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Dear

ATISN 26928

Thank you for your request which I received on 28 April. You asked for the information as at Annex 1.

Our response

Welsh Government's archives focus on departmental records which are needed for ongoing administrative, legal or fiscal purposes. Files belonging to Welsh Government and predecessor bodies (UK Government) which are likely to have wider historical value are transferred to The National Archives, as the official archive for England and Wales. The National Archives hold a range of information which can assist with family history research such as yours. For the time period you are researching, records would have been held by the local authority or by central (UK) government.

I have listed some potential sources of information for you below:

[The National Archives](#): Census for England and Wales; emigration and emigrants Anglesey or Gwynedd Libraries

[Gwynedd Archives](#)

[National Library of Wales](#)

[National Library of Wales Family History Help](#) provides links to other sources such as church records, newspapers, wills and probate.

We do not hold any family history data, the census is for England and Wales and held by the National Archives. The National Library of Wales family history site may provide some useful pointers to local sources of information.

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit
Welsh Government
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ
or e-mail: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane

Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Website: www.ico.org.uk

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely

Annex 1

Please tell me if Welsh government archives contain any information on Felix Alexander Hughes (b. July 22, 1897, Fearne, Berbice River), Edna Marven Hughes (b. 1907), and her family. My request does not involve living individuals. Edna Marven Hughes (b. 1907) likely passed away in 1990. If she were alive, she would be well over one hundred years old. Felix Alexander Hughes (b. July 22, 1897, Fearne, Berbice River) is also unlikely to be alive.

Felix Alexander Hughes' (b. July 22, 1897, Fearn, Berbice River) father was a farmer and carpenter named William Hughes. Felix Alexander was a chemist, druggist, sicknurse, dispenser, and managing proprietor of Hughes Drug Store in New Amsterdam, Berbice. He once worked as a clerk for Booker Bros. Co. in British Guiana. Later in his career, he was managing director of The Bartica Agency Ltd., and a solicitor for McConnell & Co. Ltd. (Erwin Brewster, Who is Who in British Guiana, 1945 - 1948, p. 260). Felix Alexander Hughes (b. 1897) may have worked as a pharmacist in Brooklyn, New York. Are there any archives that might have information on how he stocked his pharmacy with medical supplies? Can you tell me the names of any pharmaceutical companies that were known to do business with British colonies in the Caribbean and South America? If you do not have any information on this individual, please tell me if there is another archive or library I can contact.

The Anglesey Archives could only find one Edna Marven Hughes in their birth index. She was the daughter of Robert Williams and Elizabeth Martha Marvin of Menai Bridge. They lived in Menai Bridge circa 1936. Edna Marven Hughes is also listed in the 1911 U.K. census as the daughter of Robert Williams and Elizabeth Martha Marvin. This contradicts information taken from a bundle of miscellaneous photos from the Amlwch area, from 1908 to 1991, that allegedly includes a photograph of a nurse Edna Hughes (b. 1907) and a J. O. Hughes, who is identified as her father (Anglesey Archives WM/1865/392). Local directories show that there was a J.O. Hughes who was a timber merchant. Is it possible that the J.O. Hughes in the photograph with Edna Marven Hughes is also J.O. Hughes the timber merchant?

On Oct. 13th of 1933, a twenty-six-year-old woman named Edna Hughes (b. 1907) departed for Demerara, British Guiana, on a ship named Inanda which was part of the Thos. and Jas. Harrison shipping line. There is a note on the shipping manifest concerning her last U.K. address in Anglesey North Wales. Do you have any suggestions on how to find out why Edna Marven Hughes travelled to British Guiana, now Guyana, in 1933? Did nurse Edna Marven Hughes, or another member of her family, have some connection to British Guiana?

Can you tell me if nurse Edna Marven Hughes (b. 1907) of Menai Bridge, is the Edna Marven Hughes Walker who passed away in Quality Care Nursing Home, Brynsiencyn, at 82 years of age? Edna Marven Hughes Walker's children were: Jean, Elizabeth, Mary and Angela. Edna Marven Hughes Walker's funeral took place in Bangor at 11 a.m. on January 5th of 1990.

Finally, can you tell me where I might find additional records for J. O. Hughes, Edna Marven Hughes, or Robert Williams and Elizabeth Martha Marvin of Menai Bridge? Please tell me if there is a historical society or medical archive that might be able to answer my questions.