**Address presented to ROBERT SNAPE ESQ.  
 Manager Merthyr Vale Collieries**

Respected Sir,

We as workmen employed at the Merthyr Vale Collieries and inhabitants of the neighbourhood beg to embrace the opportunity of presenting you with this address, on the occasion of your leaving the locality, as a token of the respect and esteem in which you are held by us.

It is with great pleasure we testify to the constant and unfailing interest which you have always taken in our welfare and which is shown by the increased prosperity of this now populous place during your residence of nearly nine years among us.

And although young when you first undertook the important duties of manager of these large collieries you have more than justified the confidence placed in your hands, having combined power with wisdom in all matters brought before you.

The gentlemanly manner in which you have invariably treated everyone is a credit to you and will ever be gratefully remembered. You have resided amongst us workmen as one of ourselves making our wellbeing your first consideration and always shown yourself most kind to those who have approached you, giving them a courteous and attentive hearing.

We have great pleasure in expressing our gratitude for the kindness you have bestowed on all, irrespective of creed or sect and we also admire your forbearance with the unworthy and your readiness to assist the honest and deserving.

We also desire to express our appreciation of the upright and irreproachable life you have led amongst us having always shown your deep and practical sympathy with the poor and needy of the district being most liberal in supporting every good cause, although the calls were various and numerous, which appreciation was evinced by the workmen of the district in the late School Board election.

Since you undertook the management of these collieries none of those sad disasters have occurred which plunge whole neighbourhoods into grief and mourning. This immunity we attribute in a great measure to the care and skill exercised by you.

The best possible feeling has existed between master and man, also between man and man. This we believe has been wholly owing to the kindly manner in which you have treated us as workmen as we believe that justice has regulated all your actions.

We have always felt that our lives and safety have been your first consideration, this safety being enhanced by the great attention bestowed on the ventilation of the collieries and to the able manner in which you successfully contended with the large sources of gas, that attracted the attention of the mining world , will ever reflect creditably on you.

And now Sir, in conclusion we wish you and your respected wife and children every success in the future, may you be long spared for the benefit of your fellow men and may the good qualities shown in our midst shine as brightly in future.

Wishing you God speed and trusting you will accept this weak expression of our regard and good feeling towards you.

On behalf of the workmen.  Jan. 1890.

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Edwin Morgan Walter Morgan William Jones   
Michael Jones Davis Morgan Michael Thomas

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Thomas Pierce Benjamin Cole William Lewis  
  
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 Evan Maddock.......... Secretary.