

Deganwy - Station Masters 1866 – 1967 (Referred to as “Deganway” to c. 1881)

A trustee of Llandudno Museum and railway historian, Philip Evans has done research on several stations between Llandudno and Blaenau, part of which was to list the Station Masters at each station, together with any interesting information. The following are Station Masters researched by Philip:

1870+ **Richard Stewart Walker** (from wages staff; to Chwilog Police – ie signalman – 1874)

1874 **John Stretton*** (from Inspector of Railway Police, Bangor; deceased 1878)

1878 **John Benjamin Stretton*** (from Euston Telegraph Office; to Holyhead wages staff 1881)

1881 **Alfred Henry Steen** (from Llandudno Junction wages staff; to SM Talycafn 1886)

1886 **J Evans**** (from SM Nantlle; to SM Blaenau Ffestiniog 1888)

1888 **J R Davies** (from Nantlle; to Relief Clerk, Chester, 1890)

1890 **A W Roberts** (from Llandudno; to SM Tattenhall Road, 1893)

1893 **Andrew William Taylor #** (from SM Tattenhall Road; to SM Blaenau Ffestiniog 1894)

1894 **J Evans**** (from temporary Goods at Deganwy; ex SM Blaenau Ffestiniog; retired 1900)

1900 **Robert H Edwards** (from SM Old Colwyn; to SM Penmaenmawr 1909)

1909 **Robert T Taylor** (from SM Port Dinorwic)

1922 **David Richard Williams** (from SM Rhuddlan; retired 1939)

1939 **Hugh Hughes** (retired 1943)

1944 **John Morris** (from SM Gaerwen; retired 1962)

1962 **Trevor Glyn C Jones** (from SM Hope & Penyffordd; to Booking Office, Colwyn Bay 1967)

1967 Post abolished; supervised by Assistant Station Manager, Llandudno Junction from 1st April.

Latterly the Station Masters' posts were designated Station Master/Goods Agent. Following the retirement of Captain Arthur Williams at the end of September, 1958, the Station Master was also designated Dock Master as well. On the abolition of the Station Master's post in 1967, Mr D Howell Davies, retired Chief Goods Clerk at Colwyn Bay who lived in Park Drive, was appointed to the role.

+ It is possible that the post was not salaried until 1870 and Mr Walker was in post on wages from the station's opening in 1866. He had been Station Master at Worleston for a period in the early 1860s having previously been a clerk at Tattenhall Road.

*The Stretton (sometimes recorded as Stretten) family had a history of railway service in the area. Uniquely, father and son were both Station Masters at Deganwy. John Benjamin (1855-1919) returned from Holyhead in 1896 to be Station Master at Mochdre & Pabo until retirement in 1916. Grandson, John (1896-1980), who lived in Park Drive, was for many years a Ticket Collector at Llandudno.

**This is the same individual. Perhaps he wanted to move back to Deganwy for personal reasons but no comparable post was available at the time.

Mr Taylor ended his 48 year career as Station Superintendent at Holyhead which was the highest graded Station Master's post in the Chester & North Wales district. Before his retirement in 1925 he was appointed MBE for his service as Director of Military Traffic to and from Ireland during the Great War. The presentation was made by the King during his visit to Holyhead.