**. An enduring family mystery is why Lester's father, **Alfred Armfield**, changed his name to **Alfred Armfield Johnson** in the early 1900's.

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