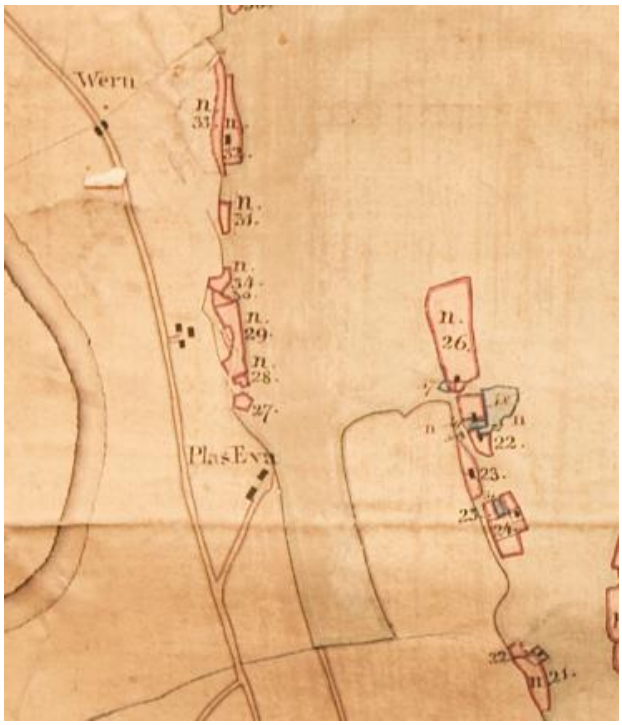
Bronheulog Hall / Yr Olygfa/ Frondirion

Bronheulog Hall.

In his book Lost Houses of Wales[1], Thomas Lloyd describes Bronheulog as 'A classical villa for Richard Lloyd (High Sherriff 1810) with a shallow central bow on the front garden)'. Richard Lloyd was, indeed, sheriff of Denbighshire in 1810[2], but, from a number of contemporary documents, it would appear that he was resident at Bronheulog in Llanfair Talhaiarn, near Abergele, rather than the Hall just outside Llangollen.

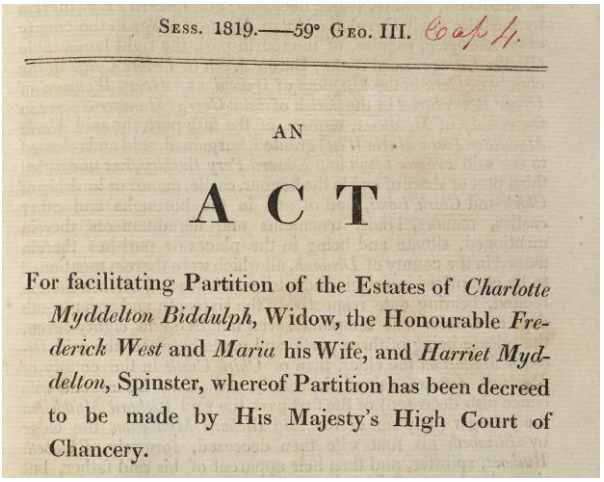


Section of the 1824 Chirk Estate map.

Bronheulog, on Sun Bank Llangollen, also does not seem to ever have belonged to Richard Lloyd, being listed in all of the earliest records as part of the Chirk Castle Estate. A map of the Estate drawn in 1824 (left), copied from a survey of 1791, shows a building on the site of Bronheulog (No. n32)[3]. Areas coloured red had been re-surveyed in 1824 and those coloured blue added in 1833.

It is clear, therefore, that there was a building on the site in 1824, but whether it was present at the time of the 1791 survey is unknown at the present time. There does appear to be a copy of the 1791 survey map at the National Library of Wales and it is hoped that it will be possible to examine that document over the coming months.

However, Bronheulog was not listed in an act of partition of 1819, when the Chirk Estate was divided between Charlotte Myddelton Biddulph, Frederick West and Maria (nee Myddelton) his wife and Harriet Myddelton, spinster. It also is not marked on a map of properties owned by the Myddelton Estate made in 1778, although other nearby properties are included.



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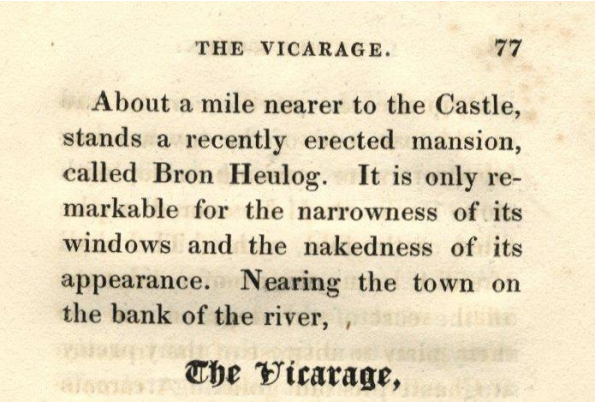
ACT

For facilitating Partition of the Estates of *Charlotte Myddelton Biddulph*, Widow, the Honourable *Frederick West* and *Maria* his Wife, and *Harriet Myddelton*, Spinster, whereof Partition has been decreed to be made by His Majesty's High Court of Chancery.

The 1819 act of partition.



THE VICARAGE. 77

About a mile nearer to the Castle, stands a recently erected mansion, called Bron Heulog. It is only remarkable for the narrowness of its windows and the nakedness of its appearance. Nearing the town on the bank of the river,

The Vicarage,

The section of W.T. Simpson's book referring to Bron Heulog.

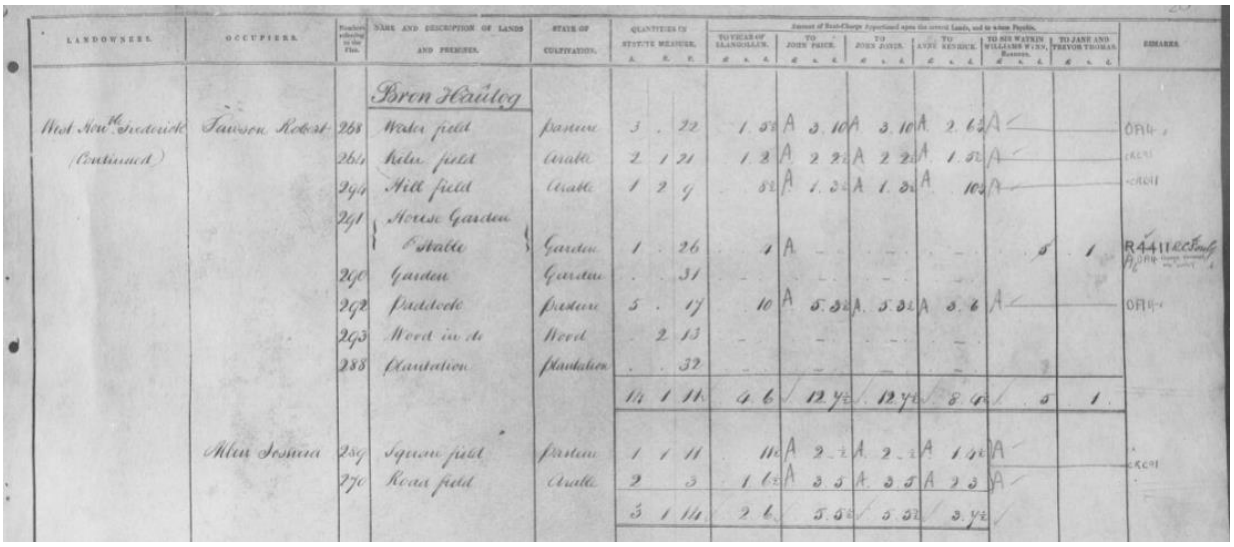
The most definite reference as to the time of the construction of the original Hall, however, comes from a book describing Llangollen and the surrounding area, written by W.T. Simpson in 1827[4]. In that he referred to Bron Heulog as being a 'recently erected mansion', implying that it had only been built in the last few (possibly up to about 10?) years.

Not appearing in the 1819 partition, being marked on a map produced from an 1824 survey, and being referred to as recently built in 1827, leads to the conclusion that the original Bronheulog Hall was most likely built in the very early 1820s, by the Chirk Castle Estate, to rent out and generate income for the Estate.

1835 Ordnance Survey map showing Bronheulog Hall.

Sadly, we do not have the list of tenants that went with the survey of 1824, and so do not know who was living there then. Bronheulog Hall (marked as Bron Haulog) would next appear on an Ordnance Survey map of 1835, but it would be three years after this when we start to be able to get more information about who owned and lived there.

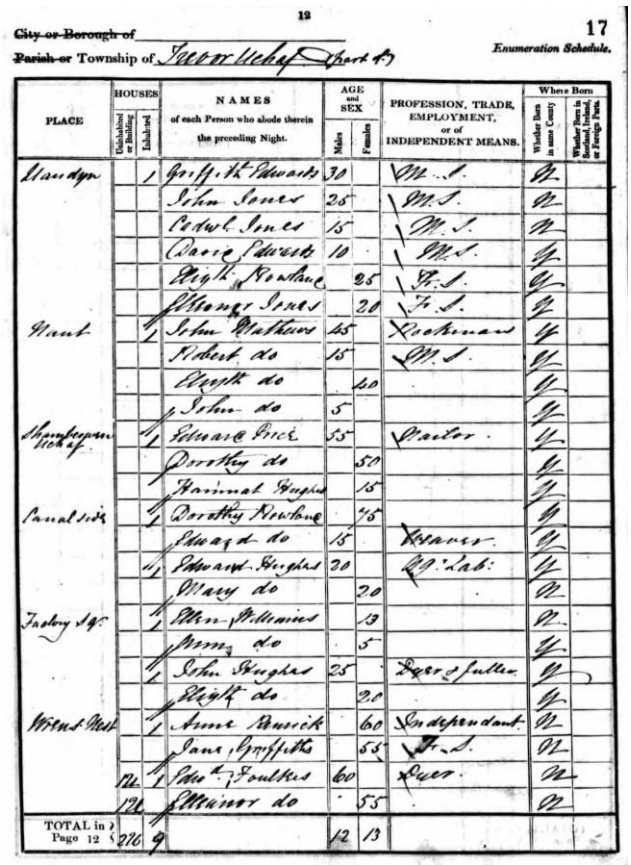
The 1838 tithe map (above) and the accompanying apportionment (below).



Landowners	Occupiers	Numbers referring to the Plan	Name and Description of Lands and Premises	State of Cultivation	Quantities in Statute Measure A.	R.	P.	To Vicar of Llangollen £	s.	d.	To John Price £	s.	d.	To John Jones £	s.	d.	Ann Kenrick £	s.	d.	To Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart. £	s.	d.	To Jane and Trevor Thomas £	s.	d.	Remarks
			Bron Haulog																							
West Mon.th Frederick (Continued)	Lawson Robert	268	Water field	pasture	3	.	22		1	5½	A	3	10	A	3	10	A	2	6½	A						
		269	Kiln field	Arable	2	1	21		1	2	A	2	2½	A	2	2½	A	1	5½	A						
		244	Hill field	Arable	1	2	9			5½	A	1	3½	A	1	3½	A		10½	A						
		241	House Garden & Stable	Garden	1	.	26			1	A	–		–			–					5		1	R441	
		240	Garden	Garden	.	.	31		–			–			–			–								
		242	Paddock	pasture	5	.	17			10	A	5	5½	A	5	5½	A	3	6	A						
		243	Wood in do	Wood	.	2	13		–			–			–			–								
		288	Plantation	Plantation	.	.	32		–			–			–			–								
					14	1	14		4	6		12	7½		12	7½		8	6			5		1		
	Ellen Jessica	289	Square field	pasture	1	1	11			11½	A	2	2	A	2	2	A	1	5½	A						
		270	Road field	Arable	2		3		1	6½	A	3	5	A	3	5	A	2	3	A						
					3	1	14		2	6		5	5½		5	5½		3	7½							

The tithe map and apportionment, dating from 1838, show 'Bron Haulog' as being the property of the Honourable Frederick West (husband of Maria Myddelton of Chirk Castle) and being lived in by Robert Lawson. It has not been possible to discover anything further about Robert Lawson, but it seems likely that he was farming the 14 acres of land that made up Bronheulog.

Frederick West was born in 1767, son of Mary (née Wynyard), Countess De La Warr, and Lieutenant-General John West, 2nd Earl De La Warr, Lord Chamberlain to Queen Charlotte. He married firstly Charlotte Mitchell, the daughter and co-heiress of Richard Mitchell of Culham Court, Berkshire2 on 17 April 1792. The couple had one daughter, Charlotte Louisa, but his wife died on 13 June 1795, leaving the Honourable Frederick with a life interest in the valuable property of Culham Court. Within three years, on 31 May 1798, West had married again, to Maria Myddelton, the second surviving daughter of the late Richard Myddelton, of Chirk Castle, Denbighshire and of Elizabeth Rushout, daughter of Rt Hon Sir John Rushout, Treasurer of the Navy. West moved initially into his late father-in-law's residence, Chirk Castle, styling himself the Honourable Frederick West of Chirk Castle, but also had a house in Hanover Square, London, as well as Culham Court.

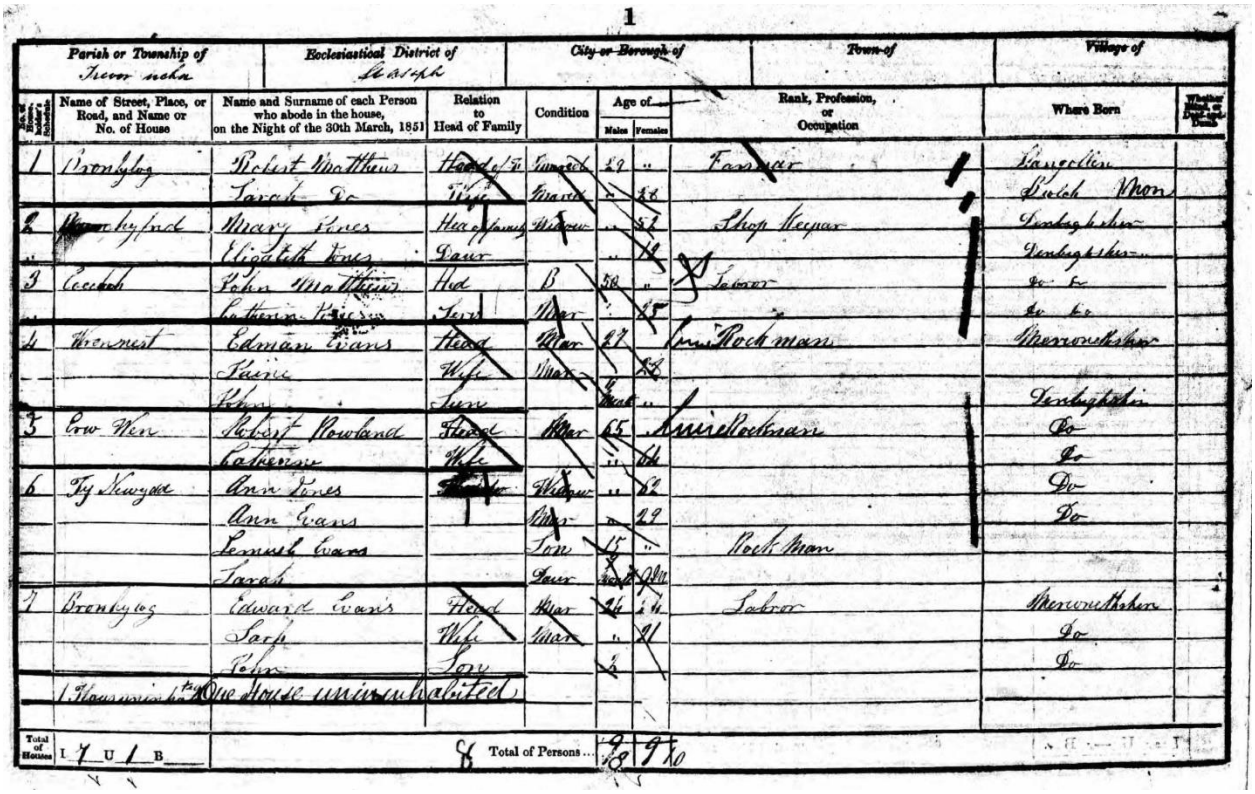


PLACE	HOUSES Uninhabited or Building	HOUSES Inhabited	NAMES of each Person who abode therein the preceding Night.	AGE and SEX Males	AGE and SEX Females	PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS.	Where Born: Whether Born in same County	Where Born: Whether Born in Wales or Foreign Parts.
Llandyn		1	Griffith Edwards	30		M. S.	Y	
			John Jones	25		M. S.	Y	
			Edwd. Jones	15		M. S.	Y	
			Owen Edwards	10		M. S.	Y	
			Elizth. Rowland		25	F. S.	Y	
			Margaret Jones		20	F. S.	Y	
Nant		1	John Matthews	45		Rockman	Y	
			Robert do	15		M. S.	Y	
			Elizth do		40		Y	
			John do	5			Y	
Shrewsbury Road		1	Edward Price	55		Painter	Y	
			Dorothy do		50		Y	
			Hannah Hughes		15		Y	
Canal side		1	Dorothy Rowland		45		Y	
			Edward do	15		Drover	Y	
		1	Edward Hughes	20		Ag. Lab.	Y	
			Mary do		20		Y	
Factory Sq.		1	Ellen Williams		13		Y	
			Mary do		5		Y	
		1	John Hughes	25		Dyer & fuller	Y	
			Elizth do		20		Y	
Wrexham Rd.		1	Anne Renwick		60	Independent	Y	
			Jane Griffiths		55	F. S.	Y	
	1	1	Sarah Foulkes	60		Pauper	Y	
	1		Eleanor do		55		Y	
TOTAL in Page 12	2	9		12	13			

It has not been possible to identify Bronheulog in the 1841 census, but by 1851 the Hall was occupied by 29 year old farmer Robert Matthews and his wife Sarah. Robert had grown up with his parents John and Elizabeth in the property Nant (now called Tŷ Nant) a bit higher up the hill by Trefor Quarry. Sarah was born in Bwlch, Mon, but whether this was Bwlch in Montgomeryshire or Bwlch on Ynys Môn (Anglesey) is unclear.

Robert and Sarah were listed on the 1851 census as living at Bronhylog, and Robert's occupation was given as a farmer. Also living at Bronhylog (although whether this entry refers to the Hall is not certain) were labourer Edward Evans, his wife Sarah and their son John.

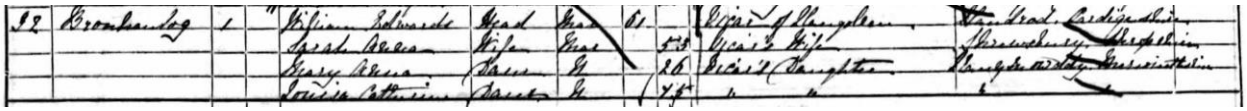
The 1841 census (left), showing Robert Matthews living with his parents at Nant, and the 1851 census (below) recording Robert and Sarah Matthews farming at Bronheulog.



No. of Schedule	Name of Street, Place, or Road, and Name or No. of House	Name and Surname of each Person who abode in the house, on the Night of the 30th March, 1851	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of Males	Age of Females	Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind or Deaf and Dumb
1	Bronhylog	Robert Matthews	Head of Fa	Married	29	"	Farmer	Llangollen	
		Sarah do	Wife	Married	"	28		Bwlch Mon	
2	[illegible]hylod	Mary Jones	Head of family	Widow	"	52	Shop Keeper	Denbighshire	
"		Elizabeth Jones	Daur		"	19		Denbighshire	
3	Cwcdoh	John Matthews	Hd	B	58	"	Labour	do do	
"		Catherine Pierson	Serv	Mar	"	45		do do	
4	Wrexmost	Edman Evans	Head	Mar	27		Rock man	Merionethshire	
		Faine	Wife	Mar	"	27			
		John	Son		4	Mar	"	Denbighshire	
5	Crow Wen	Robert Rowland	Head	Mar	65		Rock man	Do	
		Catherine	Wife		"	64		Do	
6	Ty Newydd	Ann Jones	Visitor	Widow	"	62		Do	
		Ann Evans		Mar	"	29		Do	
		Lemuel Evans		Son	15	"	Rock man		
		Sarah		Daur	8	Mar			
7	Bronhylog	Edward Evans	Head	Mar	26	24	Labour	Merionethshire	
		Sarah	Wife	Mar	"	21		Do	
		John	Son		2			Do	
	1 Housemaid's Room	One House uninhabited							
Total of Houses	I 7 U 1 B		8 Total of Persons		9	9	20		

From the 1850s until the 1920s there were a number of complex transfers of the mortgage on Bronheulog, but the Myddelton Biddulphs of Chirk Castle always seemed to maintain an interest in the property.

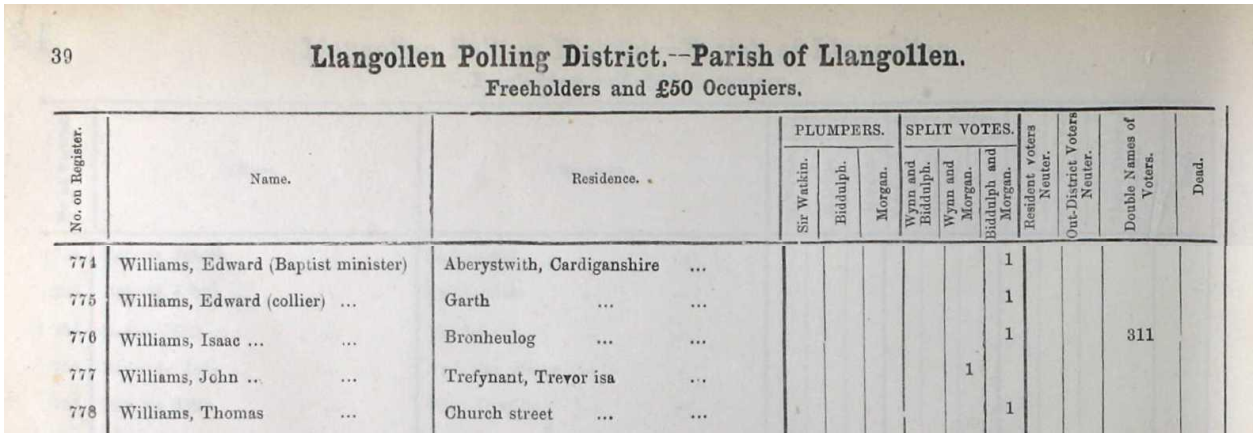
The 1861 census shows Bronheulog being lived in by William Edwards, the vicar of Llangollen, his wife Sarah and their two daughters Mary and Louisa.



The 1861 census showing the vicar of Llangollen living at Bronheulog with his family.

William Edwards was the vicar of Llangollen from around 1849 until not long before his death in 1868. Previously the family had lived at the splendid Vicarage on Mill Street in Llangollen (later the Woodlands Hotel). However, when the railway line came to Llangollen the Vicarage was sold to the Railway Company, and a new Vicarage built below Fron Bache with the proceeds. Evidently Bronheulog served as a temporary Vicarage in the period before the new Vicarage was complete. William and Sarah's third son, Henry, went on to become the Dean of Bangor.

Following on from its time as a Vicarage, Bronheulog was occupied by the Llangollen Lime and Fluxing Stone Company, which operated the limestone quarries along the Trevor Rocks above the Sun Bank. Bronheulog was used by the company as the residence for their quarry managers. The first recorded manager was Isaac Williams, noted in the 1868 polling records as living at Bronheulog and on the 1871 census as being the manager of the limestone quarries.



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Llangollen Polling District.—Parish of Llangollen.

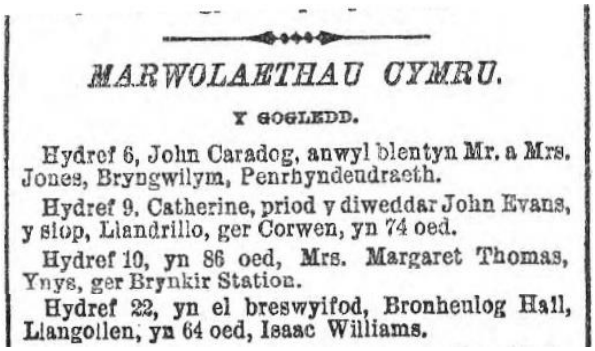
Freeholders and £50 Occupiers.

No. on Register.	Name.	Residence.	PLUMPERS. Sir Watkin.	PLUMPERS. Biddulph.	PLUMPERS. Morgan.	SPLIT VOTES. Wynn and Biddulph.	SPLIT VOTES. Wynn and Morgan.	SPLIT VOTES. Biddulph and Morgan.	Resident voters Neuter.	Out-District Voters Neuter.	Double Names of Voters.	Dead.
774	Williams, Edward (Baptist minister)	Aberystwith, Cardiganshire ...						1				
775	Williams, Edward (collier) ...	Garth						1				
776	Williams, Isaac	Bronheulog						1			311	
777	Williams, John	Trefynant, Trevor isa ...					1					
778	Williams, Thomas ...	Church street						1				

The 1868 polling register, showing Isaac Williams living at Bronheulog.

Isaac Williams was born in Cefn Bychan, Ruabon parish, in 1814. By 1851 he had become a boat builder in Newbridge, living there with his second wife Jane and children Ann (3) and David (2). Another daughter, Lucretia, was born in 1856, and then the family moved to Shropshire, where Isaac became a coal agent in Shrewsbury. Two further daughters, Jane and Amelia, were born in 1858 and 1864, and then Isaac moved his family to Llangollen, where he became the manager of the limestone quarries on Sun Bank.

Isaac and his family continued to live at Bronheulog until 1878, when Isaac sadly died at the age of 64. A new manager for the limestone quarries was required and Bronheulog became home to Stephen Toye.



MARWOLAETHAU CYMRU.

Y GOGLEDD.

Hydref 6, John Caradog, anwyl blentyn Mr. a Mrs. Jones, Bryngwilym, Penrhyndeudraeth.

Hydref 9, Catherine, priod y diweddar John Evans, y slop, Llandrillo, ger Corwen, yn 74 oed.

Hydref 10, yn 86 oed, Mrs. Margaret Thomas, Ynys, ger Brynkir Station.

Hydref 22, yn el breswyifod, Bronheulog Hall, Llangollen, yn 64 oed, Isaac Williams.

The record of Isaac Williams' death in October 1878, published in Y Drych on

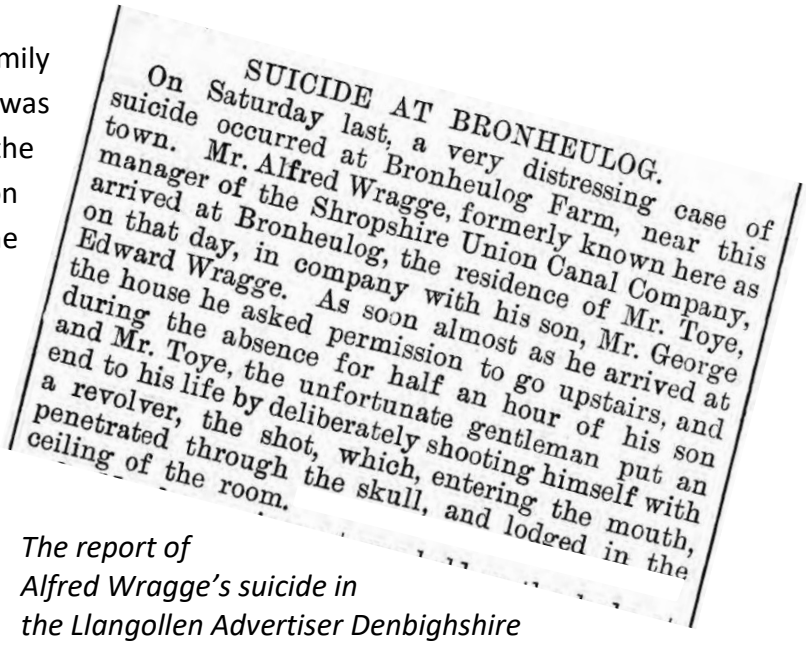
Originally from Cornwall, Stephen had previously been a barite miner in Shropshire. Having married Margaret Lloyd in Llanfyllin in 1872, and having two children, Robert and Emily, the couple moved to Llangollen, where Stephen became the new manager for the Llangollen Lime

and Fluxing Stone Company. A third child, Stephen, was born in 1881, after the family had moved to Bronheulog, followed by the birth of twins the following year.

Photograph from 1888 showing Bronheulog Hall (third of the way from bottom and left) with the limestone quarries behind. The tramway used to take limestone down to the canal can be seen towards the right hand side of the photograph and the Sun Inn, Trevor at bottom right.

Also living at Bronheulog was 57 year old widower Thomas Moore, who was originally from near Nantwich in Cheshire. He was recorded on the 1881 census as being a general labourer and servant. Just two years before, in 1879, his wife Elizabeth had died whilst they were living at the house.

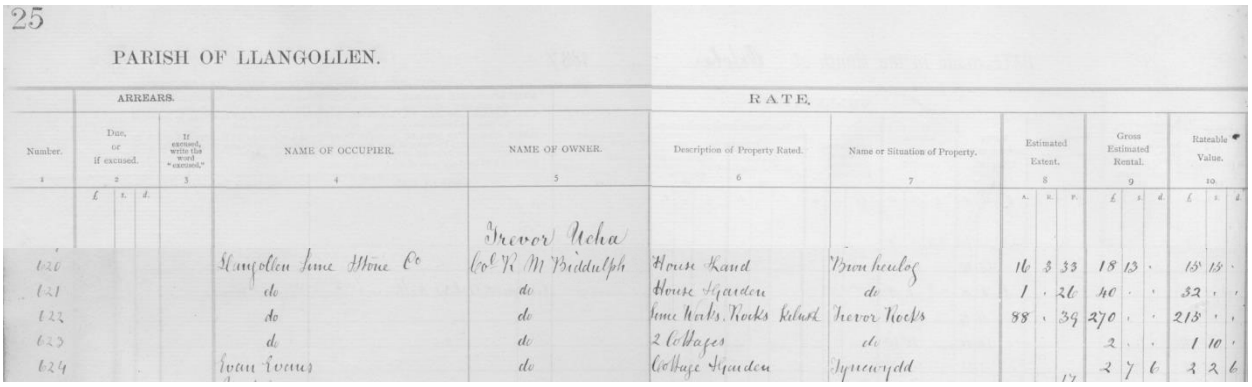
In 1885, whilst Stephen Toye and his family were living at Bronheulog, there was another death at Hall. Alfred Wragge, the former manager of the Shropshire Union Canal, was a frequent visitor to the family. On this occasion he visited the Toye family with his son Edward Wragge. As soon as he arrived he excused himself to go upstairs and, whilst up there, committed suicide by shooting himself with a revolver. Any possible reasons for why he may have done this were not reported by the newspapers at the time, but we can only imagine the effect that it must have had, not only on Edward Wragge, but also on Stephen Toye and his family.



SUICIDE AT BRONHEULOG.

On Saturday last, a very distressing case of suicide occurred at Bronheulog Farm, near this town. Mr. Alfred Wragge, formerly known here as manager of the Shropshire Union Canal Company, arrived at Bronheulog, the residence of Mr. Toye, on that day, in company with his son, Mr. George Edward Wragge. As soon almost as he arrived at the house he asked permission to go upstairs, and during the absence for half an hour of his son and Mr. Toye, the unfortunate gentleman put an end to his life by deliberately shooting himself with a revolver, the shot, which, entering the mouth, penetrated through the skull, and lodged in the ceiling of the room.

The report of Alfred Wragge's suicide in the Llangollen Advertiser Denbighshire Merionethshire and North Wales Journal. 28th August 1885.



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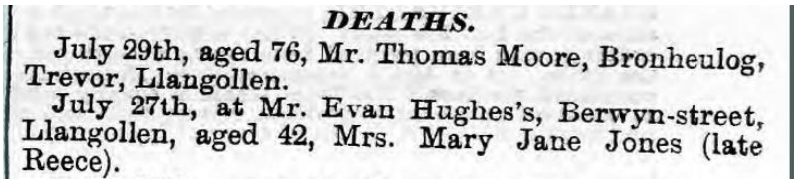
PARISH OF LLANGOLLEN.

Number.	Arrears. Due, or if excused. £	s.	d.	If excused, write the word "excused."	Name of Occupier.	Name of Owner.	Description of Property Rated.	Name or Situation of Property.	Estimated Extent. A.	R.	P.	Gross Estimated Rental. £	s.	d.	Rateable Value. £	s.	d.
						Trevor Roberts											
620					Llangollen Lime Stone Co	Col R M Biddulph	House Land	Bronheulog	16	3	33	18	13	·	15	15	·
621					do	do	House & Garden	do	1	·	26	40	·	·	32	·	·
622					do	do	Lime Works, Rocks & Land	Trevor Rocks	88	·	39	270	·	·	213	·	·
623					do	do	2 Cottages	do				2	·	·	1	10	·
624					Evan Evans	do	Cottage & Garden	Tynewydd				2	7	6	2	2	6

The 1887 rates book entries for Bronheulog.

The 1887 rates records for Bronheulog show the Hall belonging to Colonel Robert Myddelton Biddulph and still being used by the Llangollen Lime Stone Company.



DEATHS.

July 29th, aged 76, Mr. Thomas Moore, Bronheulog, Trevor, Llangollen.

July 27th, at Mr. Evan Hughes's, Berwyn-street, Llangollen, aged 42, Mrs. Mary Jane Jones (late Reece).

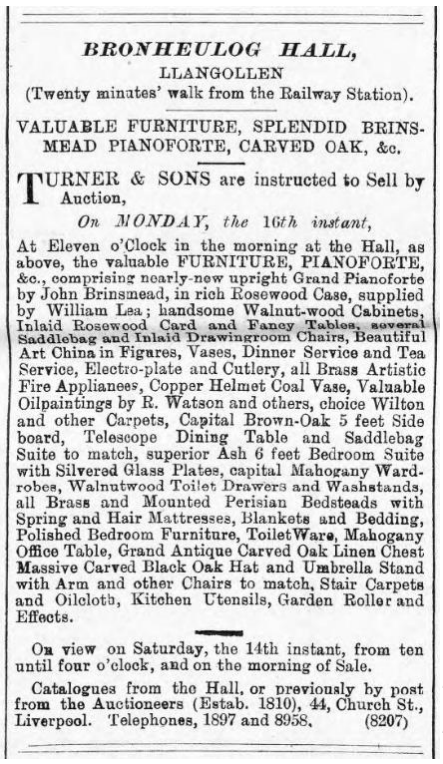
Llangollen Advertiser Denbighshire Merionethshire and North Wales Journal - 2nd August 1895.

By 1891 Stephen and his family had emigrated to Nova Scotia, where Stephen and his eldest son Robert were both recorded as having become labourers. The post of quarry manager was taken over by Thomas Moore, who had evidently progressed from being the labourer recorded in the census 10 years previously. Thomas continued to live at Bronheulog, although in 1895 he too was to pass away.

An advertisement in the local newspaper in 1891 shows a Mrs T. Jones advertising rooms to let at Bronheulog, although it is not clear whether she (or her family) were living at the Hall with Thomas Moore or at the adjacent farm or cottage. Newspapers from 1897 record a Walter and Mrs Jones as living at Bronheulog, although it seems more likely that these articles were referring to the farm behind the Hall. On the 1901 census nobody was recorded as being at Fronheulog Hall. The enumerator did, however, mark it down as still being an inhabited dwelling. Possibly whoever lived there was simply away on the day of the census or maybe they were in the process of moving out of the Hall. The second possibility is made more likely by the appearance in the local newspaper in December of that year of a notice of the auction of furniture and decorations from Bronheulog.

TO BE LET, SITTING AND BEDROOM. Apply MRS. T. JONES, Bronheulog, Llangollen. (3438)

Llangollen Advertiser Denbighshire Merionethshire and North Wales Journal, 26th June 1891.



BRONHEULOG HALL,
LLANGOLLEN
(Twenty minutes' walk from the Railway Station).

VALUABLE FURNITURE, SPLENDID BRINSMEAD PIANOFORTE, CARVED OAK, &c.

TURNER & SONS are instructed to Sell by Auction,

On MONDAY, the 16th instant,

At Eleven o'Clock in the morning at the Hall, as above, the valuable FURNITURE, PIANOFORTE, &c., comprising nearly-new upright Grand Pianoforte by John Brinsmead, in rich Rosewood Case, supplied by William Lea; handsome Walnut-wood Cabinets, Inlaid Rosewood Card and Fancy Tables, several Saddlebag and Inlaid Drawingroom Chairs, Beautiful Art China in Figures, Vases, Dinner Service and Tea Service, Electro-plate and Cutlery, all Brass Artistic Fire Applianees, Copper Helmet Coal Vase, Valuable Oilpaintings by R. Watson and others, choice Wilton and other Carpets, Capital Brown-Oak 5 feet Side board, Telescope Dining Table and Saddlebag Suite to match, superior Ash 6 feet Bedroom Suite with Silvered Glass Plates, capital Mahogany Wardrobes, Walnutwood Toilet Drawers and Washstands, all Brass and Mounted Perisian Bedsteads with Spring and Hair Mattresses, Blankets and Bedding, Polished Bedroom Furniture, ToiletWare, Mahogany Office Table, Grand Antique Carved Oak Linen Chest Massive Carved Black Oak Hat and Umbrella Stand with Arm and other Chairs to match, Stair Carpets and Oilcloth, Kitchen Utensils, Garden Roller and Effects.

On view on Saturday, the 14th instant, from ten until four o'clock, and on the morning of Sale.

Catalogues from the Hall, or previously by post from the Auctioneers (Estab. 1810), 44, Church St., Liverpool. Telephones, 1897 and 8958. (8207)

Llangollen Advertiser Denbighshire Merionethshire and North Wales Journal, 6th December 1901.

Five years later, in 1906, there was another auction of paintings and furniture, but on that occasion it was noted as being items belonging to Walter P. Jones. This would seem to support the idea that Walter Jones was not living at the Hall, but at one of the other houses at Bronheulog, as there would be no need for he and his family to sell off all of the furniture and other goods in 1906 if they had already disposed of them in 1901!

Unfortunately it has not been possible to discover who the occupants of the Hall were directly following Thomas Moore. However, 1911 saw Richard Myddelton of Chirk Castle put up for auction a large swathe of the estate, including the whole village of Chirk, fishing rights in the River Dee, Bronheulog House and land near Llangollen.

NEXT FRIDAY, 28th SEPT., at 12 o'Clock.

ATTRACTIVE SALE of Superior HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, including very good Brown Oak Dining Room Suite in Saddlebags, enclosed Sideboard with Mirror Back, extending Dining Table, heavy Brass and other Fenders and Fire Irons, Copper and other Coal Scuttles, Chimney Mirrors, Overmantel, Plated Venison Dish & Cover, Cruet, WALNUT DRAWING-ROOM APPOINTMENTS, including costly China Display Cabinet, Occasional and Side Tables and Chairs in good upholsteries, Luxurious Lounge Chairs, two pairs very fine Dresden Vases, costly Drawing Room Ornaments, Sheraton Card Table, Black Skin and other Rugs, American Rockers, Antique Carved Oak Chest, and Hat and Umbrella Stand, VALUABLE OIL PAINTINGS & ENGRAVINGS by Artists of good repute, Wall Placques and Mirrors, Kneehole Writing Desk, Bordered Auxminster and Brussels Carpets, Linoleum, the contents of 4 BEDROOMS and DOMESTIC OFFICES, OUTDOOR EFFECTS, &c., including superior Ash Bedroom Suite with 6ft. Robe and Mirror Door, Walnut and other Dressing Tables, Toilet Ware and Glasses, Brass and Iron Parisian Bedsteads and Spring and Hair Mattresses, Chests of Drawers, Wedgwood Dinner, Dessert, Breakfast and Tea Services, Crockery, Culinary Utensils, Sauce and Frying Pans, Wringing Machine, Housekeeper's Cupboard, Oak Dresser, PONY and FOAL, GARDEN TOOLS, POULTRY, &c., &c., at

BRONHEULOG, LLANGOLLEN,

1½ Miles from the Station, and 3 minutes' Walk from Sun Bank Halt, G.W.R.

FRANK LLOYD & SONS have been instructed by Walter P. Jones, Esq...who is giving up housekeeping, to conduct the above Sale, absolutely without reserve.

Commencing at 12 o'Clock prompt.
(16682) On View Morning of Sale only.

Llangollen Advertiser Denbighshire Merionethshire and North Wales Journal, 21st September 1906.

THE BREAKING-UP OF ESTATES—WELSH VILLAGE FOR SALE.—Mr. Richard Myddelton, the owner of the Chirk Castle estate, Denbighshire, offers by auction in July, in lots, the outlying portions of the estate at Chirk, including the whole of the village of Chirk, with the Hand Hotel, the Cross Keys Hotel, the post-office, village shops, and cottages, Chirk Mill, several private houses and ground-rents, the farms surrounding the village, land in Croggen, fishing rights in the Dee and its tributaries, Bronheulog House, and land near Llangollen. The whole of the property to be sold extends to about 1,500 acres.

Clifton Society - Thursday 16th March 1911

By instructions from Richard Myddelton, Esq., J.P.

DENBIGHSHIRE.

VALUABLE FREEHOLD AGRICULTURAL PROPERTIES,
extending to about

1317 Acres,

forming the **OUTLYING PORTIONS** of the Chirk Castle Estate, situate between Oswestry and Wrexham, and including several

EXCELLENT DAIRY FARMS,
the
WHOLE OF THE VILLAGE OF CHIRK,
including
THE HAND HOTEL, CROSS KEYS HOTEL, POST OFFICE, VILLAGE SHOPS, SMITHY, NUMEROUS COTTAGES, CHIRK MILL, PRIVATE RESIDENCES,
also
BRON-HEULOG HOUSE and LAND
at
LLANGOLLEN.

The principal Holdings included are:

Holding.	Estimated Area. Acres.
Pontyblew Farm	162
Halton Farm	248
Cherry Orchard	30
Penypark Farm	122
Ley Farm	62
Chirk Green Farm	135
Hand Hotel and Farm	123
Afon Bradley Farm	101
Maesgwyn Farm	128
Chirk Mill and Land	14
Peny Craig Farm	35
Pen y-Bryn Farm	14
Ty-Isaf Farm	99
The Mount	15
Bron-Heulog House and Land	33

To be offered in Lots at the Parish Hall, Chirk, on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 18, at One o'clock, and 19, at Six o'clock.

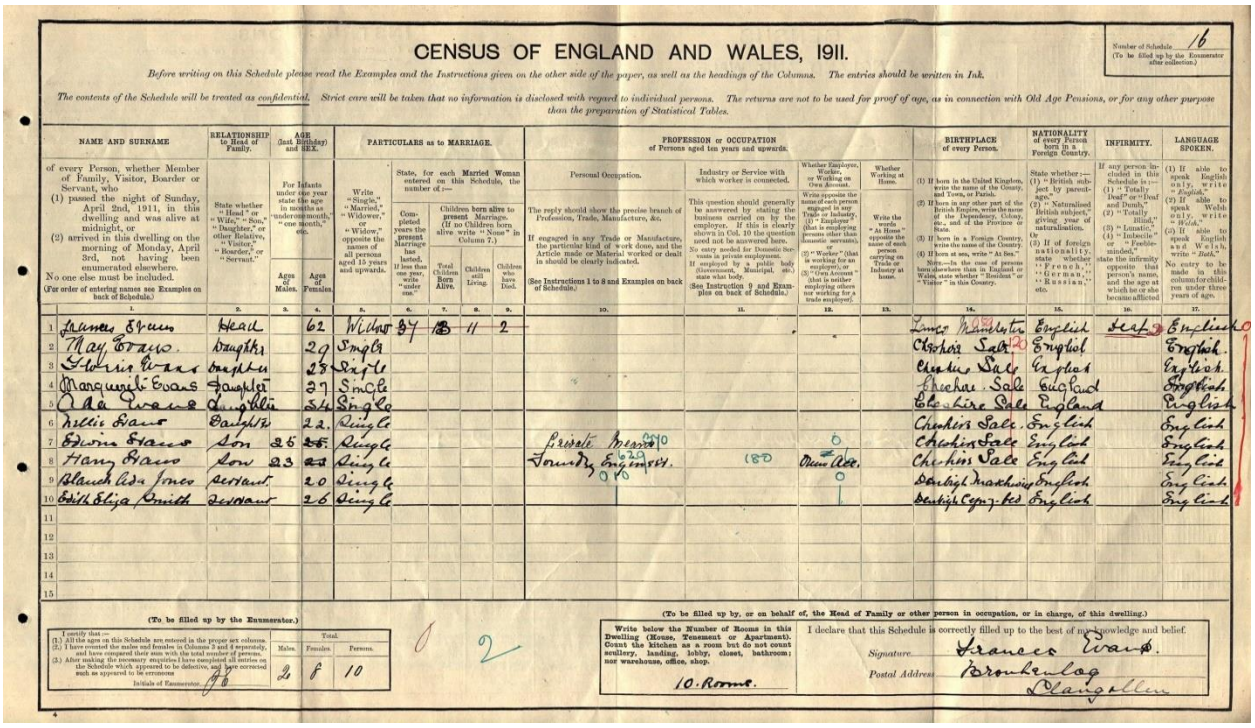
Solicitors: Messrs LEE and PEMBERTONS, 44, Lincoln's-inn fields, London, W.C.
Resident Agent: Mr WILLIAM PARKER, Chirk.
Auctioneers: Messrs KNIGHT, FRANK, and RUTLEY, 20, Hanover-square, London, W.

The auction took place in the Parish Hall in Chirk on the 18th July 1911. Bronheulog was listed with land totalling 33 acres, a small portion of the total 1317 acres that were being sold.

It would appear, however, that Bronheulog was not sold at the auction, as documents from fifteen years later indicate that Richard Myddelton still had an interest in the property (see below).

It would appear, however, that Bronheulog had been put into a trust, managed on behalf of the Myddelton family by trustees, most likely in order to release funds to the family, whilst still maintaining some control over the asset.

The Field 3rd June 1911



CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Number of Schedule 16

Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in Ink.

The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

	Name and Surname of every Person	Relationship to Head of Family	Age (last Birthday) Ages of Males	Ages of Females	Particulars as to Marriage	Completed years the present Marriage has lasted	Children born alive to present Marriage: Total Children Born Alive	Children still Living	Children who have Died	Profession or Occupation	Industry or Service	Employer, Worker, or Working on Own Account	Working at Home	Birthplace	Nationality	Infirmity	Language Spoken
1	James Evans	Head		62	Widow	37	13	11	2					Lancs Manchester	English	Deaf	English
2	May Evans	Daughter		29	Single									Cheshire Sale	English		English
3	Florrie Evans	Daughter		28	Single									Cheshire Sale	England		English
4	Marguerite Evans	Daughter		27	Single									Cheshire Sale	England		English
5	Ada Evans	Daughter		24	Single									Cheshire Sale	England		English
6	Nellie Evans	Daughter		22	Single									Cheshire Sale	English		English
7	Edwin Evans	Son	25	25	Single					Private means				Cheshire Sale	English		English
8	Harry Evans	Son	23	23	Single					Foundry Engineer				Cheshire Sale	English		English
9	Blanche Alice Jones	Servant		20	Single									Derbyshire Matlock	English		English
10	Edith Eliza Smith	Servant		26	Single									Derbyshire Copy Lee	English		English
11																	
12																	
13																	
14																	
15																	

(To be filled up by the Enumerator.) Total: Males 8, Females 10, Persons 18.

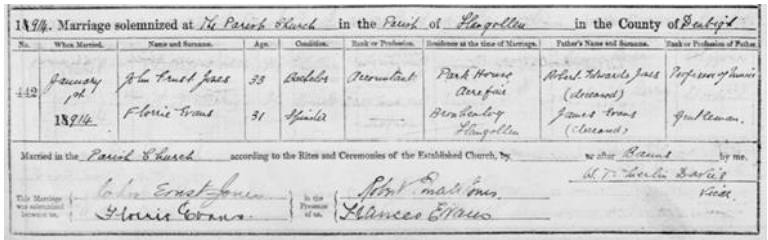
Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (House, Tenement or Apartment). Count the kitchen as a room but do not count scullery, landing, lobby, closet, bathroom; nor warehouse, office, shop. 10. Rooms.

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief. Signature Frances Evans. Postal Address Bronheulog Llangollen

The 1911 census for Bronheulog.

The next occupants of Bronheulog that we know of were the Evans family. The 1911 census records Fronheulog as the home of 62 year old widow Frances Evans and seven of her children. The Evans family had moved to Llangollen from Sale in Cheshire, where Frances' husband, James, had been a mechanical engineer. James had died in 1904, which possibly prompted the move of the family. Evidently the family were well off, as only the youngest son Harry was recorded on the census as working, being a foundry engineer.

The beginning of 1914 saw the occasion of the wedding of Frances' fourth daughter Florrie to John Ernest Jones of Park House in Acrefair. Florrie was noted on the marriage record as living at Bronheulog, and her father James' (deceased) occupation was recorded as Gentleman.



1914. Marriage solemnized at The Parish Church in the Parish of Llangollen in the County of Denbigh

No.	When Married	Name and Surname	Age	Condition	Rank or Profession	Residence at the time of Marriage	Father's Name and Surname	Rank or Profession of Father
442	January 1st 1914	John Ernest Jones	33	Bachelor	Accountant	Park House Acrefair	Robert Edwards Jones (deceased)	Professional Musician
		Florrie Evans	31	Spinster	—	Bronheulog Llangollen	James Evans (deceased)	Gentleman

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by Banns by me. W. T. Lewis Bartlett Vicar.

This Marriage was solemnized between us. John Ernest Jones. Florrie Evans. In the Presence of us. Robert Edwards Jones. Frances Evans.

The marriage of Florrie Evans and John Jones on the 1st January 1914.

The Evans family remained at Bronheulog until the year after Florrie's marriage. An advertisement in the Llangollen Advertiser in April 1915 recorded the auction of household items at Bronheulog, noting that the sale was on the instruction of Mrs Evans "who is leaving".

THURSDAY NEXT, APRIL 29th.

Sale of SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and Outdoor Effects, at

BRONHEULOG HALL,

Near Llangollen (close to Sun Bank Halt).

MESSRS. JONES & SON beg to announce their instructions from Mrs. Evans (who is leaving), to Sell by Auction on the aforesaid premises, the undermentioned EXCELLENT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE & EFFECTS, viz., Costly Oak Sideboard, 6 ft. wide x 8 ft. high, having Cupboards and Drawers and Wine Cellarette below and Plate-glass Back (this is a Magnificent Sideboard); Expensive Light Oak Dining Room Suite, consisting of 2 Carvers Chairs and 12 Single Chairs, covered with Morocco Leather; Massive Light Oak Dining Table, to admit 4 Extra Leaves, maximum 11 ft. x 4 ft., minimum 5 ft. 6 in. x 4 ft; 3 Ebonized Mahogany Single Chairs, covered with Morocco; Light Oak Open Bookcase, 7 ft. by 4 ft.; Exceptionally Fine Bronze Mantel Clock, supported by Figure; Mahogany Dining Table, to admit 3 extra leaves, maximum 8ft. 6in. x 3ft. 6in., minimum 4 ft. x 3 ft. 6 in.; Mahogany Settee, covered with Silk Tapestry; Enamelled Corner Seat, 3 Pretty Papier Mache Chairs inlaid with Mother of Pearl, Oak Coal Vase; Costly Turkey Carpet, equal to new, 25 ft. x 12 ft.; Two Velvet Carpets, 18 ft. x 12 ft., and 20 ft. by 12 ft. respectively; Copper and Black and Jack Kerbs, Copper and Black and Brass and Black Fire Irons and Dogs, Fire Guards; Expensive Saddle Bag Drop-end Settee, convertible to a Bedstead; Pier Glass in Enamelled frame, several Splendid Etchings, Engravings, etc.; Excellent Light Oak Bedroom Suite (complete). Full-size All-brass Bedsteads, 2 Single All-brass Bedsteads, Chain Mattresses, Wool Mattress, Feather Bed, Bamboo Afternoon Tea Table, French Timepiece, a number of Books, Fire Guards and Screens, Golf Clubs and Bag, Carpet 9 ft. x 4 ft., 20 Triangle Brass Stair Rods and Eyes, Lamps and Brackets, 2 Cocoanut Mats, 2 Patent Fire Extinguishers, and 2 Seltzergenes, &c.

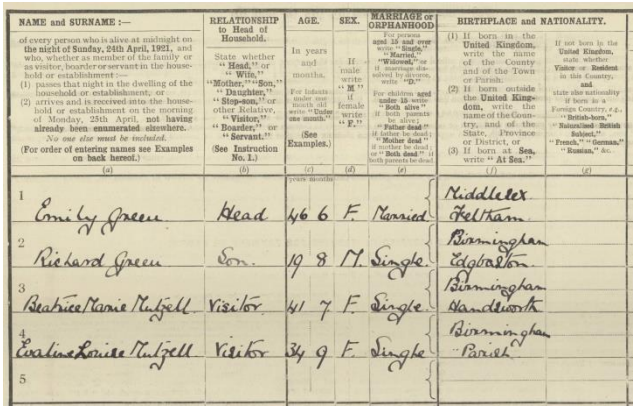
The KITCHENS contain Nearly New Knife Cleaner, Patent Filter, Painted Dresser with Cupboards and Drawers, Square Table, Chest of Drawers, Clothes Airer, Fire Guard, Plate Shelves, Bedside Table, Meat Hastener, Clothes Maids, 2 Oil Stoves, several Iron-stone Meat Dishes, Milk Pail, Sieve and Measure, &c.

The OUT-DOOR EFFECTS include Green's 14 in. Lawn Mower (perfect), 2 Toboggans, Dog Kennel, Wheelbarrow with Loose Sides, 20 Stave Ladder, Garden Frame, a number of Flower Pots, 2 Watering Cans, 6 Hand Lights, Garage Lifting Jack, Anthracite Stove, Hosepipe, Joiners' Bench and Vice, Cask of Grease, Garden Tools, Cask of Motor Oil, Motor Bicycle Saddle, Stable Fittings, Iron Manger and Cratch, Corn Coffer, Garden Seat, 3 Garden Chairs, Galvanized Tank 5 ft. x 1 ft. 6 in., Wood Mantelpiece, Wire Netting, Barb Wire and Posts, Long Bench, a Well-bred RETRIEVER BITCH, &c., &c.

SALE AT ONE O'CLOCK PROMPT.

Llangollen Advertiser 23rd April 1915.

Following the departure of Frances Evans and her family, Bronheulog became the home to Emily Green and her son Richard. Emily had been born in 1876 in Feltham, Middlesex, where, in 1900, she had married Edward Henry Green. They then moved to Edgbaston in Birmingham, where Richard was born in 1902. Over the next 30 years the family moved to Kenilworth, Warwick and Tormoham in Devon, before moving to Bronheulog. Over that period Richard's five brothers, Phillip, John, Edward, Alan, andDavid, were born.



NAME and SURNAME :— of every person who is alive at midnight on the night of Sunday, 24th April, 1921, and who, whether as member of the family or as visitor, boarder or servant in the household or establishment — (1) passes that night in the dwelling of the household or establishment; or (2) arrives and is received into the household or establishment on the morning of Monday, 25th April, not having already been enumerated elsewhere. *No one else must be included.* (For order of entering names see Examples on back hereof.) (a)	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Household. State whether "Head," or "Wife," "Mother," "Son," "Daughter," "Step-son," or other Relative, "Visitor," "Boarder," or "Servant." (See Instruction No. 1.) (b)	AGE. In years and months. For infants under one month old write "Under one month." (See Examples.) (c) years months	SEX. If male write "M" if female write "F." (d)	MARRIAGE or ORPHANHOOD For persons aged 15 and over write "Single," "Married," "Widowed," or if marriage dissolved by divorce, write "D." For children aged under 15 write "Both alive" if both parents living, or "Father dead" if father be dead, "Mother dead" if mother be dead, or "Both dead" if both parents be dead. (e)	BIRTHPLACE and NATIONALITY. (1) If born in the United Kingdom, write the name of the County and of the Town or Parish. (2) If born outside the United Kingdom, write the name of the Country, and of the State, Province or District, or (3) If born at Sea, write "At Sea." (f)	If not born in the United Kingdom, state whether Visitor or Resident in this Country, and state also nationality if born in a Foreign Country, *e.g.*, "British-born," "Naturalised British Subject," "French," "German," "Russian," &c. (g)
1 Emily Green	Head	46 6	F.	Married	Middlesex Feltham	
2 Richard Green	Son.	19 8	M.	Single	Birmingham Edgbaston	
3 Beatrice Marie Mulzell	Visitor	41 7	F.	Single	Birmingham Handsworth	
4 Evaline Louise Mulzell	Visitor	34 9	F.	Single	Birmingham Parish	
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The 1921 census for Bronheulog.

The 1921 census showed 46 year old Emily at Bronheulog, along with her eldest son, Richard, and two visitors. Edward was evidently just away at the time of the census, as Emily is noted as married. On the 1921 census John Herbert Green (13), Richards' brother, was recorded as being at Arden House Preparatory School for boys in Henly in Arden, as was Edward (15), Alan (9) and David (8). All were boarders. Brother Phillip (17) was at college in Great Malvern.

This Conveyance is made the twenty-sixth day of October One thousand nine hundred and twenty six Between Robert Edward Myddelton of White's Club St James' in the County of London a Colonel in His Majesty's Territorial Forces (hereinafter called the Vendor) of the first part The Right Honourable Lloyd Baron Kenyon of Gredington in the County of Flint and Henry Arthur Whately of 44 Lincolns Inn Fields in the County of London Esquire (hereinafter called the Trustees) of the Second part and George William Ridley and Walter Ridley both of Bronheulog in the County of Denbigh Gentlemen (hereinafter called the Purchasers) of the third part

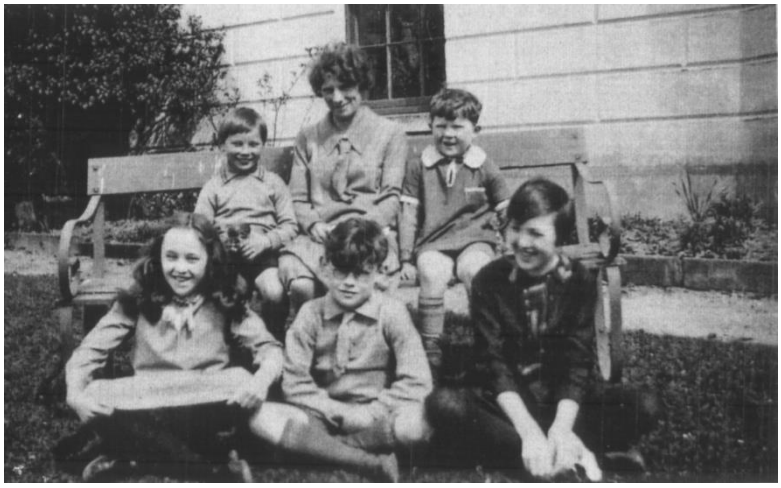
The conveyance in 1926 when Bronheulog was sold away from the Myddelton Estate.

A major change would come at Bronheulog on the 19th October 1926, with the sale of the Hall away from the Myddelton Estate. A conveyance from that date shows Robert Edward Myddelton selling the property to George William Ridley and Walter Ridley.

George and Walter were brothers, sons of George and Elizabeth Ridley (nee McCaffrey). George had been born in Winton in 1874 and his brother two years later in Preston. George was an architect and William an estate manager. Although they were recorded as 'being of Bronheulog' in the conveyance, it seems more likely that the purchase of the Hall was an investment, as, just a year later Bronheulog was being rented out. The tenants who moved in in 1927 were the Scott-Archer family. Son Mike Scott Archer detailed his memories. "Our first home here was Plas Ifan, near Bryn Hywel, where we moved in 1924. My father was an English graduate of Bangor University and taught English at Ruabon Grammar School throughout the period 1920 to 1947. My mother was a graduate in Latin and English and had also been a teacher until they married in 1922. We moved to Bronheulog cottage in about 1927, and by 1928 we had moved into Bronheulog Hall, where my mother opened a small private school which had about five or six local children of 4 or 5 years age".

I have a few vivid memories of the three years here. Climbing onto the bedroom mantelpiece behind the bedhead (the bedroom fire place was not used), hiding under a rhododendron just beside the front door while parents and maid searched everywhere, dropping a brick onto the porcelain loo after being scolded for some misdemeanour. I had family walks or trips which

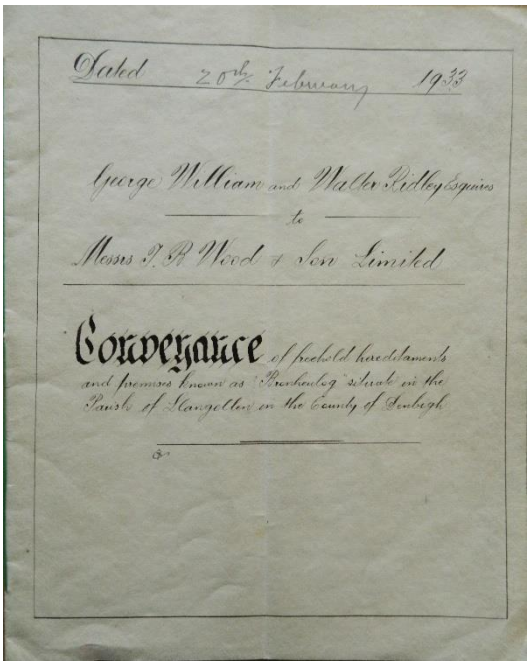
were memorable. The great spring frost of 1929 is remembered for the maid taking me half a mile along the hillside and down the lane to the canal at Sunbank where I saw the boatman breaking the ice for the limestone barge horse to have a drink. There was an incline from the Eglwyseg quarries down to Sunbank which brought the limestone. The maid persuaded the quarryman to give us a ride back up the incline in the empty limestone wagon.



The small private school at Bronheulog.

In the following summer my mother walked with me up the lane to the road called Panorama Walk below the quarries and from there to the top of Castell Dinas Brân. On the top there was a Camera Obscura which showed an enlarged view of the countryside on a flat table inside the conical building. The lady rotated the Camera to show our home, Bronheulog, and my mother exclaimed' look - there's Gwladys putting the washing out!'. The quarries were probably then in their last years; I remember seeing the wagons coming along the tramway by the Panorama Walk and then the contents being transferred at the top of the incline.

In the autumn of 1930, we moved to Bryn Derwen in Abbey Road.



Dated 20th February 1933

George William and Walter Ridley Esquires

to

Messrs T. B. Wood & Son Limited

Conveyance of freehold hereditaments and premises known as "Bronheulog" situate in the Parish of Llangollen in the County of Denbigh

1933 saw another change in ownership of Bronheulog, when George and Walter Ridley sold the property to Messrs T.B. Wood and Son Ltd of Middleton, Lancashire, for £1,850. At the time of the sale George was living in Rock Ferry and Walter in Farnham, so it seems probable that they never actually lived in the house at all.

T.B. Wood and Son Ltd was a cotton spinning company that had been set up around 1857 by Thomas B. Wood. Born in 1870, since at least 1914 William Martin Wiggins had been the managing director of T.B Wood and Son. Mayor of Middleton between 1914 and 1919, in 1925 he became the MP for Oldham. He was, at one time, president of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners Associations and president of International Federation of Cotton Spinners and Manufacturers. He was also sometime president of the British Employers' Confederation. It would seem that the company had purchased Bronheulog for he and his wife Elizabeth. The key figure in the company, in 1943 the company name was changed to W.M. Wiggins Ltd.

Having lived at the Hall for six years, in 1939, with the outbreak of World War Two, Martin and Elizabeth moved into the nearby Bron Heulog Cottage, in order to make the Hall available for evacuees to use. Very sadly, on Friday 22nd September, a fire started in the Hall and, in spite of the best efforts of the fire service, the building was totally gutted.

William Martin Wiggins in March 1928.

FIRE DESTROYS HALL

LLANGOLLEN RESIDENCE AWAITING EVACUEES

Fire to-day destroyed a picturesque residence, Bronheulog Hall, two miles from Llangollen.

The owners, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wiggins, had made preparations to place the hall at the disposal of evacuees, and Mrs. Wiggins was occupying a near-by cottage.

The building was completely gutted, and only the walls remain.

All the furniture and fittings, as well as large stocks of bedding which Mrs. Wiggins had purchased for evacuees, were destroyed.

The outbreak was first noticed by a railway man. He notified Police Sergeant H. Thomas, who called the fire brigade.

The firemen had a difficult task in forcing the water from the Shropshire Union canal to the building, which is about 300ft. above the road level. For this purpose two engines had to be used.

Liverpool Echo
Friday 22 September 1939.

Martin and Elizabeth never restored or moved back into Bronheulog Hall. In November 1946 W.M. Wiggins Ltd. sold the gutted building, along with Bronheulog Cottage, Tŷ Newydd and all of the land, to jeweller Percival Walter Hulbert and his wife Marie, of 23 Bridge Street, Llangollen for the sum of £3,000. They in turn, in December 1950, sold Bronheulog Cottage, plus one and a quarter acres of the land, to Oswald Sewell Sharratt.

In 1952, Percival Hulbert applied for permission to erect a 'bungalow' on top of the footprint of the remaining walls of Bronheulog Hall. The proposed building was not a true bungalow, as it had a single storey on one side and two stories on the side facing across the valley. In December of that year the plans were sanctioned by the Building Bye-Laws Committee and planning consent was granted in February 1953. In the applications, Percival was listed as being of Bronheulog, but it seems more likely that he and his wife Marie were still living in Bridge Street throughout the time of the restoration. Another complicating factor is that Marie's father, Francis Evans, was recorded as being 'of Bronheulog Hall' when he died in 1951 in Barmouth. Possibly the plan was for him to live there with his daughter and son in law when the restoration was complete.

In April 1953, Percival sold off a further 15 of the 17 acres of Bronheulog land to Oswald Sewell Sharratt, who was then living in the Cottage, Bronheulog, for £700. Also included in the sale was the cottage known as Tŷ Newydd, which was at that time 'in the occupation of Llewelyn Lewis'.

From 1953 OS Map. Bronheulog not shown with hatched line fill, indicating that it was empty.

Upon completion of the new, now much reduced in height, Bronheulog restoration, Percival and

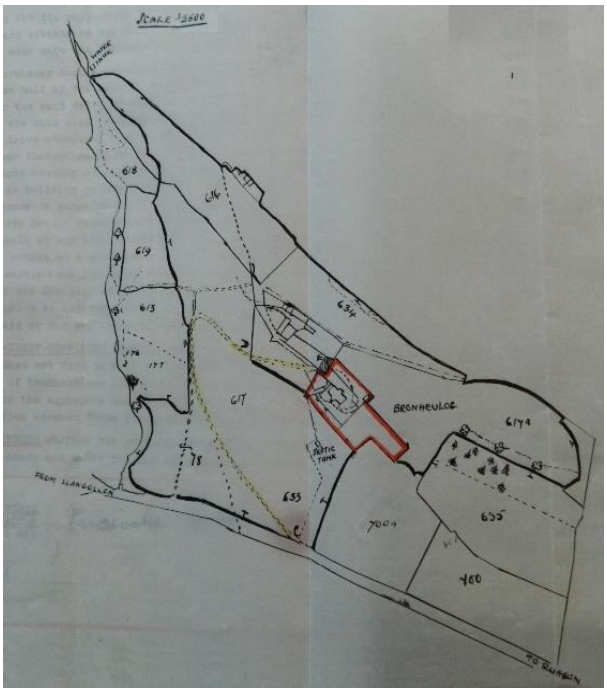
Marie renamed the property Yr Olygfa. It seems that they never actually lived there, because when Percival sold the newly restored house in March 1960, he was recorded as formerly of 23 Bridge Street Llangollen but now of Braeside, Northfield Lane South, Brixham.

With Percival by then retired, he and Marie had evidently decided to enjoy their later years in Devon. She died in 1972, followed by Percival in 1980, leaving an estate worth about £45,000 (around £250,000 in today's money).

At the sale in 1960, Yr Olygfa was bought by Albert George Reeves of Abbey Dingle, Llangollen, for £3,250. Renaming the house Frondirion, it would appear that he lived there for nearly 30 years. When he sold the house in 1989, the conveyance included a statement by Albert, saying:-

I Albert George Reeves, of Frondirion, Sun Bank, Llangollen, Clwyd, do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:-

I am the owner of the property known as Frondirion, Sun Bank, Llangollen formerly known as Olygfa Bronheulog Llangollen and such property was conveyed to me by a Deed of Conveyance dated the 10th day of March 1960 and made between Percival Walter Hulbert of the one part and myself of the other part.



The plan accompanying the 1960 sale of Yr Olygfa – formerly Bronheulog Hall and after renamed Frondirion.

I have occupied the said property known as Frondirion since I purchased the same in 1960.

Albert Reeves, seen here on the far right with the 1950 Eisteddfod Committee.

Born in 1917 in Small Heath, Birmingham, Albert George (Bert) Reeves became a chemist. He lived with his parents in the Yardley area of the city and in 1939 was recorded as being an ARP warden and ambulance driver. He came to work in Llangollen, becoming Managing Director of the Horticultural and Botanical Association, based in Dee Mills. He was an active member of the local community, being in the Rotary, president of the cricket club and holding several positions on the Eisteddfod Committee.

When sold by Albert Reeves in June 1989, Frondirion was purchased by Henry Peter Herbert O'Brien and his wife Valerie (nee Jenks). Born in Barrow-In-Furness, Lancashire, in 1934, Peter and Valerie, who had been born in Mauritius in 1937, had married in Dorset in 1957 and had four children. Peter would, however, only enjoy living at Frondirion for just under three years, as in May 1992 he died.

HENRY PETER HERBERT O'BRIEN No. 418 621	Frondirion Sun Bank Trevor	20th May 1992	58 yrs	Michael S. Walker. Vicar.

Henry Peter Herber O'Brien's burial record (above) and his gravestone in St John's Cemetery (left).

Buried in St John's new cemetery, his grave records the memories of his wife Valerie and his children. Valerie later moved to Abbey Road. She outlived her husband by 25 years, passing away in 2017.

Frondirion today. The bow shaped window in the centre of Frondirion shows the outline of the original shape of Bronheulog Hall.

References

Newspaper Article Transcripts

25th October 1878

MEMORIAM: MR. ISAAC WILLIAMS.—

We have the sad duty of reporting the unexpected death of our late esteemed and genial-neighbour, Mr. Isaac Williams, Bronheulog. He felt indisposed on Sunday week, but no fears were entertained with regard to him even up to the last evening of his life. He had enjoyed such uniformly good health, that his numerous friends were utterly unprepared to receive the sad news of his death, which took place on Tuesday evening. Mr Williams was a native of Cefn Bychan and was born about 1812. For many years he had been part of the Llangollen Fluxing Stone works. At one time he was manager of the Glyn Granite Quarry occupied thus, an important position neighbourhood, and it is to be feared that his life has, to some extent at least, been sacrificed to his sense of duty, for he worked very hard to discharge his various duties to the full satisfaction of his own scrupulous conscience. For several years Mr. Williams occupied the office of deacon at Penybryn Chapel. None will mourn his loss more sincerely and deeply than his pastor and fellow-deacons, whose confidence and love he possessed most thoroughly. His kind and instructive words will long be missed by his Sunday school class. He seems to have been specially attached to his scholars, and, we need hardly say, his attachment was warmly reciprocated. His powerful memory, extensive acquaintance in the Scriptures, and his affable disposition, made him a valuable and beloved member of the church and Sunday school. He leaves a widow and seven daughters, beside a numerous circle of friends, to mourn his loss. Much sympathy is felt in the neighbourhood for Mrs. Williams and her daughters. May their last end be like his.

7 May 1880

ISAAC WILLIAMS, DECEASED. Pursuant to An Act to Further Amend the Law of Property and to Relieve Trustees," being the 22nd and 23rd Victoria, Chapter 35. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all Creditors and other persons having any claims or demands upon or against the estate of ISAAC WILLIAMS, late of Bronheulog Hall, near Llangollen, in the County of Denbigh, Quarry Owner and Manager (who died on the 22nd day of October, 1878, and whose will was proved in the District Registry, at Saint Asaph, of the Probate Division of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice, on the 23rd day of April, 1879, by the Executors therein named), are hereby required to send in particulars of their respective claims or demands to me, the undersigned Solicitor for the said Executors, on or before the 22nd day of May next, after which date the Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims and demands of which the said Executors shall then have had notice, and that they will not be answerable or liable for the assets, or any part thereof, so distributed, to any person or persons of whose claims or demands they shall not then have had notice. All persons indebted to the said estate are required to forthwith pay over the amounts due from them.

Dated this 28th day of April, 1880.

28 August 1885

SUICIDE AT BRONHEULOG.

On Saturday last, a very distressing case of suicide occurred at Bronheulog Farm, near this town. Mr. Alfred Wragge, formerly known here as manager of the Shropshire Union Canal Company, arrived at Bronheulog, the residence of Mr. Toye, on that day, in company with his son, Mr. George Edward Wragge. As soon almost as he arrived at the house he asked permission to go upstairs, and during the absence for half an hour of his son and Mr. Toye, the unfortunate gentleman put an end to his life by deliberately shooting himself with a revolver, the shot, which, entering the mouth, penetrated through the skull, and lodged in the ceiling- of the room. On Monday, an inquest was held on the body at the Sun Inn, Trevor, before Mr. B. H. Thelwall, coroner, and the following jury :-Messrs. Edward Edwards, auctioneer (foreman) James Clarke, accountant; E. H. Mathews, grocer E. H. Roberts Joseph Evans, Sun Inn E. Morris, builder; John Roberts, Osborne House T. O. Williams, draper John Cochrane; Thomas Jones, Trevor; John Edwards, Sun Inn; and J. B. Jagger. The jury, having viewed the body, which was lying at Bron-heulog, returned to the inn, where the following evidence was taken :—Mr. George Ed. Wragge, having been sworn, said I am a merchant, living I at West Dulwich, London. Deceased was my father. He now lived retired at Oakfield, Trimbottom-road, Bedford. He was formerly a brick merchant. Up to Saturday he had been staying with his sister in Chester for three weeks. He has been in bad health for the last three years in fact, he was so bad that he had to put his affairs into the hands of my mother, who acts on his behalf. On Friday I attended a meeting of directors at Shrews- bury. I went over to see my father in Cheshire, and stayed there that night, but not with him. I had asked him to accompany me to Llangollen the following day, but he declined, stating it was too much for him. To my surprise, however, on Satur- day morning, he came up to me when I was taking a ticket in Chester station. We came to Llangollen station and drove to Bronheulog. On arriving there he asked to go upstairs, and

Mr. Toye and I went to see the kilns. On our return in about half an hour we found him in the bedroom quite dead, sitting in a chair. He was suffering from suppressed gout. I know the pistol produced, having seen it in his safe at Chester, about ten years ago. He had reason to have it then, as there had been a case of burglary there about 15 years ago. I am perfectly satisfied that his mind was affected. He was perfectly sane upon everything except one thing, and that was his business.-In reply to the coroner it was stated that deceased was about 55 years of age.—Mr. Stephen Toye said he was manager of the Llangollen Lime and Fluxing Stone Company. He had known Mr. Wragge for about seven years. He last saw him alive at Bronheulog on Saturday. He and Mr. Wragge's son went to see the kilns, leaving deceased upstairs in the house. He had been staying several times at Bronheulog before, and the last time he was in very bad health. He (witness) went upstairs at the request of the son to wake him up, as he thought he was asleep, it being his usual habit to take a rest in the afternoon. He had no suspicion of anything being wrong, and knocking the door, called upon him, but there was no reply. He then went into the room and found him sitting in a chair, with a pistol in his hand. There was a great deal of blood on him. He went for the doctor immediately. The pistol was loaded in all the chambers except one. Deceased was ill, but not to that extent that it was considered necessary to watch him.After a very short consultation, the jury returned a verdict to the effect that deceased came to his death by shooting himself with a revolver which had befallen them, as the deceased had for years been well known in this neighbourhood as a man of strict business integrity and a gentleman of the most genial and affable disposition.

6 December 1901

BRONHEULOG HALL, LLANGOLLEN

(Twenty minutes' walk from the Railway Station).

VALUABLE FURNITURE, SPLENDID BRINSMEAD PIANOFORTE, CARVED OAK, &c. TURNER & SONS are instructed to Sell by- Auction,

On MONDAY, the 16th instant,

At Eleven o'clock in the morning at the Hall, as above, the valuable FURNITURE, PIANOFORTE, &c., comprising nearly-new upright Grand Pianoforte by John Brinsmead, in rich Rosewood Case, supplied by William Lea; handsome Walnut-wood Cabinets, Inlaid Rosewood Card and Fancy Tables, several Saddlebag and Inlaid Drawing room Chairs, Beautiful Art China in Figures, Vases, Dinner Service and Tea Service, Electro-plate and Cutlery, all Brass Artistic Fire Appliances, Copper Helmet Coal Vase, Valuable Oil paintings by R. Watson and others, choice Wilton and other Carpets, Capital Brown-Oak 5 feet Side board, Telescope Dining Table and Saddlebag Suite to match, superior Ash 6 feet Bedroom Suite with Silvered Glass Plates, capital Mahogany Wardrobes, Walnut wood Toilet Drawers and Washstands, all Brass and Mounted Persian Bedsteads with Spring and Hair Mattresses, Blankets and Bedding, Polished Bedroom Furniture, Toilet Ware, Mahogany Office Table, Grand Antique Carved Oak Linen Chest Massive Carved Black Oak Hat and Umbrella Stand with Arm and other Chairs to match. Stair Carpets and Oilcloth, Kitchen Utensils, Garden Roller and Effects.

On. view on Saturday, the 14th instant, from ten until four o'clock, and on the morning of Sale.

Catalogues from the Hall, or previously by post from the Auctioneers (Estab. 1810), 44, Church St., Liverpool. Telephones, 1897 and 8958. (8207)

22 December 1905

In Loving Memory of our dear Mother, Ann Jones late of Bronheulog, Trevor, who departed this life on St. Thomas's Day, 1868, and was interred in St. John's Churchyard, on Christmas Day,

Sleep on, sweet Mother,

Sleep, and take your rest,

We loved you well,

But Jesu loved you best.

Goodbye, until the shadows flee away.

(16808)

21 September 1906

NEXT FRIDAY, 28th SEPT., at 12 o'Clock.

ATTRACTIVE SALE of Superior HOUSE HOLD FURNITURE, including very good Brown Oak Dining Room Suite in Saddlebags, enclosed Sideboard with Mirror Back, extending Dining Table, heavy Brass and other Fenders and Fire Irons, Copper and other Coal Scuttles, Chimney Mirrors, Overmantel, Plated Venison Dish & Cover, Cruet, WALNUT DRAWING-ROOM APPOINTMENTS, including costly China Display Cabinet, Occasional and Side Tables and Chaira in good upholsteries, Luxurious Lounge Chairs, two pairs very fine Dresden Vases, costly Drawing Room Ornaments, Sheraton Card Table, Black Skin and other Rugs, American Rockers, Antique Carved Oak Chest, and Hat and Umbrella Stand, VALUABLE OIL PAINTINGS & ENGRAVINGS by Artists of good repute, Wall Plaques and Mirrors, Knee-hole Writing Desk, Bordered Axminister and Brussels Carpets, Linoleum, the contents of 4 BEDROOMS and DOMESTIC OFFICES, OUTDOOR EFFECTS, &c., including superior Ash Bedroom Suite with 6ft. Robe and Mirror Door, Walnut and other Dressing Tables, Toilet Ware and Glasses, Brass and Iron Parisian Bedsteads and Spring and Hair Mattresses, Chests of Drawers, Wedgwood Dinner, Dessert, Breakfast and Tea, Services, Crockery, Culinary Utensils, Sauce and Frying Pans, Wringing Machine, Housekeeper's Cupboard, Oak Dresser, PONY and FOAL, GARDEN TOOLS, POULTRY, &o., &c., at

BRONHEULOG, LLANGOLLEN,

1½ - Miles from the Station, and 3 minutes' Walk from Sun Bank Halt, G.W.R.

FRANK LLOYD & SONS have been instructed by Walter P. Jones, Esq., who is giving up housekeeping, to conduct the above Sale, absolutely without reserve.

Commencing at 12 o'clock prompt,

(16682) On View Morning of Sale only.

23 April 1915

May we also draw attention to the sale of household furniture and outdoor effects, which Messrs. Jones and Son are instructed to conduct at Bronheulog Hall, Llangollen, on Thursday, April 29th. It is a long time since such a fine collection of choice articles has been distributed in the town, and the full list, appearing in our advertising column, should be carefully studied by contemplating purchasers.

THURSDAY NEXT, APRIL, 39th.

Sale of SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and Outdoor Effects,

at BRON HEULOG HALL,

Near Llangollen (close to Sun Bank Halt).

MESSRS. JONER & SON beg to announce their instructions from Mrs. Evans (who is leaving), to Sell by Auction on the aforesaid premises, the undermentioned EXCELLENT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE & EFFECTS, viz., Costly Oak Side- board, 6 ft. wide 1 8 ft. high, having Cupboards and Drawers and Wine Cellarette below and Plate-glass Back (this is a Magnificent Sideboard); Expensive Light Oak Dining Room suite, consisting of 2 Carver Chairs and 12 Single Chairs, covered with Morocco Leather; Massive Light Oak Dining Table, to admit 4 Extra Leaves, maximum 11 ft. x 4 ft., minimum 5 ft. 6 in. x 4 ft; 3 Ebonized Mahogany Dining Chairs, covered with Morocco; Light Oak Open Bookcase, 7 ft. by 4 ft.; Exceptionally Fine Bronze Mantel Clock, supported by Figure; Mahogany Dining Table, to admit 3 extra leaves, maximum 8ft. 6in. x 3ft. 6in., mini- mum 4 ft. x 3 ft. 6 in.; Mahogany Settee, covered with Silk Tapestry; Enamelled Corner teat, 3 Pretty Papier Mache Chairs inlaid with Mother of Pearl, Oak Coal Vase; Costly Turkey Carpet, equal to new, 25 ft. x 12 ft,; Two Velvet Carpets, 18 ft. x 12 ft., and 20 ft. by 12 ft. respectively; Copper and Black and Black Kerbs, Copper and Black and Brass and Black Fire IRONS and Dogs, Fire Guards; Expensive Saddle Bag Drop-end Settee, convertible to a bedstead; Pier Glass in Enamelled frame, several Splendid Etchings,

Engravings, etc.; Excellent Light Oak bedroom Suite (complete), Full-size All-brass Bedsteads, 2 Single All-brass Bedsteads, Chain Mattresses, Wool Mattress, Feather Bed, Bamboo Afternoon Tea Table, French Timepiece, a number of Books, Fire Guards and Screen-, Golf Clubs and Bag, Carpet 9 ft. x 4 ft., 20 Triangle Brass Stair Rods and Eyes, Lamps and Brackets, 2 Cocoanut Mats, 2 Patent Fire Extinguishers, and 2 Seltzergenes, &q.

The KITCHENS contain Nearly New Knife Cleaner, Patent Filter, Painted Dresser with Cup- boards and Drawers, Square Table, Chest of Drawers, Clothes Airer, Fire Guard, Plate Shelves, Bedside Table, Meat Hastener, Clothes Maids, 2 Oil Stoves, several Iron-stone Meat Dishes, Milk Pail, Sieve and Measure, &c.

The OUT-DOOR EFFECTS include Green's 14 in. Lawn Mower (perfect), 2 Toboggans, Dog Kennel, Wheelbarrow with Loose Sides, 20 Stave Ladder, Garden Frame, a number of Flower Pots, 2 Watering Cans, 6 Hand bights, Garage Lifting Jack, Anthracite Stove, Hosepipe, Joiners' Bench and Vice, Cask of Grease, Garden Tools, Cask of Motor Oil, Motor Bicycle Saddle, Stable Fittings, Iron Manger and Cratch, Corn Coffer, Garden Seat, 3 Garden Chairs, Galvanized Tank 6 ft. x 1 ft. 6 in. Wood Mantelpiece, Wire Netting, Barb Wire and Posts, Long Bench, a Well-bred RETRIEVER BITCH, &c., &c. SALE AT ONE O'CLOCK PROMPT.

Other References

1 T. Lloyd, Lost Houses of Wales (revised edition, 1989).

2 The London Gazette. 30 January 1810. p. 150.

3 Map of the manor or lordship of Chirk or Chirk Lands, consisting of the parishes of Chirk, Llangollen and Llansantffraid in the county of Denbigh, belonging to Mrs Charlotte Myddelton Biddulph. Copied in 1824 from a survey dated 1791, and also of the cottages and encroachments on the waste lands within the said manor from a survey taken in 1824.

4 W.T. Simpson. Some account of Llangollen and its vicinity, including a circuit of about seven miles (1827).