

## JONES, JOHN MATHER (1826 - 1874), Utica, U.S.A., proprietor of Y Drych

**Name:** John Mather Jones  
**Date of birth:** 1826  
**Date of death:** 1874  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** proprietor of Y Drych  
**Area of activity:** Business and Industry; Printing and Publishing  
**Author:** Nansi Ceridwen Jones

Born 9 June 1826, at Bangor, Caernarfonshire. He emigrated to U.S.A. in 1849 and made his home in Utica, New York. He bought *Y Drych* in 1865 from John William Jones who thereafter became editor of the paper, being assisted by Thomas B. Morris ('Gwyneddwardd'). In 1866 John Mather Jones published a Welsh book on the history of the Civil War, which had been written by the two editors of *Y Drych* at his request. After the Civil War he founded a Welsh town, New Cambria, in Missouri, and in 1869, with James A. Whitaker, he bought an extensive tract of land in Osage, Kansas, where he founded another town, Arvonnia. He was an enthusiastic opponent of slavery, and politically was a republican. He died 21 December 1874 in Utica.

### Author

Nansi Ceridwen Jones

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