

# Thomas Williams

Thomas Williams is shown here with his wife outside the home where they lived in Grove in Pembroke. He was the Station Master at Pembroke Railway Station.



In 1919, as a train was entering Pembroke Station, and elderly clergyman Canon Bowen, stepped aside to avoid a luggage barrow and fell off the platform onto the rails. The Station Master Thomas Williams immediately

jumped down in front of the moving train and rolled Canon Bowen off the track, holding him down alongside the rails until it was safe for him to get up.

Although the brakes were applied it was impossible to bring the train to a standstill until the engine and two coaches had passed

the spot where the two men lay. Had it not been for Mr Williams's courage and presence of mind Canon Bowen could not have escaped instant death.



On March 13<sup>th</sup> 1919 Thomas was awarded the Albert Medal for his bravery, which he received at Buckingham Palace. He was also commended for bravery by the Carnegie Hero Trust.

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