

Samuel Chandler Junr., Esquire

Pontybodkin Cannel Colliery
Pontybodkin, Mold, North Wales

We the undersigned, on behalf of the inhabitants of Pontybodkin, Leeswood, Pontblyddyn, Tryddyn and Mold, wish to express our deep regret at your approaching departure from the neighbourhood, and take this opportunity of expressing to you our earnest appreciation of your public and other services during the five years you have resided amongst us, and more specifically those in connection with the opening out, developing and bringing to a successful issue the Pontybodkin Cannel Colliery.

This colliery has already proved a great boon to the District in providing employment to a large number of men, and we sincerely hope that it will continue to do so for some years to come. We have also the great pleasure and honour of expressing to you the thanks of the whole neighbourhood for your practical sympathy with the sufferings of the unemployed during the severe winters of 1895 and 1895; and also for many other deeds of kindness and charity which will long be remembered among us. We beg you to accept our heartfelt wishes for the future welfare and prosperity of yourself, Mrs Chandler and family, and we sincerely hope that as your connections with the District are not entirely severed we may have the pleasure of often seeing you visiting the neighbourhood

Signed on behalf of the inhabitants

Here follows the signatures of 16 local 'worthies', including that of my maternal great-grandfather who signed himself *John Jones (Post Office)* as he was the local post-master.

Pontybodkin, May 1896