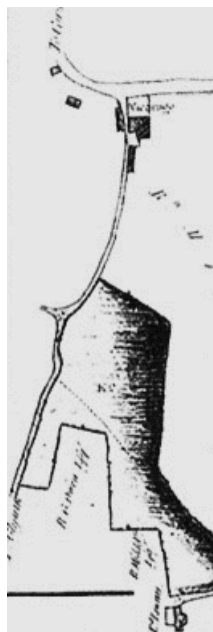


Hill Street/Grapes Hill & Victoria Square/Place



Hill Street, or “Grapes Hill” as it is called by many inhabitants, is one of the earliest recorded streets in Llangollen. It was a continuation of Chapel Street, leading towards Glynceiriog.



An early map of this area is the 1791 Middleton Estate Map, (left), which was updated to show the A5 in 1824 (right). It is difficult to identify some buildings, but the Vicarage on the 1791 map had become the Grapes in the later map. Neither the Armoury nor Rehoboth, had been built at this time.

It has been recorded that in 1825, the stables at the back of the Grapes Hotel could accommodate 28 horses.

By the time of the 1839 tithe map the Grapes is clearly defined. The Armoury had been built in 1835. (It is labelled as Town Hall). The Penybryn Baptist Chapel has been built at

around 1815. The Calvinistic Methodists chapel (a forerunner of Rehoboth) had been built in 1838.



Tithe Map 1839

1839 Tithe

No	Owner	Occupant	Usage
212	William Woodyale	Edward Roberts	Grapes Inn buildings yard & malthouse
213	Hon. Frederick West,	Edward Roberts	Stable & garden
214	Hon. Frederick West,	Amy Phillips	Garden
215	Trustees of Baptist Chapel	In Hand	Chapel & garden
216	John Pritchard	In hand	House and Garden
221	Charlotte Middleton Biddulph	John Evans	House & stables
222	Trustees of Calvinistic Chapel	In Hand	Chapel
223	Hon. Frederick West,	Llangollen inhabitants	The Town Hall

The tithe map only indicates two properties were houses, Nos 221 and 222. The 1841 census shows that John Pritchard was a Baptist Minister, living next door to the chapel, and John Evans, nailer was a tenant of Charlotte Middleton Biddulph. There is no indication of where the other people lived, or even if they did live on Hill Street. Some names appear in 1860, but it is not until the 1881 Census that individual houses are clearly defined.

1841 Census

Penybryn

1 John Prichard	45(1796)	Baptist Minister	
2 Rachel Prichard	40(1801)		
3 Mary Prichard	10(1831)		Denbighshire
4 Harriet Hughes	25(1816)	F S	Denbighshire
5 William Coward	20(1821)	timber merchant	
6 Lot Lee	20(1821)	School Master	
7 John Evans	60(1781)	Nailer	Denbighshire
8 Ann Evans	65(1776)		
9 Jane Jones	80(1761)	Ind	Denbighshire
10 Mary Roberts	40(1801)		
11 John Roberts	15(1826)	spinner	Denbighshire
12 Benjamin Roberts	15(1826)	Weaver's apprentice	Denbighshire

13 Thomas Roberts	10(1831)	Weaver's apprentice	Denbighshire
14 Ann Roberts	10(1831)		Denbighshire
15 Edward Roberts	4(1837)		Denbighshire
16 Ellis Roberts	30(1811)		Denbighshire
17 Sarah Roberts	40(1801)		
18 Elizabeth Roberts	4(1837)		Denbighshire
19 Jane Roberts	2(1839)		Denbighshire
20 Edmund Hughes	20(1821)		
21 Thomas Jones	30(1811)	shoeman	Denbighshire
22 Jane Jones	30(1811)		
23 Timothy Jones	6(1835)		Denbighshire
24 Edward Jones	3(1838)		Denbighshire

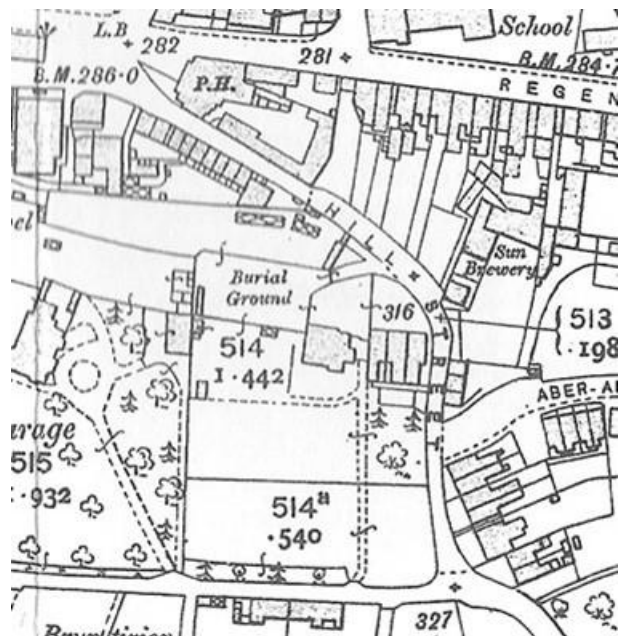
Grapes Inn

1 Edward Roberts	30(1811)	Publican	Denbighshire
2 Elizabeth Roberts	25(1816)		Denbighshire
3 Mary Jane Roberts	1(1840)		Denbighshire
4 Mary Jones	20(1821)		Denbighshire
5 Margaret Jones	15(1826)		Denbighshire

Later Developments



1873 Map



1911 Map

Both Thomas Nicholas (1829 -1903) and Walter Gunmow Dodd (1861-1943) owned several properties and had built properties in Hill Street.

As early as 1891 there were concerns over the width of the road, but these were over-ruled by some of the property owners.

6th November 1891

THE LOCAL BOARD AND HILL STREET.

To the Editor of the Llangollen Advertiser.

Dear Sir,-It will be remembered that the property known as the Grapes Hotel was recently bought at public auction by Messrs. R. Baker and Co. As is also well known, some of the out-buildings belonging to the hotel have been for some time in a dilapidated state. It was felt by some ratepayers that when the inevitable repair of the buildings should be undertaken it might be possible to make arrangements whereby the very necessary improvement of widening Hill-

street should also be effected. Messrs. Baker and Co., on being approached, expressed a willingness to consider the matter if a reasonable proposal were made. The suggestion being conveyed to the chairman of the Local Board, the question was brought forward at the special meeting of the Board reported in your last issue. From the report I regret to find that the Board acted upon the opinion expressed by some members that the matter was "quite impracticable," and that it was too much to ask anyone to agree to such a thing. If the Board's legal powers in such matters were too limited (which I dispute), of course it would be "quite impracticable." It is impossible to suppose that the words it was too much to ask anyone to agree to such a thing were intended to convey the suggestion that the owners should effect a great public improvement at their (the owner's) expense, and as the Board's statutory powers of purchase are not too limited to meet this case, why did not the representatives of the public embrace the opportunity and make some offer to the owners in the hope of securing before it was too late-sufficient space to make what everyone must admit would be a public improvement? It is but natural that those of us who are in the habit of using this street daily should desire the improvement. This is a common failing from which even members of public bodies are not always exempt. But when it is remembered that Hill-street is practically the only approach to Plas Newydd, to the "Pengwern Drive" fast becoming one of our attractions as well as being the highway to Glynceiriog, it will, I think, be admitted that to widen the street is a matter of public concern and the interests of the public their representatives are in duty bound to regard. Not that this is the only street which requires widening and the only public improvement that can be made, but simply that the occasion for dealing with this is an opportune one. Do we not find here another instance of the penny wise and pound foolish system which unfortunately for such a long time has been the chief characteristic of our Local Board? And who is to blame for this? Not entirely the members of the Board who as a rule have been elected on purely personal grounds and not as advocates of any public policy. The fault is mainly with the ratepayers. If we are content to elect our representatives without enquiry as to their attitude towards public questions, we must not be surprised to find them paralysed for action and making all kinds of excuses for leaving things alone, and we must not complain if our town drifts to a backward position in the county. A glance at the recent Census returns will, I think, show that the towns where progress is being made are those whose inhabitants are most fully alive to the privilege of local government and a spirited public policy, while we, practically speaking, are at a standstill. Apologising for troubling you at such length and with thanks for the insertion of this, I am yours faithfully, W. G. DODD. Penybryn, Llangollen, Oct. 31st, 1891.

13th November 1891

Widening of Hill-street.

Mr. Ed. Roberts gave the result of his interview with Mr. Dodd (Penybryn) and Mrs. Baker in regard to the project for widening Hill-street by taking in a portion of the Grapes Hotel outbuildings and the gardens above. Mr. Dodd said distinctly that neither he nor Mr. Hughes would feel disposed to do any- thing if a part of the buildings below was not taken in. A letter was read from Messrs. R. Baker and Co. stating that they were prepared to consider the matter of widening Hill-street on hearing from the Board what their intentions were in regard to it. - The chairman said that after seeing the place he thought it was quite out of the question to entertain the matter at all. The Grapes Hotel yard was too narrow already, without taking any of it away. Mr. David Parry pointed out that the letter just read re-opened the question, as it showed that they were prepared to consider it. The Rev. E. R. James pointed out that the road was narrow all the way, and if it was widened at the bottom it would have to be carried on the whole length. First of all, a corner of the Grapes Hotel would have to be taken down to form a good entrance at the top of the hill and by Aberadda Cottages it was very narrow, and to make the road of uniform width a piece of Mr. Dodd's field would have to be included in it; and further up still, by the Hermitage and Glascoed, it was very narrow. This would mean a large

sum of money. He had travelled as much as anyone up and down Hill-street, during the last twenty-six years, and he had not found much inconvenience. He would, therefore, move that the Board did not think it advisable to take further steps in the matter. This was carried unanimously, and the subject dropped.

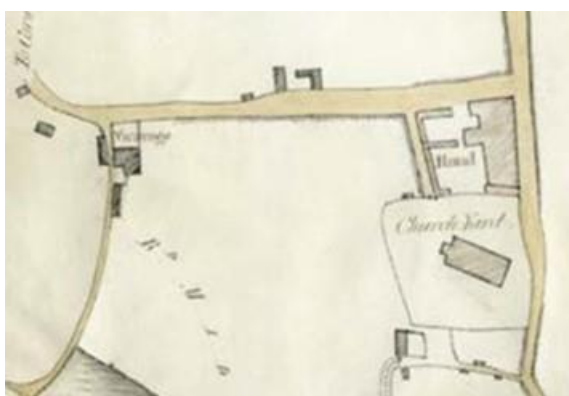
It was not until the 1950's that was done.

October 26, 1954

Plans for alteration to the Grapes Hotel. It is now five years since the Licensing Magistrates asked for structural alterations to these premises, and in spite of further warnings, apart from a welcome splash of whitewash last spring, nothing has been done. But here was a plan for a thorough clearance of the dilapidated stabling, and alterations to the house, over which the, councillors debated for some time. It is proposed to make an entrance to the stable yard from Regent street by demolishing the shop and playroom, and constructing a terrace adjoining the entrance to the yard. On the Hill St. side, the old stables are all to come down, and the present gateway widened sufficiently to allow coaches to make their exit. The boundary wall would still be where it is, and only three feet high. Naturally there was some discussion on the effect of coaches turning out into this very narrow street on which traffic is already greatly increased. _ The Surveyor said he was not in favour of widening the exit to the proposed 26 feet. He further suggested that the owners be approached to demolish the small part of the house which juts out on to Hill St just below the present gateway. Both Mr. Waltho and Mr. Thomas spoke of the importance of this; even two feet was a lot at this point



The Grapes



The site of the Grapes Hotel used to be the Vicarage before the A5 was constructed. It was on the corner of Hill Street and the Corwen Road, now Chapel Street/Hall Street. When the road was constructed in 1817 a new vicarage was built on the Ruabon Road (now the Llangollen Health Centre), and the building was converted to the Grapes hotel in 1818.

The earliest recorded landlord was Thomas Jones, in a sales document of June 1827, it was again advertised in April 1828. Thomas Jones was later declared bankrupt, and in 1835

the landlord's name was given as John Jones

By 1840 the Grapes was owned by William Woodyale, and occupied by Edward Roberts

LOT 1.
THAT well-accustomed INN, called the GRAPES INN, with the Out-offices, Stables, and Malt-house, thereunto belonging, situate, lying, and being in the town of Llangollen, on the Great Holyhead Road, now in the occupation of Mr. Thos. Jones.

CHESTER CHRONICLE 08 JUNE 1827



TITHE MAP

1840 Tithe

212, Grapes Inn buildings yard & Malthouse

Owner William Woodyale, Occupant Edward Roberts,

Lot 4.—A good INN, called Bryn y Ffynnon, or *The Grapes*, with suitable out-offices, coach house, stables for 23 horses, and a Malt House, capable of wetting and drying 50 measures, thereunto belonging, situate, lying, and being in the town of Llangollen aforesaid, on the great Holyhead Road, and now in the occupation of Mr. Thomas Jones.

These premises have very extensive cellars, three parlours, a bar, large kitchen, and other conveniences, on the ground floor; a sitting room and eight bed rooms on the other floors; and are in all respects well adapted for carrying on an extensive business.

Possession may be had of the property comprised in lots 2 and 4 immediately, if required.

The sale to commence at five o'clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. Jones, of the Grapes Inn, will appoint a person to show the premises, and for further particulars, or to treat by Private Contract, apply to Messrs. Mx.

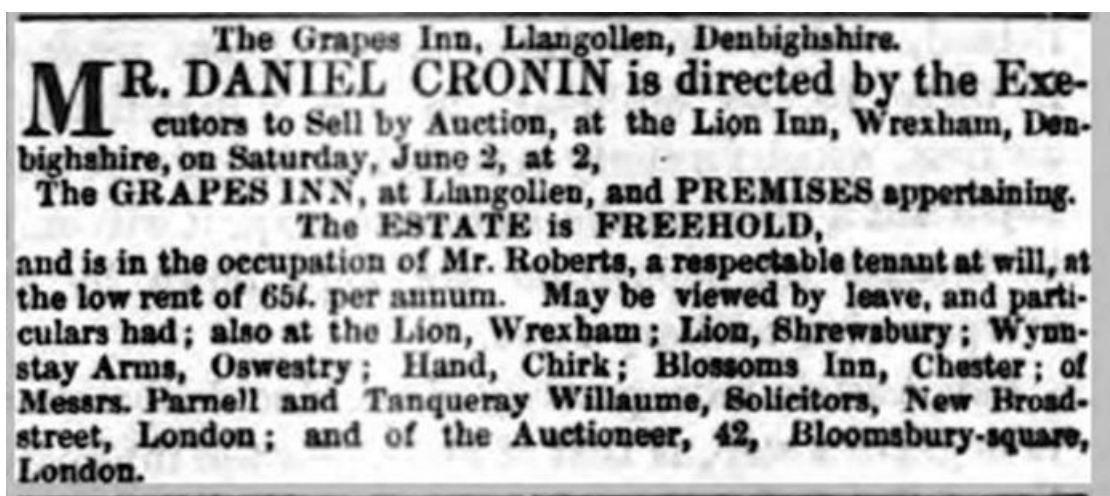
CHESTER CHRONICLE 11 APRIL 1828

Edward Roberts was born in Glynceiriog, and had been trained as a stone mason. However, his uncle persuaded him to come to Llangollen to help run a flannel business. When that business expanded and moved to the lower Dee Mill site Edward was entrusted with a large share of the business, which generated considerable profits, allowing him to later buy the Grapes, possibly in a sale in 1849. He later was able to generate a large property holding in the town

1841 Census Grapes Inn

Edward Roberts	30(1811)	Publican	y
Elizabeth Roberts	25(1816)		y
Mary Jane Roberts	1(1840)		y
Mary Jones	20(1821)		y
Margaret Jones	15(1826)		y

Morning Advertiser 08 May 1849



1851 census Grapes Hotel

Edward Roberts	Head	M	40(1811)	Innkeeper	Llangollen
Elizabeth Roberts	Wife	M	36(1815)		Llansilin
Mary Jane Roberts	Dau	S	11(1840)	scholar	Llangollen
Elizabeth Roberts	Dau	S	9(1842)	scholar	Llangollen
Edward Humphry Roberts	Son	S	7(1844)	scholar	Llangollen
Thomas Roberts	Son	S	4(1847)	scholar	Llangollen
Anne Roberts	Dau	S	1(1850)		Llangollen
Mary Evans	Serv	S	28(1823)	House serv	Llansantffraid
Margaret Williams	Serv	S	18(1833)	House serv	Holywell
Hannah Jones	Serv	S	15(1836)	House serv	Llangollen
David Parry	Lodge	W	46(1805)	Horse dealer	Bodffare

1861 census Regent Street

Edward Roberts	Head	M	50(1811)	Innkeeper & maltster	Llangollen
Elizabeth Roberts	Wife	M	47(1814)		Llansilin
Mary Jane Roberts	Dau	S	21(1840)		Llangollen
Elizabeth Roberts	Dau	S	19(1842)		Llangollen
Edward Humphry Roberts	Son	S	17(1844)	Wool sorter	Llangollen
Thomas Roberts	Son	S	14(1847)	scholar	Llangollen
Sarah Elin Roberts	Dau	S	7(1854)	scholar	Llangollen
Hugh Morris Roberts	Son	S	4(1857)	Scholar	Llangollen
Louisa Roberts	Dau	S	2(1859)	Scholar	Llangollen
Evan Hughes	Serv	S	31(1830)	Ostler	Llandderfel

Catherine Parry	Serv	S 20(1841)	House Servant	Llandegla
Catherine Roberts	Serv	S 15(1846)	Nurse	Llangar

1871 Grapes Hotel

Edward Roberts	Head	M 60(1811)	Flannel Manu & publican	Glyntram
Elizabeth Roberts	Wife	M 57(1814)		Llannlyn
Edward Humphrey Roberts	Son	S 37(1834)	Manager Flannel Mill	Llangollen
Ann Roberts	Dau	S 21(1850)		Llangollen
Sarah Ellenor Roberts	Dau	S 17(1854)	Scholar	Llangollen
Hugh Morris Roberts	Son	S 14(1857)	Scholar	Llangollen
Louisa Roberts	Dau	S 12(1859)		Llangollen
Mary Jones	Serv	S 24(1847)		Bettws Gwerfil Goch



1874 Map

16th July 1875

Plans of New Houses.

Plans of two cottages in Market-street, intended to be erected by Mr. John Thomas, ironfounder, were approved of, and signed by the Chairman, as were also some plans of extensive alterations and additions now being carried out in the Grapes Hotel.

1881 census Regent St Grapes Hotel

Ed. Roberts	Head	M 70(1811)	Hotel Keeper	Glyn
Elizabeth Roberts	Wife	M 67(1814)		Llansilio
Eliz. Parry	Dau	M 39(1842)	Farmers Wife	Llangollen
Infant not chr Parry	G dau	S 1m(1881)		Llangollen
Sarah C. Roberts	Dau	S 27(1854)		Llangollen
Hugh M. Roberts	Son	S 24(1857)	Maltster	Llangollen
Louisa Roberts	Dau	S 22(1859)		Llangollen
Marg. E. Parry	Gdau	S 9(1872)		Llangollen
Mary R. Hughes	Serv	S 21(1860)	Dom Servant	Newtown, Mont
Sus. Matthews	Serv	S 14(1867)	Dom Servant	Glyn

By the 1880's Edward Roberts, now in his 70's tried to let the Grapes, and even put it on the market in 1885, when on 11th March he retired to Dee Villa. In 1887 the licence was transferred to Miss Ann Davies, formerly of Plas Coch, Bala. Edward Roberts died 24th March 1887, and was buried in Pen y Bryn Cemetery.



13th January 1882

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.
GRAPES HOTEL,
 LLANGOLLEN.
MR. E. EDWARDS begs to announce that he has been honoured with instructions from Mr. E. ROBERTS, Grapes Hotel, Llangollen (who is retiring from business),
 TO SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
 On Tuesday, March 10th, 1885,
 A LARGE ASSEMBLAGE OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
 BREWING UTENSILS,
 ALSO,
 THREE GRAND DAIRY COWS,
 IN-PIG SOW,
 AND A SMART BAY PONY,
 AND OTHER EFFECTS.
 Particulars will appear in due course.
 Auctioneer's Office,
 1, Chapel Street, Llangollen. (1882)

27th February 1885



Robert Jones ran the Grapes in 1886
 1st April 1887

DEATH OF MR. EDWARD ROBERTS, DEE VILLA.

In the death of Mr. Edward Roberts, Dee Villa, which took place as we announced in our last impression on Thursday, the 24th ultimo, another link has been broken in the chain which binds the present generation of our busy, active, townsmen with those whose names occupied a prominent position in connection with the business and government of this town during the early part of the present century. Where it possible to give a detailed biographical sketch of our departed friend we are convinced that such a history could not fail to unfold traits of character which all could not help to admire, and which it would be well for many to emulate. Deceased was the son of Mr. Humphrey Roberts of Dolywern, Glyntrian where he was born in

the year 1810. In his youth; he served his apprenticeship as a stone mason, but at an early age he was selected by his uncle, Mr. Ed. Roberts (husband of the late Mrs. Roberts, Ormonde Cottage), to assist him with others in the working of the Old Factory (the building now occupied by Mr. Wm. Griffiths) in Price's-square. Here he applied him-self assiduously to master the details of all the various departments in the trade, and in a few years he acquired such a thorough knowledge of the business, and gained the confidence of his employers to such an extent that, on the acquisition of the Dee Mills by the Company, and the removal of the business there, Mr. Roberts was entrusted with a large share in the management of the concern, besides having a considerable interest in the profits of the undertaking. Early in life he became tenant and subsequently owner of the Grapes Hotel, where for more than forty years he and his amiable partner in life carried on a prosperous and lucrative business from which they had only retired two years ago. As a partner in the firm of Messrs. Hughes and Roberts, deceased with his late coadjutor, Mr. John Hughes, Dolhiryd, conducted the business in such a systematic, methodical, and successful manner, that (they were able at all times to give constant employment to their large staff of workmen, and that often during times of great depression in the flannel market. From time to time the buildings were enlarged new buildings erected, and advantage taken from time to time of all improvements which might have been introduced in the mechanical appliances for the manufacture of the fabrics produced in the mill. In all his business transactions, Mr. Roberts was eminently distinguished for his cool, calculating judgment, and his strict and sterling integrity. To those who knew him his word was a sufficient bond even in the most important commercial contracts, so great was the confidence reposed in him. As a public man he has at various times since the formation of the Local Board sat as a member of that body, and taken an active interest in all movements which tended to benefit the town and neighbourhood. Although by no means a platform man, his shrewdness of judgment and natural aptitude for business, rendered his counsel invaluable. By dint of hard work and patient perseverance he amassed a considerable amount of valuable property in Llangollen and elsewhere, which I we believe with his customary foresight and sagacity he has wisely distributed among the members of his family. Though deceased had for some years been subject to periodical attacks of an internal malady most painful in its nature, yet he was able until very recently to go about as usual, and apparently enjoying himself. It was, however, manifest that his usual nimble gait, so characteristic of him, had given way to a feeble and halting movement, which proved the premonitor of a rather sudden and unexpected death. It had always been his desire to die in possession of his faculties and without much physical pain, and in this his wish was abundantly satisfied, for after being confined to bed for comparatively a few days he breathed his last peacefully and calmly in the bosom of his family. During his last illness, he continually alluded to Saturday last, the 26th of March, as being the anniversary of the death of his faithful and devoted wife, and wondered whether he would live until then. He expired, however, on the Thursday previous to that day. The funeral took place on Wednesday last, amid the most general manifestations of sorrow and respect from all classes of the population, a vast concourse of people from the town and neighbourhood, as well as from distant parts of the country assembled at Dee Villa, at 2 o'clock, to show their last a tribute of respect to their deceased friend. After a short and appropriate service conducted by the Rev. Professor Morris, Baptist College, the mournful cortege, which numbered close upon 300 people, proceeded along Mill-street and Castle-street to the Penybryn Cemetery, where the remains of the deceased were laid in the family vault, the service by the sepulchre being conducted by the Rev. D. Williams and Professor Gethin Davies. The coffin, made by Messrs. M. Roberts & Co., was literally covered with choice and beautiful wreaths, the gifts of bosom friends of the deceased. The bier was borne by a number of his oldest and most faithful workmen, several of whom had been in his employ upwards of 40 years. Along the whole route the most general manifestation of respect was shown by the inhabitants, every shop was partly

closed and all blinds drawn, while crowds of people lined the streets as the funeral passed along. On entering the cemetery, a funeral card was handed to everyone who attended the funeral, as a memento of their departed friend. Messrs. Morris & Hughes, Castle-street, were the undertakers, who as usual conducted all the arrangements of the funeral in the most satisfactory manner. Truly such a large, respectable, and thoroughly representative funeral was a most befitting public testimony to a long, diligent and useful life,

1887 Rate Survey

201 Grapes Hotel, House & buildings occupant Miss Ann Davies, owners Rep of late Edward Roberts,

29th July 1887

Licenses. A temporary transfer of the Grapes Hotel, Llangollen, was granted to Miss Davies. of the Plas Coch Hotel, Bala;

2nd September 1887

The Licence. These being the annual Licensing Sessions, D.C.C. Wilde in reply to the Bench said there was no objection to the renewal of all the licences within the division. During the past year two publicans in Llangollen had been proceeded against, one charge being dismissed, and in the other a small penalty imposed. -The licences were then all renewed, the licence of the Grapes Hotel, Llangollen, transferred to Miss Davies that of the White Lion, Froncyssylltau, to Edward Jasper and of the Crow Castle Inn, Llangollen, to R. Humphreys.

1891 Census Grapes Hotel

Lewis R Hughes	Head	M	29(1862)	Hotel keeper	Llanuwchllyn, Merion
Jane E Hughes	Wife	M	26(1865)	Hotel keeper	Llanrhaiadr, Mont
Mary J Hughes	Dau	S	2(1889)		Nantyr
Grace A Davies	Cous	S	16(1875)		Penybryn Tarm, Mont
Rose A Preator	Serv	S	24(1867)	Bar Maid	Shepton Mallet
William S Hughes	Son	S	1(1890)		Llangollen
Susannah E Jones	Serv	S	22(1869)	house maid	Llanwtyn, Mont

28th August 1891

TOWN OF LLANGOLLEN
AND
GLYN CEIRIOG.

**VERY VALUABLE FREEHOLD
HOTEL, INN, FARM, & LANDS.**

**TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, by MR.
EDWARD EDWARDS, at THE GRAPES
HOTEL, LLANGOLLEN,**

ON TUESDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER, 1891,
At 3 p.m., subject to Conditions.

LOT 1.

All that well-known, old-established, and fully-
licensed Freehold Hotel, with the Stabling, Clubroom,
Vaults, Coach House, Malt Kiln, Yard, and Premises,
known as

"THE GRAPES HOTEL,"

Containing ample Accommodation for a large trade,
and situate in the centre of the Town of Llangollen,
now in the occupation of Mr. R. L. Hughes.

LOT 2.

All that fully-licensed Freehold Public House, with
the Yard and Stabling, known as

"THE TALBOT INN,"

Situate in Church Street, Llangollen, now in the
occupation of Mr. John Edward Jones.

LOT 3.

All that Freehold Piece of Accommodation Land,
known as

"CAE DRIW,"

Situate on Butler's Hill, in close proximity to Plas
Newydd, Llangollen, now in the occupation of Mr.
Joseph Evans.

LOT 4.

All those 9 Freehold Cottages, being Nos. 4 to 12
inclusive,

**"PENGWERN SQUARE,
LLANGOLLEN."**

LOT 5.

All that Freehold Farm, known as

"ERW GERRIG,"

Situate on the Main Road from Glyn Ceiriog to Llan-
armon, and 1½ mile from the former place, with the
large Plantation thereon, containing altogether 77
acres or thereabouts, and in the occupation of Mr.
Richard Richards.

For further particulars, apply to the AUCTIONEER,
Llangollen, or to
Messrs. MINSHALLS & PARRY JONES,
Solicitors,
(3485) Llangollen and Oswestry.

Miss Ann Davies was not here long because in 1889 the new licensee was Lewis Robert Hughes, son of William Hughes, of the Goat Inn Llanuwchllyn. In 1891 the Grapes had been bought by Messrs R Baker & Co of the Sun Brewery, and there were suggestions that some of the dilapidated outbuildings be removed to widen Hill Street, but the matter was not pursued. In 1897 Lewis Hughes died suddenly, and his widow took over until her death in 1918.

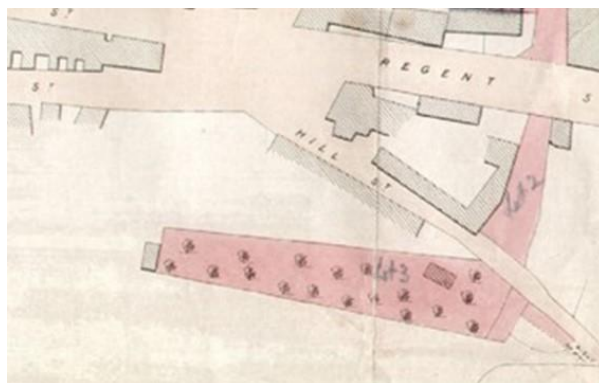
25th June 1897

DEATH OF MR. L.R. HUGHES, GRAPES HOTEL.

It was with a sense of shock that the news" came upon the town on Friday evening that the popular landlord of the Grapes Hotel, Mr. Lewis R. Hughes, had succumbed to an illness, which had developed very suddenly. Mr. Hughes had been suffering for about a week previous from rheumatic fever, but it was not until Friday afternoon that any serious symptoms showed themselves. Mr. Hughes came to Llangollen about eight years ago, and became deservedly liked for his kind and genial manners and his hearty disposition, and he was held in high esteem by everybody who knew him. He took no public part in town affairs. He was the son of the late Mr. Hughes, Goat Hotel, Llanwuchllyn, where he was born, and where his sister lives now. Mr. Hughes leaves a widow and two young children to mourn his loss, and to them the sympathy of the town is extended. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon at the Ddol Cemetery, and was of a private character. The Rev. H. Jones (vicar) and D. Lloyd (curate) officiated, and there were a large number of relatives present. Some lovely wreaths and floral tributes were received from the following:- Messrs. Edward and Richard Rogers; Sergt Bagshaw and officers of the Llangollen Police sub- division; Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, Queen's Hotel, Glyn; Mr. and Mrs. T. Hughes, Trevor Hall; Mr. and Mrs. Humphreys, Bachau Mill; Mrs. Matthews, Bridge- street; Mr. J. F. Edisbury, Wrexham Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Taylor, Bryndedwydd; The Post Office, Lake Vyrnwy, Llanwyddyn; Mr. and Mrs. E. Green-Davies;. Mr. and Mrs. Horspool; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Drew, Oswestry; Mr. and Mrs, Griffiths, Aqueduct Hotel; Mr. and Mrs. Moran; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Shaw, the Royal Hotel; Mrs. Baker, Plas-yn-llan; Mr. J. W. Tanqueray, Arvryn; Miss Hylton; Mr. and Mrs. Allen, the Eagles Hotel; Dr. Fenwick; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams, Royal View Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Birch; Mr. and Mrs. D. Jones, Dinbren Lodge; the servants at the Grapes Hotel; Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, Brynbrith, Corwen (brother and sister-in-law); Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Post Office, Bala (sister and brother-in-law); Mr. and Mrs. W. Hughes, Goat Hotel, Llanuwchllyn sister and brother-in-law); Mr. and Mrs. John Davies, Portmadoc (cousins); Mr, and Mrs. Hughes, Queen's Hotel, Cefn (brother and sister-in- law) From Llantysilio Hall; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rogers (brother and sister-in-law) Mrs. Edwards; Mr. and Mrs. Crowe his old servant William Miss Davies, Lake Vyrnwy Hotel; his loving wife and children; Mr. and Mrs. Cook.

1901 census

Jane Elizabeth Hughes	Head	W 35(1866)	Hotel Prop	Penybont, Mont
Mary Jane Hughes	Dau	S 12(1889)		Llangollen
William D Hughes	Son	S 11(1890)		Llangollen
Louise R Hughes	Dau	S 3(1898)		Llangollen
Alice Ann Evans	Serv	S 15(1886)	Nurse	Penybont, Mont
Elizabeth Jones	Serv	S 21(1880)	Barmaid	Wrexham
Edward Lloyd	Serv	S 57(1844)	Stableman	Mont
Sarah Eliz Jasper	Serv	S 21(1880)	gen serv	Llangollen
Jane Jones	Serv	S 33(1868)	gen serv	Wrexham



1907 Map

1911 Grapes Hotel Llangollen

Jane Elizabeth Hughes	Head	W 46(1865)	Hotelkeeper	Penybont, Mont
Mary Jane Hughes	Dau	S 22(1889)	Assistant in Business	Llangollen
Louisa Ruberta Hughes	Dau	S 13(1898)		Llangollen
Katharina Lloyd	maid	S 24(1887)	Barmaid	Pentrebach
Annie Morris	Cook	S 29(1882)	Cook	Ruthin
Sarah Lloyd	Serv	S 24(1887)	Servant General	Corwen
John Hugh Williams	Serv	S 26(1885)	Servant Ostler	Corwen
Llewellyn Jones	Serv	S 17(1894)	Servant Boots	Corwen
Edward Edwards	Serv	S 56(1855)	Servant General	Llangollen
William Morgan Jones	Vis	S 30(1881)	Civil Servant	Amlwch, Anglesey

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Following the death of Jane Elizabeth Hughes on 14th February 1918, the licence was transferred to Hamlet Lee Handforth, formerly of the Station Restaurant in Blackpool. After his wife, Ada's death in 1932 Hamlet moved to live with his daughter Nellie Diggory, and died in 1938

1919 Old Comrades Reunion at The Grapes Hotel,



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10th May 1918

LICENCES. The licence, of the Grapes Hotel was transferred from the representatives of the late Mrs. L. R. Hughes to Mr. Handforth;



The Grapes in the 1920's



Grave of Hamlet & Ada Handforth in St John's

Lester & Cecily Handforth circa 1930 (Lester was son of Hamlet)

11th November 1932

THE LATE MRS HANDFORTH

As briefly announced in our last issue, the death took place on Tuesday, November 1st, of Mrs Ada Handforth, the beloved wife of Mr Handforth, Grapes Hotel, Llangollen, in her 63rd year.

Mrs Handforth was the youngest daughter of the late William Clarke, the founder of the firm of Clarke and Heap, Blackpool, of which firm she was a valued member until she came to Llangollen in 1918.

The deceased lady was loved and respected by a large circle of friends in all parts of the country, by whom her lovable personality will be greatly missed. Her sympathetic and

kindly help was ever ready to be given to those in need of it. The greatest sympathy is extended to the family and relatives in their great sorrow,

The interment took place on Saturday November 5th. The service at the house, the church and graveside, was conducted by the Rev J T Griffiths, BA.

The chief mourners were Mr Handforth (husband); Mr and Mrs Lester Handforth (son and daughter-in-law); Mr and Mrs F Sewell (daughter and son-in-law); Mr and Mrs H S Diggory (daughter and son-in-law); Mr Peter and Mrs Pierpont; Mr and Mrs Albert Clarke; Mr and Mrs H J Moore; Mr and Mrs Frank Heap; Mrs Slade-Lawrence, Blackpool; Mrs Joseph Heap, West Didsbury; Mr and Mrs Cuthbert Heap, Hope; Mr and Mrs Diggory-Jones; Mr and Mrs Stanley Davies; Mr and Mrs F Diggory; Mr and Mrs Horace Diggory; Mr S C Diggory; Mr Arthur Diggory; Mr A T Diggory; Mr A T Diggory; Mr Jim Diggory; Mr Harold Diggory-Jones; Miss J Diggory; Miss Edith Diggory; Miss Florence Diggory; Mr Steve Martin; Mrs Riddiford; Mrs Dove; Mr J A Phillips; Mr Thomas, National Provincial Bank.

The bearers were Mr A F Phillips, Ty'nycelyn, Mr Andrew Jones, Mr Arthur Suckley and Mr Richard Edwards.

Many floral tributes were received, as follows:- From her sorrowing Husband; Nell and Stan (daughter and son-in-law); Lester and Cissie (son and daughter-in-law); Lester, Kenny, Sydney and Baby June (grandchildren); Lena, Peter and Penelope; Constance and Lionel; Laura and Harry; Doris and George; Albert, Laura, and Family; Frank, Ruth and John; Mr and Mrs P Tomlinson; Cissie Jack and Joan; Rhoda and Charlie; Lillian, Winnie and Cyril Dodman; Boys at the Garage; David and Ethel Batey and Family; Elsa; The Bately Family; Longtown; All at Walton House; Mr and Mrs Fred Diggory, Florence and Cecil; Anna, Central Restaurant; Lottie and Alf; Ma Dove; All at Ty'nycelyn; Lillian and Bert Dodman; All at Ddol Isa Farm; Evelyn and Edna, Worsthorne; Mrs James, Mary Edwards and Stanley Davies; Mr Acton and family, also Billy, Gladys and Joy; Friends of the Grapes Hotel; Mrs Edwards, Mrs Evans and David; Clara and Bill; Mr Ellis, Katie and Vivien; All at Model Bakery; Mr and Mrs Williams, Green Bank; Mr and Mrs Hayward and Bert; Mrs Penk, Nancy and Lizzie, Rhosymedre; All at 7, Grapes Hill; Horace, Nell and Mrs Fisher; M G Aubrey; Gwen Watkin; Mrs Hughes, Cambrian Hotel; Jack, Florrie and Harold, Old Vicarage, Trevor; Mr and Mrs Glynne Jones; Aggie and Arthur; Claudia and Arthur; All at Bryn Aber; All at Llyn Madoc; Arthur, Lily and the Boys; Dad, Mabs and Arthur, Bridge Street; Mrs Enoch and Marie; The Corwen Bottling Co; Mr and Mrs Smith and Desmond; Lettie, Joseph, Maggie and Family, West Didsbury; Hope and Lynn; Patsy; May, The Shack; K Broadhed; Mrs Alf Berry and Family; From "H" Mr and Mrs R Carr; Mr and Mrs Everette Jones; All at Ty Coch, Cefn; Lil and Stan, Ruabon; Mr and Mrs Crad. Jones; Mr and Mrs J Riddiford, Cathie and George, Silloth.

After the Handforth's the Grapes was run by William and Dorothy Williams.

Friday April 22nd 1938

FIRE THRILLS AT LLANGOLLEN HOTEL

Early Morning Outbreak

Holiday-makers on their way home, but staying in Llangollen overnight, a party of Cheshire teachers who had been visiting the beauty spots around Llangollen, two children, a waitress, and the landlord and his wife, had a thrilling experience early this morning, when a fire broke out at the Grapes Hotel, just this year taken over by Mr and Mrs J.J. Molyneux, two well-known and highly-respected Hale residents.

The Llangollen U.D. Fire Brigade summoned a few minutes before 6 o'clock, were quickly on the scene with their self-propelled fire engine, under Captain Ivor Jones. Using three hoses, the firemen quickly extinguished the flames, which fortunately were confined to one room – the snug room, the door of which, near the fire-place, was burnt through.

The alarm was given by the journalist, who, half-wakened by heavy smoke in his room – his bedroom door being partly open – arose to find the corridor one thick wall of smoke. It was so thick that he could scarcely see, and indeed he tumbled down the bedroom stairs before he could find Mr. Molyneux's room. Then he awoke the household and ran to the Fire Station where the alarm was given.

House guests picked up what belongings they could and rushed down-stairs, climbing in their night attire into a car which was parked in front of the hotel. There they waited until the outbreak had been subdued.

In her hurry one lady guest tumbled down a flight of steps, but happily without injury.

The cause of the fire was a defective fixture in the Snug fire-place.

Mr Molyneux, the landlord, displayed considerable pluck in the way he tried, single-handedly, to extinguish the flames with buckets of water, for the entire building at this time was one dark grey smoke cloud which penetrated everywhere.

"And the amazing thing is that only yesterday" said Mr Molyneux, "the agent for a patent extinguisher firm took my old extinguisher away to be replaced."

Later, the guests were breakfasted at the Hand Hotel – none the worse for their thrilling experience.

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1939 Register

1	Williams William	M	24.10.99	M	Hotel Manager.
2	Williams Dorothy	F	2.2.02	M	assisting in management and domestic duties.
This record is officially closed.					
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5	Roberts Margaret E.	F	16.12.73	W	unpaid domestic duties.
This record is officially closed.					
7	Fincham Lillian	F	20.6.17	A.	chambermaid, waitress.
This record is officially closed.					
9	Edmonds George R.	M	29.10.96	S	Fruit grower.
10	Edmonds Violet M.	F	8.8.85	S	Household duties (Music)
11	Edmonds Rose	F	23.4.77	S	Household duties (Music)

9th February 1940

Licences Transferred.

May 1 – Grapes Hotel, Llangollen, John J. Molyneux to William Williams.



1949

External chimney breast of Grapes demolished by runaway bulldozer



In 1958 the new proprietors were Mr & Mrs J E Taylor, but by 1963 it was John Schuiz, who was responsible for clearing some of the outbuildings. In September 2001 planning was granted to demolish the buildings to the rear and construct 15 flats



1958

October 26, 1954

Plans for alteration to the Grapes Hotel. It is now five years since the 'Licensing Magistrates asked for structural alterations to these premises, and in spite of further warnings, apart from a welcome splash of whitewash last Spring, nothing has been done. But here was a plan for a thorough clearance of the dilapidated stabling, and alterations to the house, over which the, councillors debated for some time. It is proposed to make an entrance to the stable yard from Regent street by demolishing the shop and playroom, and constructing a terrace adjoining: the entrance to the yard. On the Hill St. side, the old stables are all to come down, and the present gateway widened sufficiently to allow coaches to make their exit. The boundary wall would still be where it is, and only three feet high. Naturally there was some discussion on the effect of coaches turning out into this very narrow street on which traffic is already greatly increased. – The Surveyor said he was not in favour of widening the exit to the proposed 26 feet. He further suggested that the owners be approached to demolish the small part of the house which juts out on to Hill St just below the present gateway. Both Mr. Waltho and Mr. Thomas spoke of the importance of this; even two feet was a lot at this point

6th August 1963

And Mr (John) Schuiz, manager of the Grapes Hotel set to with great energy to demolish the stark gable end of the old stable, levelled the ground for car-parking and thus afforded all those who walk up Grapes Hill a very fine open view of Penrycoed, and the trees in Plas yn Llan Garden. And how much nicer is the outlook, too, for Hill Street residents. And the untidy old buildings at the rear of Regent Street houses have been cleared away for the erection of more garages – useful and tidy.

December 1999

The Application for the transfer of the licence in respect of the Grapes Hotel was noted.

September 2001

Grapes Hotel. Regent Street, Llangollen.

Demolition of existing public house and erection of new building comprising 15 no flats.

May 2002

LLANGOLLEN CIVIC SOCIETY

The Civic Society met on the 17th April and discussed various matters including a number of planning applications.

The Society represents the interests of Llangollen, its residents and visitors. All matters concerning the town come under its umbrella and it makes representations to the councils and other statutory authorities.

This year the Civic Society, working with Denbighshire County Council, has prevented the demolition of the facade of the Grapes Hotel. The carved wooden sign of the bunch of grapes which has hung outside the hotel since 1842 belongs to the society and will be replaced when the building work is completed.

*The Society meets about once a month, all members are invited to attend and if any residents would like to become members their interest and participation would be most welcome.
The secretary is; Mrs A Hardy, Bryn Mynach, Abbey Road, Llangollen*

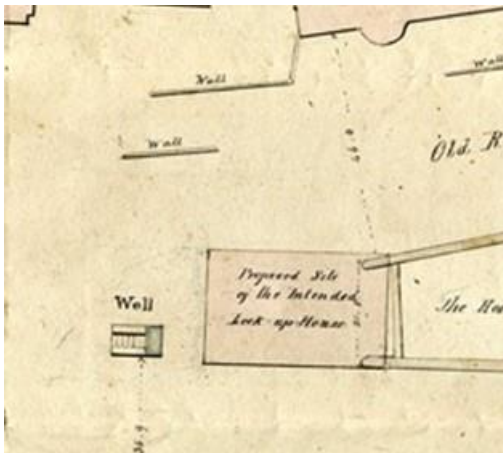


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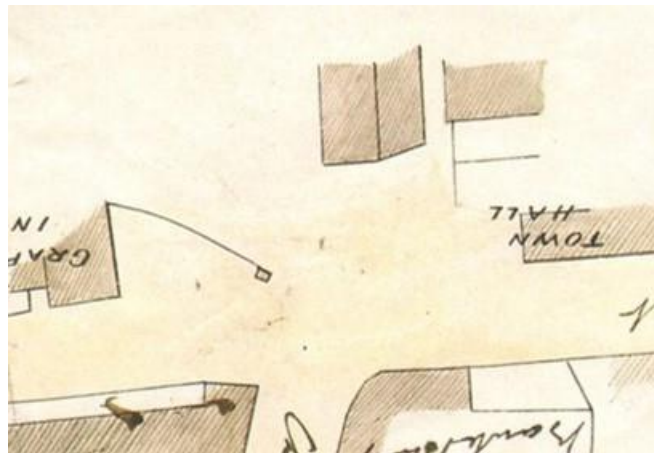


Today

Victoria Place/Victoria Square



1829 map



1858 Map

The intersection of Regent Street, Berwyn Street, Chapel Street Hall Street and Hill Street was referred to as Victoria Square. In the centre there was a well/water pump, fed by a stream under the houses. (This occasionally caused flooding of cellars of those houses). The pump was demolished in 1908.

7th September 1906

The old pump that, for upwards of forty years occupied a prominent position in Victoria square, Llangollen was, on Saturday morning, completely shattered by a runaway horse attached to a light float. Taking alarm at the top of Grapes-hill, and in places causing slight damage to the walls on either side of the road en-route, it was pulled up by the vehicle colliding with the parish pump with sufficient force to overturn the venerable structure, which had not been repaired since the accident twelve months ago, when it was rudely aba-ken and shattered by a runaway from the same direction. Luckily the shafts of the curl broke, and the horse escaped uninjured. Damage was also done to a trap from the Hand Hotel, with which the runaway collided and the small lamps o the electric light standard near the pump v. ere broken. It is scarcely likely that the parish pump will be re-erected, as the Daily Mail announces that it has been "scrapped."

The square was also the site of a fair during the 1850's, it was also used for public meetings and rallies.

Wild Wales, George Borrow

Chapter XX11

Llangollen Fair - Buyers and Sellers - The Jockey - The Greek Cap.

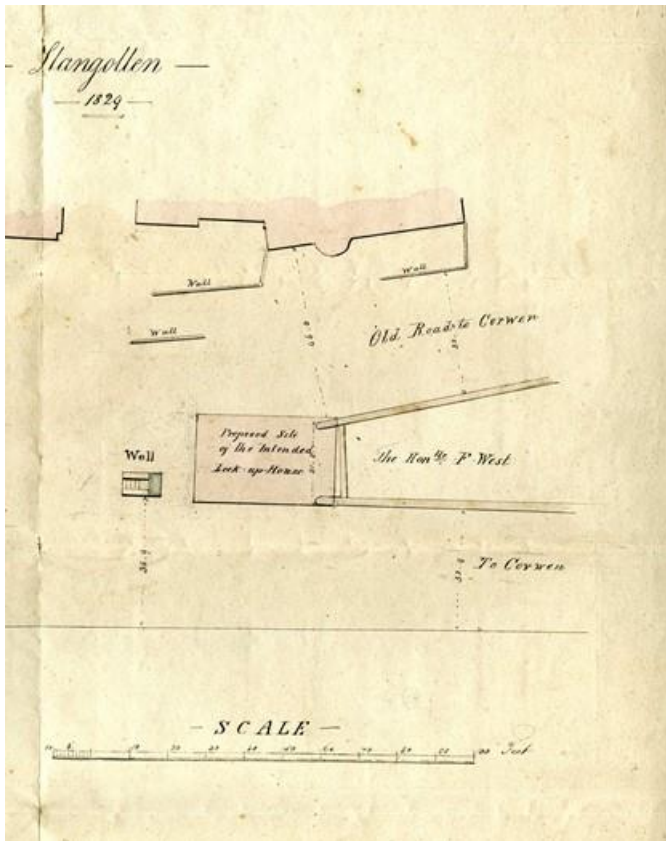
ON the twenty-first was held Llangollen Fair. The day was dull with occasional showers. I went to see the fair about noon. It was held in and near a little square in the south-east quarter of the town, of which square the police-station is the principal feature on the side of the west, and an inn, bearing the sign of the Grapes, on the east. The fair was a little bustling fair, attended by plenty of people from the country, and from the English border, and by some who appeared to come from a greater distance than the border. A dense row of carts extended from the police-station half across the space, these carts were filled with pigs, and had stout cord-nettings drawn over them, to prevent the animals escaping. By the sides of these carts the principal business of the fair appeared to be going on - there stood the owners male and female, higgling with Llangollen men and women, who came to buy. The pigs were all small, and the price given seemed to vary from eighteen to twenty-five shillings. Those who bought pigs generally carried them away in their arms; and then there was no little diversion; dire was the screaming of the porkers, yet the purchaser invariably appeared to know how to manage his bargain, keeping the left arm round the body of the swine and with the right hand fast gripping

the ear - some few were led away by strings. There were some Welsh cattle, small of course, and the purchasers of these seemed to be Englishmen, tall burly fellows in general, far exceeding the Welsh in height and size.

Much business in the cattle-line did not seem, however, to be going on. Now and then a big fellow made an offer, and held out his hand for a little Pictish grazier to give it a slap - a cattle bargain being concluded by a slap of the hand - but the Welshman generally turned away, with a half resentful exclamation. There were a few horses and ponies in the street leading into the fair from the south.

I saw none sold, however. A tall athletic figure was striding amongst them, evidently a jockey and a stranger, looking at them and occasionally asking a slight question of one or another of their proprietors, but he did not buy. He might in age be about eight-and-twenty, and about six feet and three-quarters of an inch in height; in build he was perfection itself, a better built man I never saw. He wore a cap and a brown jockey coat, trowsers, leggings and high-lows, and sported a single spur. He had whiskers - all jockeys should have whiskers - but he had what I did not like, and what no genuine jockey should have, a moustache, which looks coxcombical and Frenchified - but most things have terribly changed since I was young. Three or four hardy-looking fellows, policemen, were gliding about in their blue coats and leather hats, holding their thin walking-sticks behind them; conspicuous amongst whom was the leader, a tall lathy North Briton with a keen eye and hard features. Now if I add there was much gabbling of Welsh round about, and here and there some slight sawing of English - that in the street leading from the north there were some stalls of gingerbread and a table at which a queer-looking being with a red Greek-looking cap on his head, sold rhubarb, herbs, and phials containing the Lord knows what, and who spoke a low vulgar English dialect - I repeat, if I add this, I think I have said all that is necessary about Llangollen Fair.

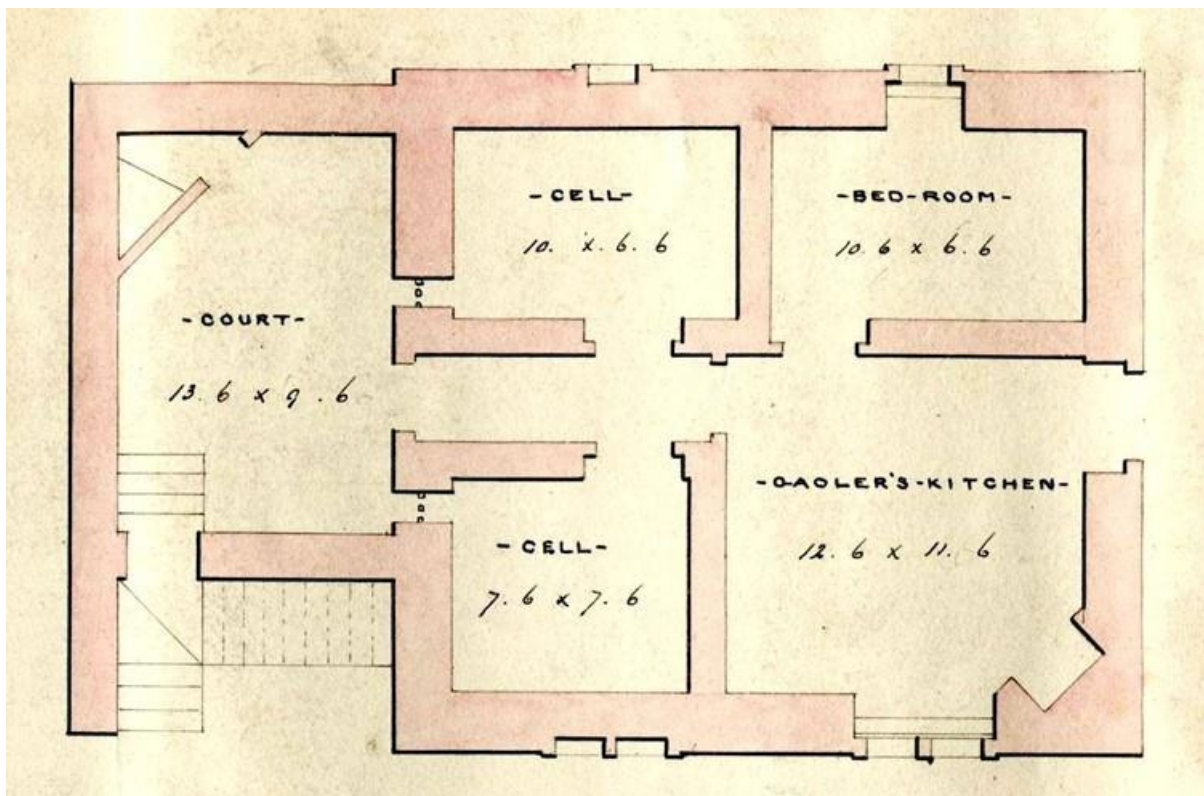
Llangollen Lock-Up/Police Station/Town Hall/Armoury



In 1829 a plot of land, where Telford's new A5 diverged from the old Cowen road, was identified as a site for a Denbighshire county lock-up.

The land was owned by the Middleton Estate in the person of the Hon Frederick West who had married into the family. In 1834 Thomas Pearson, the county surveyor the County of Denbigh drew up plans. The plans show a building somewhat different (and smaller) than what exists today. On ground floor were two cells, one 10ft x 6'6", the other 7'6" x 7'6", with a passage between them leading to a Courtroom, measuring 13'6" x 9'6". To the front of building (on what is now called Victoria Square) was the Gaoler's living quarters, a kitchen (12' x 11'6") to the left, a bedroom (10'6" x 6'6") to the right, of the door. Behind the courtroom was an open-air staircase leading to a large, first floor Committee Room, 22ft x 19'6", built over the cells and Gaoler's quarters

(but not over the Courtroom).





The contract to build the Lock-up was given to John Jones of Llangollen, to be completed by December 1834, for a fee of £300. (However, in a sworn statement made by Joseph Peers, County of Denbighshire Clerk of the Peace in 1870 at the time of selling the Lock-up and Magistrates Rooms, it was stated that “in the year 1835 the sum of £150 was expended on behalf of the said County in building the Lock Up in the Town of Llangollen with the Magistrate's room attached thereto”. So did the builder John Jones incur a severe penalty for not erecting the building in the time and to a standard satisfactory to the County Surveyor? OR was Joseph Peers attempting to cover up the fact that the building was sold in 1870 for £210, considerably less than the building costs 35 years earlier?



Tithe Map 1845 223

Owner, Hon Frederick West Occupants, Llangollen inhabitants –Town Hall, area 6 perches

In 1867 a new Police Station and Magistrate's Court was built in Parade Street, and the Old Lock-up ceased to be used by the police from that time. In 1868 it was put up for auction, and purchased in 1870 by Charles Richards, Esq. He extended the building in

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For further particulars apply to Mr. Peers, Clerk of the Peace, Ruthin.

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1879, converting the Courtroom into a shop, using the lock-up as an Armoury, and extending the first-floor Council Chamber into a Drill Hall, for the 9th Denbighshire Rifle Volunteers.

During WWI the armoury was used as a recruiting office. It was somewhat neglected after that but, in 1947 it became the headquarters of the International Musical Eisteddfod. When the new pavilion was built in 1992 they moved out, and the new occupant of the Armoury was the Vale of Llangollen Canal Boat Trust. This was formed in 1983, with the aim of providing day trips and holidays on canal boats, designed specifically for use by disabled people of all ages. It had been used for art exhibitions, whist drives and wedding receptions etc.,. Subsequently it was bought by Sue Hargreaves, who has donated it to the Armoury Conservation Trust who have been restoring the building.



Listing

Street: Berwyn Street (S side)

Name/Number: Old Town Hall and The Old Armoury

Grade: 11

Cadw Ref No: 1313/14/A/19 & 20(3)

NG Ref No: SJ 215 419

Between Berwyn Street and Hall Street with gable end facing E across the area known as Victoria Square. Now the International Eisteddfod Office.

Built in 1835 in sombre Tudorbethan manner. 2-storey; rubble laid in courses of diminishing sizes with plinth and freestone dressings (heavily tooled). Slate roof and end chimney stacks; old photographs show there to have been formerly a raised clerestory to centre; stone kneelers to gable parapets. Multipane mullioned windows with architraves. Front facing Victoria Square has 3-light window over main entrance with bracket sided panel between; further small panel over boarded and studded door. 2+1-windows facing Berwyn

Street, to left 2- light to 1st floor, barred to ground floor. Beyond and slightly set back is the 1-window Old Armoury with stringcourse midway up 1st floor level; l-light small pane casement over plain shop front. Similar elevation to Hall Street, the 1-window part is also slightly set back on this side. 2 light window to ground floor and studded door in similar surround.

Brick arched cellars retained internally. Barred and now blocked up windows on dividing wall to W indicate that this was an outside wall and that the Old Armoury is later. 4 bay open roof to main part.

Group value with Rehoboth Chapel, The Old Bank and No 4 Berwyn Street.

References: Hubbard, 'Clwyd', p 221.



The Old Armoury

BERWYN STREET, LLANGOLLE
TEL.: 860419

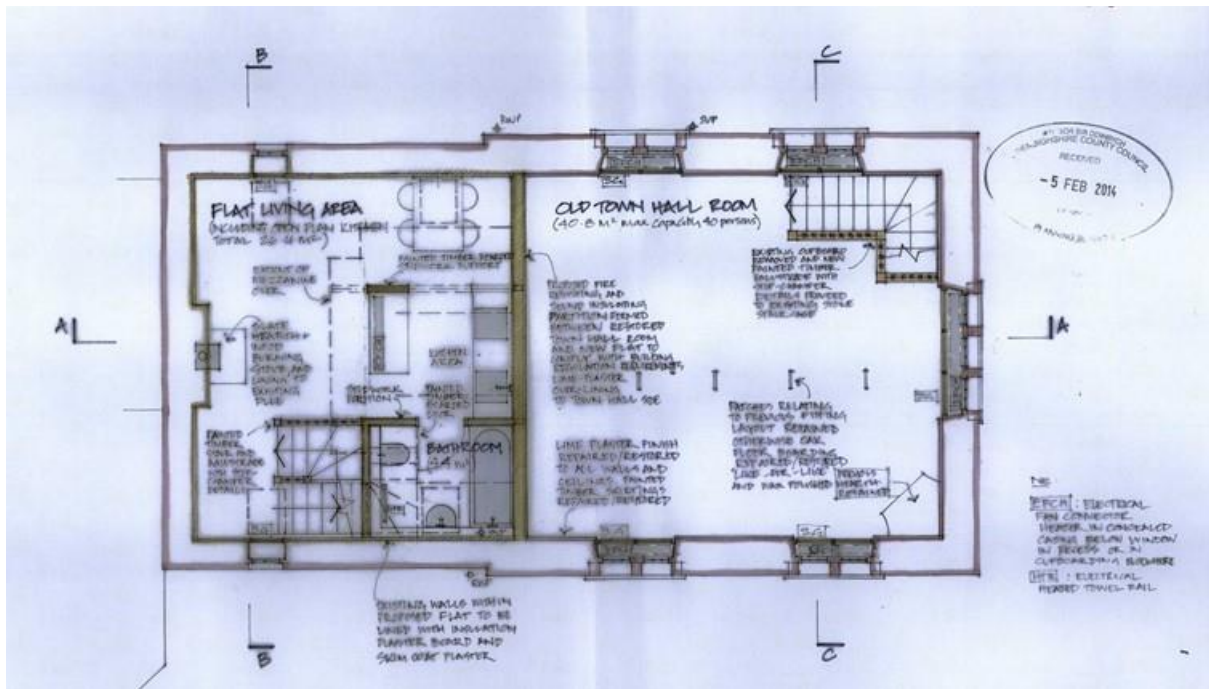
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Interior photographs when acquired by Sue Hargreaves.



Modifications showing a flat above the shop, and the former town hall room as an exhibition area.



After the shop was removed it was possible to see clearly the original wall of the armoury.

Wanted,

A STEADY active person to keep the **LOCK-UP HOUSE**, at Llangollen, in the county of Denbigh, Salary, including other emoluments, twenty pounds per annum.

For further particulars, apply (if by letter, post-paid) to Mr. **ROBERT JONES**, Attorney-at-Law, and Clerk to the Magistrates for the Hundred of Chirk. Llangollen, 20th Dec. 1836.

Chester Chronicle 30 December 1836

LLANGOLLEN.

A LUNATIC.—There is now in the Llangollen lock-up a lunatic of the name of Benjamin Bartley, of Vron Cysllite. It seems that a law suit, in which he lost the case, has affected his mind. He was apprehended by a warrant on a charge of endeavouring to shoot Mr. Thos. Edwards, former, Cysyllte, and his wife, on the 24th of April. He aimed at them twice with a double-barrelled gun loaded with ball, and it was most fortunately that one or both were not killed. He spends much of his time in singing, for which he had always a great taste, and he possesses a capital voice. On Wednesday morning he dragged the iron bedstead of the cell, which is of immense weight, placing it against the door, so that it was impossible to effect an entrance to him. He said that if Mr. Patterson would give him a pipe of tobacco, that he would open the door. The favour was accordingly granted, but he said then that he was too weak. On Wednesday, however, Mr. Patterson employed a smith to open the door by force; and as he was liberated and brought to the Town Hall, he began to sing most energetically. The poor man will be sent to the asylum in a day or two.

Wrexham and Denbighshire Advertiser and Cheshire Shropshire and North Wales Register

**The North Wales Chronicle and Advertiser for the Principality 10th May 1862
24th October 1863**

LLANGOLLEN LOCK-UP.

On this subject Sir Watkin had given notice of a motion, and the county surveyor had made the following report.

The necessity of improved accommodation here for both prisoners and police officers is most urgent. The bedroom now used by the Inspector and his wife is only 7 feet by 10 without any means of ventilation except by open window and that portion of the lock-up occupied by the prisoners is equally inconvenient, and the number of cells is quite inadequate to the increasing requirements of the place. I have been informed that Gen. Cartwright had in contemplation to draw the justices' attention to the deficiencies of the above, but he was told the matter had been brought before them. I may further add that an appeal has been made requesting that the county court, lately removed from Ruabon to Wrexham, be transferred to Llangollen, it being more central, and that a good room for the justices here would be available for the county court as well. The latter of course to contribute to the erection of the building, or pay rent for the room. There is a suitable site for this purpose in the new street called Castle-street, which has been liberally offered to the court by Henry Roberts, Esq., M.P., at 6s. per yard."

Sir Watkin said he had given notice of this motion because there had been great complaints of the want of accommodation at the Llangollen lock-up for two or three years, and nothing had been done at it yet- He believed the surveyor would bear him out in saying that it was the worst lock-up in the county.

The Surveyor said it was so.

Sir Watkin then proposed that there should be a new lock-up erected according to plans proposed by the Surveyor. Colonel Tottenham seconded this. All those magistrates who had seen the present lock-up would agree with him that there was a great want of accommodation. There was really only one cell, and they had sometimes fourteen or fifteen prisoners. General Cartwright complained very much of it. Land was now to be had at a very reasonable price six shillings per yard while twelve shillings per yard had been given for land in the same locality. Mr Richards would be able to tell them, that in a short time they would not be able to get land at anything like that price. The plans before them would show that designs were very suitable. The drainage of the present lock-up was very bad indeed. The Inspector's wife had been laid up with fever in consequence of that, and no prisoner could be locked up there.

The Surveyor in reply to the bench said his estimate would be two thousand pounds. Sir Watkin asked what difference would it make if they built without providing for the accommodation of the County Court?

The Surveyor said several hundred pounds.

Captain Panton said there was no County Court at Llangollen yet.

After some further discussion Sir Watkin suggested that they should purchase the land now if they could not agree to the other portion of the resolution. The Chairman then spoke at considerable length against such a motion being introduced without giving the usual notice. There was a rule that required a notice to be given at the previous Quarter Sessions for any motion that involved the expenditure of the county money. The rule was a very wholesome one, and he thought it would be unwise to encroach upon it. If they departed from the rule they might have individual magistrates giving notice of motion in the way that had been' done, which would give them great inconvenience.

Sir Watkin said the thing had been almost settled a long time ago. The only question was as to the piece of land, and now an opportunity presented itself of having land cheap, he thought they had better avail themselves of it. As to the building he had no objection to postpone that. It would not be necessary to commence building until spring. Colonel Tottenham said, with reference to the practice of the Court to which allusion had been made by the Chairman, he

might state, that at the Merionethshire Quarter Sessions, where he attended the other day, there were no less than three motions similar to the one then before them, of which no notice had been given. One of those motions involved an expenditure of three thousand pounds for a bridge over the river Aberdovey. The Rev. Mr Williams replied that that business had been before the Court twelve months ago, and had been postponed from quarter to quarter. Could not the Llangollen people get some other site that would be cheaper?

Colonel Tottenham said Mr Richards would tell them that there was no other site to be had for anything like the money. A long discussion followed, in the course of which Sir Watkin made several different motions with regard to the site.

The Rev. Mr Williams said the present was not the time to spend money. They had now greater difficulty in collecting the rates than ever was known. Captain Panton contended that the quantity of land should be specified and the price fixed. Colonel Brooks thought the Surveyor ought to prepare two or three new plans. The plans before them were of two expensive a character All unnecessary expense, such as carved work ought to be avoided. The Rev. Mr Williams seconded this. The work ought to be done in as plain a manner as possible, consistent with safety, security, and substantiality. It was ultimately agreed to purchase as much land as could be obtained for £150.

9th January 1864

LLANGOLLEN LOCK-UP. In compliance with the instructions I received at the last quarter sessions, I prepared plans, elevations, &c for the above lockup, which have been submitted to the committee of justices appointed to act in this matter, and which have been approved of by them. I beg to read their report Llangollen, Dec. 29, 1863, to the magistrates of the county of Denbigh, in Quarter Sessions assembled, and to R. Lloyd Williams, their surveyor.

On behalf of the justices assembled at Petty Sessions, at Llangollen, and who were also assembled as the committee appointed to consider the plans and designs of a Court House on the 29th day of December, 1863. I am requested to express that they have examined and approved of the designs and report of the County Surveyor, sent with this report and also signed by the Chairman of the committee.

"I have further to state that the committee this day assembled were Col. Charles John Tottenham, Rev. John Croxon Philips, Rowland Jones Venables, Esq., and Col. Blackwood Price.

I have also to state that all the members of the committee had notice of the meeting. Signed at the request, and on behalf of the committee for the Llangollen Court House.

CHARLES RICHARDS,
Clerk to the Justices."

Since I received this, Mr Richards wrote to me as follows:-

Llangollen, January 1, 1864.-

Dear Sir, The Local Board at their meeting last night, resolved to take for a market hall not less than 27 yards in length, from Castle- street, at the rate of 6s per square yard. This will therefore enable you to buy the whole piece, without any difficulty. The east end to be for the market hall, and the west end for the court house, &c. I sent you the court house plans on Tuesday last, yours very truly,

C. RICHARDS.

R. LLOYD WILLIAMS, ESQ., Denbigh.

It is a subject for consideration here, whether it would not be more desirable for the county under existing circumstances to arrange with the proprietors of the market hall to include the contemplated lockup, justices, room, &c, with the market hall in one good building. This proposal would materially save expense to the county, at- though it would probably entail some delay.

LLANGOLLEN COURT HOUSE AND LOCK-UP.

A considerable and lengthened discussion took place upon that portion of county Surveyor's report, relating to the Llangollen Court House and Lockup, and Col. Tottenham's motion respecting the same. Mr Griffith of Gam, in a long and acrimonious speech contended that the Clerk of the Peace had no right to issue notices, that certain expenditure of public money would be made unless that notice were given at a previous court. The Clerk of the Peace having replied. Col. Biddulph said that what was required was publicity in order to gain a full attendance of the magistrates, and made some curt observations upon the principles advocated by Mr Griffith. Col. Tottenham said he was connected with the county of Merioneth, and a much larger sum of money had been voted, in a similar way to that they now pursued, so that Mr Griffith's objection must of necessity fall to the ground. He also cited General Cartwright's the Government Inspector's opinion upon the state of the Llangollen Lockup, which was most unsatisfactory. The Clerk of the Peace have replied to Mr Griffiths remarks, and showing the legality and advisability of the course pursued by him in that and other occasions. Sir Watkin here said they had had the opinion of the Clerk of the Peace, who had acted in that capacity for the space of 27 years with the-greatest satisfaction. He knew the habits of the court, the custom of the court, and the rules of the court. They should therefore take him as their guide, for they had always found him to be a gentlemen actuated by right motives, and wished to do what was right. Capt. Denman in reply to Sir Watkin, said General Cartwright expressed himself most dissatisfied with the state of the Llangollen Lock-up; while he made 110 complaints about any other. Dr. Jones reported the state of the prisoners from the Llangollen lock-up, to the County gaol, to be very un- satisfactory and unhealthy. Sir Watkin then moved that the sum of £1000 be granted towards the building of a new Court House and lock-up, with cell and dwelling for a policeman attached, including the purchase of site for the same, at Llangollen, and that the present lock-up, with the site be disposed of by the committee hereinafter named, and the proceeds of the sale be given in addition to the £1000 for the providing of the new buildings, and that the purchase of the site be made, and the works be carried out under the directions of the committee appointed for this purpose at the last Quarter Sessions, according to the plans and divisions prepared by the county surveyor and approved by the said committee, and now produced to this court and adopted. The following motion was then put to the meeting, on the motion of Mr Griffith and seconded by the Chairman:- That no motion for the outlay of the county money, or any new works be entertained at any Court of Quarter Sessions, unless notice of such intended motion shall have been given in open court at the previous sessions. The motion was carried.

The North Wales Chronicle and Advertiser for the Principality

2nd July 1864

Mr. JAS. MAURICE made an observation to the effect that the Llangollen lock-up was in a wretched state.

The North Wales Chronicle and Advertiser for the Principality

21st March 1868

Llangollen Court House.-Several enquiries had been made for the selling price of the old Lock-up, as well as many applications from people wishing to rent it. The Surveyor wished to know if the Court still adhered to the determination of selling it. Resolved-That the building be sold by auction- with a reserved price. The Surveyor made an application to the court to allow him commission on the new Court House at Llangollen. In the course a lengthy discussion, it was elicited that Mr Lloyd Williams's predecessor obtained commission on works at a cost of £1,000 and upwards. Also, that Mr Lloyd Williams had bestowed much attention upon this building, having acted as his own clerk of the works. A unanimous feeling prevailed that the

Surveyor was deserving of the commission, but the court divided as to whether it should be on the amount of the contract or that of the outlay, which exceeded the contract money. There was a majority in favour of the outlay, where-upon, the Chairman observed that the court had decided upon a wrong principle. A sum of sixty-three guineas was then voted to the Surveyor.

18th July 1879

THE OLD TOWN HALL has now been enlarged by Mr. Charles Richards, solicitor, for an Armoury and Drill Room for the 9th Denbighshire Rifle Volunteers. The stairs at the back have been removed, and new ones have been substituted from the old kitchen in front of the building. The upper room is about 14 by 7 yards, and will no doubt prove very well lighted by a large window at the top of the roof. There used to be a bell (now at Mile End Mill) at the top of the building. We think it would have improved the appearance of the structure if the turret where the bell hung were taken away. If also the exterior of the building were to be rough-casted or cemented, it would greatly improve the aspect of the neighbourhood. The contractor for the work lately done was Mr. Morris Roberts, of this town

Friday April 22nd 1938

In the Stocks

Mr Roberts remembers seeing the stocks – the old form of punishment – in use in Llangollen. “They were up by the Armoury used to be the County Hall and the lock up. It was the only building in that part of town. The Grapes Hotel was built in 1818. I remember a man named Williams being placed in the stocks for being drunk, but he was only there a short time.”

Prisoner’s Escape

“One man jumped out of the jail window. The prisoners were put in the top room. What did one do but climb up the wall and walk along the top until he came to the greengrocer’s and plunged down into the place where they were throwing all their rubbish. Of course, he dropped on the rubbish, and off he went over the fields. He was never caught. My mother saw him drop.

March 2012

RESTORING THE OLD ARMOURY



I recently purchased “The Old Armoury”, on the corner of Berwyn Street, Victoria Square and Hall Street. This Grade 2 listed building is in a very sorry state of repair, and my wish is to rescue it from any further decay, to render it water-tight and structurally sound, and to bring it back into some sort of community use. I found a never-erected blue plaque, provided by the Museum, which states (English version): “Originally built in 1835 as a

County Hall, it was the Town Hall until 1867. It was used as an armoury by the Yeomanry Militia until the end of the 19th century. In the more recent past it formed the offices of the International Musical Eisteddfod.”

This sparked off my curiosity about the building, and with the help of Llangollen Museum and the Denbighshire Archives in Ruthin Gaol, and Trevor Robert's books "Tales of Llangollen - past and present", I have started to discover some more details of its history.

It was originally designed and built by Denbighshire County Council as a "Lock-up and Magistrates' Rooms" in 1834/5. On the ground floor were 2 cells and the jailer's kitchen and bedroom, with a passage leading to the Courtroom (now the shop). Above the cells was built a large Committee room which was used by Llangollen Town Council before it moved to the Town Hall in Castle Street. The ground floor was used by the police until their new police station and court rooms were built in 1867 in Parade Street.

The original building was half the size it is now: - compare this picture of the Lock-up from Hall Street as designed in 1834, with its present appearance in this photograph (taken by Lynda Kay in February, 2012).

After being vacated by the police and town council, in 1868 the "Llangollen Lock-up and Magistrates' Rooms" were auctioned and sold to Charles Richards, who in 1879 enlarged the building to its present proportions.



By building over the old courtroom, the back stairs and the adjoining yard, a first-floor drill room, 14 yards by 7 yards, was created for the 9th Denbighshire Rifle Volunteers, using the old cells and rooms beneath the Armoury. The drill room had "a large window at the top of the roof" of which no trace now remain,; however I found in a book called "Llangollen Town and

Country Walks" by Alan Williams, published in May 1976, an illustration by Jessica Whiting of the Old Armoury (by then used as the offices of the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod) which shows this roof light. (see picture above) This is just the start of my explorations, and I would be delighted to hear of any recollections of uses of the Armoury: I know there was a draper's shop there since at least 1920, and I have been told the hall was used as tea-rooms, and for dancing classes, and for war-time weddings when local hotels were restricted to 20 guests.

I wish to thank the Civic Society, Hanes - Llangollen-History, Llangollen Museum, LIME, the Canal Boat Trust and Denbighshire's Conservation Officer for all the help and encouragement they have given me in 'rescuing' this historic building. By the time this article appears, work on re-roofing and re-pointing will have begun. The Canal Boat Trust will remain as tenants and slowly, as the repair and restoration work takes place, it is hoped that some of the older parts of the building, such as the cells, might be open for visitors and the curious.

I hope that in time, this building can again be used for the good of the community in Llangollen. Any suggestions welcomed! The explanatory blue plaque will be placed on the wall near the door on Victoria Square, once the external repairs have been completed.

Sue Hargeaves

May 2012

**UPDATE ON
OLD ARMOURY
RESTORATION PROJECT
Llangollen Lock Up House**

For the last two months, there has been extensive outside work on "The Armoury": the first stage of the restoration is almost completed now. The building has half of a new roof, new guttering and downpipes, and has been largely re-pointed where necessary, so for the first time in many years, the building is water-tight. The builders (Davies Brothers of Llangollen) are



now replacing the sandstone lintel, pillars and cill of the window overlooking Victoria Square, and re-pointing this elevation, and then, the scaffolding can come down.

There are still many repairs to be made inside and out, so that I am now applying for listed building consent to carry out the work of restoring, so far as is possible, the Lock-Up and Committee Room to its original state, as built in 1834.

In the article in the March edition of Llangollen News, the picture of the original building was omitted for lack of space. Here it is now (by

permission of the County Archives, Ruthin Gaol).

Llangollen Museum are helping me with my researches, and it is intended to mount an exhibition in the Old Lock-up (two cells and the Jailer's living quarters) at the time of the Open Doors weekend in September this year. The Lock-up will be open to the public then, with an exhibition showing the original design of the building and its 19th Century history, and with guided 'tours' and talk and discussion about how to research old buildings. As far as I know this is the first time in many years that the general public have had access to this part of the Armoury: so make a date to come along!

Sue Hargreaves

June 2014

NEW OWNER FOR LLANGOLLEN LOCK UP OLD TOWN HALL (AKA THE OLD ARMOURY)

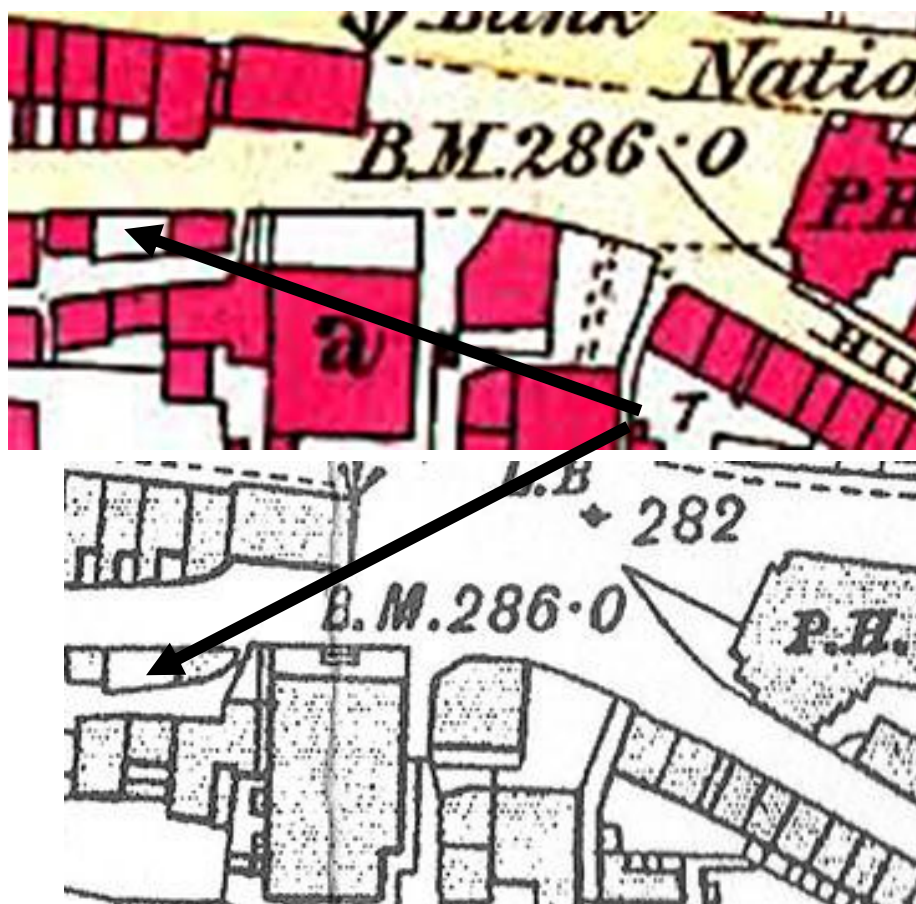
I, Sue Hargreaves, being of sound mind, etc., etc have just transferred the title deeds to the Old Armoury (comprising the Lockup, the Armoury shop and the Old Town Hall I Drill Hall above) to new owners: the Armoury Conservation Trust, which is currently being registered with the Charity Commissioners.

Ownership of the building by the Trust ensures that the restoration of the Lock up and Old Town Hall will proceed as planned, and guarantees that its future uses are entirely for the public and community benefit, as an accessible heritage site and venue for educational, artistic and community purposes.

The Armoury Conservation Trust is very grateful for all the letters of support it has received from local people and organisations, in preparation for an application for funding to help restore the building, which the Trust aims to submit early mid-June. Any further letters are welcomed: the registered address of the Armoury Conservation Trust is The Old Lock up, Victoria Square, Llangollen, LL20 8ET. The Lock up is open again for visitors over the summer months, including the Open Doors weekend in September. The grant received from the Town Council to re-do the display boards is being used to present a picture of crime and policing in Denbighshire and Llangollen in the 1850s and 60s. It is still work in progress, but all. Individuals or groups, are welcome to come and see what we are up to.

So, dear Reader, this is the last letter I write to Llangollen News as owner of the Old Armoury!
Sue Hargreaves

Rehoboth Place



There is some doubt as to the exact position of Rehoboth place. The arrows on the 1873 and 1910 maps show a possible location, but it is not impossible that they were the buildings behind, or the two adjacent and to the west of Greenbank.

In 1871 No was occupied by Edward Edwards, a waggoner from Glynceiriog. The family moved from here to Fron Bache after 1866. Ellen died here in 1876, and Edward moved to Queen Street, where he died in 1892.

No 1

1871 Census

1 Rehoboth Place

Edward Edwards	Head	m	30(1841)	waggoner	Glynceiriog
Ellen Edwards	Wife	m	26(1845)		Corwen
William Edwards	Son	s	11(1867)		Llangollen
Evan Edwards	Son	s	1(1870)		Llangollen
Edward Williams	Gfath	w	79(1792)		Corwen

14th March 1874

WILLIAMS—On the 27th ult., aged 84, Mr Edward Williams, Rehoboth Place, Llangollen, and late of Trefynant, Glyndyfrdwy.

14th January 1876

Jan. 10th, aged 29, after a short illness, Ellen, the beloved wife of Mr. Edward Edwards, waggoner, Rehoboth-place, Llangollen.

Fron Cemetery

B 13 274

Edward Edwards, Platelayer, Unicorn Place, Queen St, d 7/1/1892, bu 9/1/1892, age 50

Eleanor Edwards, 1st wife of Edward, Rehoboth Place, d 10/1/1876, bu 13/1/1876, age 29

1881 Census

They were replaced by Evan Evans and his family from Llanarmon D C. Evan was a gardener, but unfortunately died here in 1886 aged 41. His widow moved to 12 Queen Street, but by 1911 had got a job as caretaker at Rehoboth Chapel. She died in 1928.

1 Rehoboth Place

<i>Evan Evans</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>40(1841)</i>	<i>Gardener (Dom)</i>	<i>Llanarmon D C</i>
<i>Mary Evans</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>49(1832)</i>		<i>Llangynog</i>
<i>David T. Evans</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>s</i>	<i>10(1871)</i>		<i>Llanarmon D C</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Evans</i>	<i>Dau</i>	<i>s</i>	<i>6(1875)</i>		<i>Llangollen</i>

12th February 1886

Feb. 7th, aged 41, Mr. Evan Evans, gardener, Rehoboth-place, Llangollen.

Fron Cemetery

C 8 141

Evan Evans, gardener, Rehoboth Place, d 7/2/1886, bu 2/1886, age 41

Mary Evans, widow of Evan Evans(chapel caretaker), Rehoboth Place, d Jun-1928, bu 24/06/1928, age 91

Mary Catherine Evans, daughter of Evan & Mary dressmaker, Rehoboth Place, d 29/12/1936, bu 31/12/1936, age 70

The new occupants were John Davies, his wife and two daughters. John Davies was a woodman. They had another daughter born here in 1892, but she died aged only 8 months, and two years later John died, and his widow, Elizabeth died here in 1908.

1891 Census

231 1 Rehoboth Place

<i>John Davies</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>38(1853)</i>	<i>woodman</i>	<i>Llangollen</i>
<i>Elizabeth Davies</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>40(1851)</i>		<i>Bryneglwys</i>
<i>Florence Davies</i>	<i>dau</i>	<i>s</i>	<i>3(1888)</i>		<i>Llangollen</i>
<i>Emily Davies</i>	<i>dau</i>	<i>s</i>	<i>1(1890)</i>		<i>Llangollen</i>

3rd February 1893

Jan. 27th, aged 8 months, Matilda, infant daughter of Mr. John Davies, Rehoboth-place, Llangollen.

8th November 1895

Oct. 31st, aged 43, Mr. John Davies, Rehoboth-place, Llangollen.

1901 Census

1 Rehoboth 161

<i>Elizabeth Davies</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>w</i>	<i>53(1848)</i>	<i>Charwoman</i>	<i>Bryneglwys</i>
<i>Florie Davies</i>	<i>Dau</i>	<i>s</i>	<i>13(1888)</i>		<i>Llangollen</i>
<i>Emily Davies</i>	<i>Dau</i>	<i>s</i>	<i>11(1890)</i>		<i>Llangollen</i>

Fron Cemetery

C 12 230

John Davies, Clerk, Dalehurst Acrefair, d March 1933, bu 08/03/1933, age 78

Emily Louisa Davies, widow, Thomas Davies, Dalehurst Acrefair, d 24/03/1935, bu 27/03/1935, age 27

John Davies, Woodman, Rehoboth Place, Llangollen, d 31/10/1895, bu 11/1895, age 44

Matilda Davies, infant d of John Davies, Rehoboth Place, Llangollen, d 27/1/1893, bu 1/1893, age 8m

Elizabeth Davies, Widow of John Davies, Rehoboth Place, Llangollen, d Jan-1908, bu 16/01/1908, age 56

Emily Davies, daughter John and Elizabeth, Hawarden Isolation Hospital, bu 30/08/1961, age 75

22nd January 1908

DAVIES-Ionawr 13eg, yn 56a in mlwydd oed, Elizabeth, gweddw Mr John Davies, Rehoboth Place, Llangollen.

By August 1908 a Miss Thomas was living here.

Victoria Square.
BANK BUILDINGS, Messrs. Richards and Co., bankers.
REHOBOTH CALVINISTIC METHODIST CHAPEL.
ARMOURY, H Co. V.B.R.W. Fusiliers, Sergt.-Instructor J. Nicholl.
1, Rehoboth Place, Miss Thomas.
Miss Thomas, Liscard
Miss Christianson, Seacombe
Mis Thomas, New Brighton

7th August 1908

On the 5th January 1911 David Jones, a carter, married Mary Ann Evans, widow at Corwen registry office. They moved in here, with Mary's son from her previous marriage. They were here in 1911 and their son David Maldwyn Jones was born here. In 1917 Mary married Edward Jones, with whom she had more sons, Elwyn & Robert, and the family moved to 4 Pengwern Square

1911 Census

1 Rehoboth

David Jones	Head	m 34(1877)	Carter	Llangollen
Mary Ann Jones	Wife	m 32(1879)	under 1	Llangollen
Evan Morris Evans	Sson	s 10(1901)		Llangollen



David (left) and his mother and brothers Elwyn and Robert outside 4 Pengwern Square.

Later occupants were John William Williams, a tailor, and his family, who had previously lived at Fron Bache.. John died here in 1937. His widow Maria became cleaner and caretaker at Rehoboth.

1939 Register

Rehoboth Place 76

1 Maria Williams	5 th May 1877	W	Caretaker & Cleaner
2 John W Williams	24 th Sept 1904	S	Gardener + Poultry man
3 Josephine Williams	6 th July 1911	S	unpaid domestic
4 Dorothy Williams	18 th Dec 1913	S	ditto

Maria died her in 1941 and their daughter Josephine in 1947.

Fron Cemetery

Mary Jocelyn Williams, d John William Williams, Fron Bache, Llangollen, d Jul-1911, bu Jul-11, age 12 mo

John William Williams, tailor, Rehoboth Place, d 1937, bu 03/04/1937, age, 62

Maria Williams, widow of John William Williams, Rehoboth Place, d Nov-1941, bu 21/11/1941, age 64

Josephine Williams, d John William Williams, Rehoboth Place, d May-1947, bu 28/05/1947, age 35

No 2

In 1871 Elizabeth Evans, and her children were living here. Her husband, Robert Evans had been a carrier, and died in the 1850's. In 1861 the family had been in Dee Mill Place before moving here. Her sons, John and Owen both worked in printing, in 1871 her grandson William Ryland, probably John's son had joined them and they were in Rehoboth Place. Later that year her eldest daughter had moved to the USA and got married in Kansas.

1871 Census

2 Rehoboth Place

Elizabeth Evans	Head	w	58(1813)		Llangollen
Elizabeth Evans	dau	s	28(1843)		Llangollen
Owen Evans	Son	s	25(1846)	compositor	Llangollen
Mary Evans	dau	s	20(1851)	dressmaker	Llangollen
William Evans	Gson	s	4(1867)		Blaenavon
Charles Davies	Neph	s	28(1843)		Llangollen

18th August 1871

June 3rd, at Trinity Church, Lawrence, Kansas, U.S. of America, by the Rev. John K. Dunn, rector, Mr. John Parry, late of Llandysilio, near Oswestry, to Miss Elizabeth Evans late of Rehoboth Place, Llangollen, North Wales.

By 1881 William had followed in his father and uncle's footsteps into printing.

1881 Census

2, Rehoboth Place,

Elizabeth Evans	Head	w	68(1813)	Housekeeper	Llandderfel
Owen Evans	Son	s	37(1844)	Compositor printer	Llangollen
Mary Evans	Dau	s	31(1850)	Dressmaker	Llangollen
William R Evans	Gson	s	14(1867)	Printer compositor	Tredegar

26th November 1886

A HOUSE TO LET at Rehoboth Place, Llangollen. Apply to Mr. Nicholas, Green Bank, Llangollen. (2029)

27th February 1891

TO BE SOLD OR LET, GREEN BANK. Llangollen. Also to be SOLD the Two COTTAGES, situate at Rehoboth Place, Llangollen Particulars from Mr. THOMAS NICHOLAS, Green Bank.

1891 Census

230 2 Rehoboth Place

Elizabeth Evans	Head	w	78(1813)		Llanderfel
Owen Evans	Son	s	45(1846)	compositor, print	Llangollen
Mary Evans	dau	s	39(1852)	dressmaker	Llangollen

27th August 1897

Aug. 20th, aged 85, after a long illness (deeply regretted), Mrs. Elizabeth Evans, Rehoboth Place, Llangollen.

22nd January 1897

“Martin Luther, the Protestant Reformer,” was the interesting subject of a paper read by Mr. Wm. Ryland Evans (Rehoboth-place) before the Rehoboth Literary Society, on Monday evening. Mr. H. Lewis followed with a telling address, in which he drew inferences from the chief incidents in the eventful life of the great reformer, and contrasted Protestantism with Roman Catholicism, making timely references to the forces now at work in our country. Among the other speakers were Mr. R. Austin Williams and Mr. Edward Davies. Mr. Ed. Jones, Bryndwr, occupied the chair.

In 1897 Elizabeth died, leaving Owen and Mary at No 2 Rehoboth. Mary and Owen later moved to No 2 Hill Street.

1901 Census

2 Rehoboth 162

Owen Evans Head s 53(1848) Printer & compositor Llangollen

Mary Evans Sister s 43(1858) Dressmaker Llangollen

27th September 1901

Sept. 26th, at Rehoboth Chapel, Llangollen, by the Rev. W. Foulkes and Mr. James Clarke, registrar, Mr. William Ryland Evans, Rehoboth-place, to Miss Margaret Alicia Jones, daughter of the late Mr. Wm. Jones, Rhysgog-both of Llangollen.

1911 Census

2 Rehoboth Place

Owen Evans Son S 60(1851) Gosadydd Llangollen

Mary Evans Dau S 55(1856) Afalydd Llangollen

Fron Cemetery

C 14 281/282

Elizabeth Evans, Widow, Rehoboth Place, Llangollen, d 8/1897, bu 3/8/1897, age 85

William Ryland Evans, retired compositor, 2 Hill Street, d 3/1954, bu 10/03/1954, age 68

Mary Evans, Spinster, 2 Hill Street, Llangollen, d Nov-26, bu 30/11/1926, age 75

Owen Evans, compositor, 3 Hill Street, Llangollen, d Oct-1927, bu 29/10/1927, age 83

Rehoboth Chapel



CAPEL PONT FELIN HEN TODAY



APRIL 1839 TITHE MAP

Rehoboth Chapel, Hall St Llangollen was a Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Chapel. The denomination's earliest chapel in Llangollen was the Pont Felin Hen at the bottom of Butler Hill, which dates from 1773. At one time the Pont Felin Hen Chapel had adjacent accommodation for a travelling preacher, until by 1829, the congregation had grown sufficiently to justify its own minister. During this time the congregation included a John Edwards, who had become ordained at Bala in 1834. His father had kept a shop in Bridge St, which the son continued, but he was also a builder and contractor – specialising in the building of chapels all over North Wales. It was therefore natural that when in 1838 the congregation of the chapel had grown too large for their premises in Pont Felin Hen, that he should be responsible for the building of the new chapel, in the present position. The tithe map of 1839 shows building No 222

222 Chapel, owned by the Trustees of Calvinistic Chapel, In Hand



CHAPEL IN 1876

The new chapel underwent repairs in 1843. By the time of the 1851 Church census the Space was given as Free 200; Other 440; Standing 200, and the average attendance over the previous 12 months was Morning Service 250, afternoon Sunday School 270 and 600 Sunday evening.

Around that time, in the early 1840's there was a desire provide a non-sectarian education for the children of non-conformists, which would be separate from the National, or Church Schools. A local currier, Ebenezer Cooper, who was the elder of Rehoboth at the time, was made the treasurer of the new school, and also contributed £20 to the scheme. Initially the school was housed in the Chapel, until the new building on Brook St was complete in 1846. In 1874 the British School was replaced by the new Board School, and

moved to new premises in East Street, and the building was sold back to Rehoboth Chapel for



£155 including contents. (They were the only people to tender.)

In 1872 the congregation decided to build a new chapel. William Morgan, a retired brewer and prominent member of the congregation, who lived in Willow House, had offered them a new 600 square yard site, worth at least £300. It was on the opposite side of Hall Street, adjacent to Plas Geraint (now the Royal Mail Sorting Office). It was intended that the existing site would then be sold.

However, by April 1873, they had decided to enlarge and renovate the existing building:-

The front will be ornamented with the white stone of Eyarth and blue stone of Corwen. The pulpit and gallery will be reversed. Every particle of the old things inside will "pass away, and all things are to become new." There is also a large schoolroom to be built at the back of the chapel, as well as a beautifully ornamental palisade in front. It is intended to commence operations immediately after the Sasisen Fawr which is to be held the second week in June. During the progress of the work, the congregation will worship at the Assembly Room. The architect is Mr. Richard Owen, of Liverpool, who has gained unusual fame as builder of sacred edifices in all parts of Wales as well as in England.

By July the plans as to the proposed renovations and alterations of the Rehoboth Chapel had been submitted to the Board and passed subject to the drainage and ventilation mentioned by the Surveyor. The congregation had also applied for the use of the Assembly Rooms on Sundays, for about seven months, while the alterations were being carried on, at a cost of 5s. per Sunday, the denomination to pay for gas and cleaning.

On Tuesday 12th August Ellis and Jones, the contractors, had commenced operations as to the enlargement and restoration of the Chapel. Two weeks later they had taken up the old buildings in the rear of the chapel, behind the schoolroom; taken down the front of the chapel carried off the timber and seats, cut about ten new windows in the side walls of the building, closing up two other windows and the door in the back wall. About fifteen years earlier a swarm of bees had entered the ceiling through the round ventilator in front of the chapel, and it was noticed that they were coming and going through the aperture every summer ever since. A week before, the men found a large quantity of honey there, and late one night they went up to the ceiling to smother the bees in order to get rid of them and obtain the honey. On Sunday 19th August, the congregation worshipped for the first time at the Assembly-room. On Wednesday evenings they held their meetings at the Welsh Wesleyan Chapel, which was kindly lent by the ministers and deacons.

In September, in order to obtain a solid foundation for the front wall of the chapel, the contractors had to excavate about three yards deep, which far exceeded the foundation of the old walls. The bottom wall was exceedingly thick, substantial, and presumed well adapted to support the immense weight that was going to rest upon it.

There were, however, some criticisms, a visitor said: "I am glad to see the Calvinistic Methodists enlarging and extending their chapel, but why do they not make a thorough job of it by taking down the old roof and ceiling which I am told is nearly 40 years old? It cannot



possibly be in a good state of preservation and unless the work is done now it must be done again a very few years hence. Besides, a piece of new ceiling attached to the old will never look well. In my humble opinion, leaving the present roof and ceiling would be acting the “penny wise and pound foolish.”

There were also some hazards involved. It was reported on 7th November 1873, “On Monday afternoon last, a young lad attending the masons at the front of

Rehoboth Chapel, missed his footing and fell from a considerable height, by which he hurt his head rather badly. He was for a while insensible, but soon regained consciousness, after which he was conveyed home, and we are glad to say he is doing well. An accident similar to the above, and at the same place, occurred to another lad a few weeks ago, but he escaped without being much injured.”

The Cefn hewn stones arrived on Monday 17th November, and the new front, which was drawing towards completion, was expected to be finished in a few days; after which the new part would be roofed, and the inside part proceeded with. The weather had been exceedingly favourable for building purposes.

It seems that the visitor in 1873 may have been right because in 1890 a new roof was built at a cost of £660, there were those who objected because slates from Caernarfon were used instead of local Llangollen ones.

It has been described as:- *being in the popular classical composition (Lombardic/Italian), constructed from snecked masonry with quoins, eaves band and plinth. It is entered via paired round-headed doorways in the central bay of the gable facade, below a three-light window with quatrefoil oculi and Corinthian derived pilasters, enclosed by a giant arch. The windows in the outer bays are contained within a full height recess, with round-headed windows to the gallery level, square-headed below. The side elevations each have six bays, with a modern extension adjoining the right hand side.*

Within the chapel is a segmental arched boarded ceiling with mock hammerbeams and central tie and queen struts, with a ceiling rose in the vestibule. The gallery has a panelled front and is mounted upon cast iron pillars with moulded capitals. Behind the platform is a Classical arch with curved spandrels and bracket cornice.

The chapel closed in 1982 when the four Welsh-speaking congregations in Llangollen joined to worship in Seion Chapel, the building was subsequently used to store furniture, and planning was granted for it to be converted into a restaurant. However, disagreements with the planners over disabled access led to the developer abandoning the project.

Victoria Place/ 4& 5 Victoria Square



This property was originally two, Nos 4 & 5 Victoria Square. The stream feeding the town pump ran underneath, and occasionally flooded the cellars. It is not until the 1881 Census that it is possible to identify an occupant of this property, viz Edward Lettsome the photographer. The owner of the property was William Evans. Edward had come from Rhosllanerchrugog originally, but he had been in Llangollen from about 1868. There had previously photographers in Llangollen, but for many years Edward Lettsome was the main one. He took the photographs of Queen Victoria on her visit in 1889 and as a result was able to display the Royal Warrant above the door. Following his death in 1908, the business continued Walter Henry Lettsome, he was here until WWII, when he moved to Princess Street.



One speciality was taking pictures of ladies dressed in Welsh Costume, costumes were provided.



1881 census

Victoria Place

Edward Lettsome	Head	M	43(1838)	Photographer (Etc)	Ruabon
Elinor Lettsome	Wife	M	40(1841)		Ruabon
John Lettsome	Son	S	21(1860)	Photographer	Ruabon
Elizabeth Lettsome	Dau	S	19(1862)	At Home	Ruabon
E. W. Lettsome	Son	S	14(1867)	Photograph	Ruabon
Allen Lettsome	Son	S	5(1876)	Scholar	Ruabon
Elinor Lettsome	Dau	S	3(1878)	Scholar	Ruabon
M. J. Lettsome	Gdau	S	1(1880)		Llangollen

1887 Rate Review

Victoria Place

No	Occupier	Owner	Description
273	Edward Lettsome	Wm Evans	House & Garden & shop
274	Edward Lettsome	Wm Evans	House & Garden

1891 Census

Victoria Place

Edward Lettsome	Head	m	55(1836)	Photographer/frame maker	Wrexham
Elenor Lettsome	Wife	m	57(1834)		Ruabon
John Lettsome	Son	s	31(1860)	photographer	Ruabon
Edward W Lettsome	Son	s	23(1868)	photographer	Ruabon
Allen Lettsome	Son	s	16(1875)	photographer	Ruabon
Nelly Lettsome	dau	s	13(1878)	scholar	Ruabon
Frederich C Lettsome	Son	s	8(1883)	scholar	Llangollen
Walter H Lettsome	Son	s	6(1885)	scholar	Llangollen
William Lettsome	Father	w	77(1814)	gardener	Llanfair D C
Kate Pugh	serv	s	21(1870)	gen serv dom	Llangollen

1901 Census

Victoria Buildings 61

Edward Lettsome	Head	m	63(1838)	Photographer	Rhos
Ellen Lettsome	Wife	m	59(1842)		Rhos
John Lettsome	Son	s	40(1861)	Photographer's son	Rhos
Nellis Lettsome	Dau	s	23(1878)		Rhos
Walter Henry Lettsome	Son	s	15(1886)	Photographer's son	Llangollen

26th September 1902

In Memoriam.

THE LATE MRS. LETTSOME.

Intelligence of the death of Mrs. Ellen Lettsome, wife of Mr. Edward Lettsome, photographic artist, was received in the town on Sunday with widespread feelings of regret. Mrs. Lettsome, who was 61 years of age, had been in failing health for thirteen months, and had been confined to the house for some weeks prior to her death. She leaves behind her five children—three sons and two daughters—with the widower and a large circle of friends and acquaintances to mourn her loss. Mrs. Lettsome was a native of Rhosllanerchrnog, and upon coming to Llangollen she entered upon a career of usefulness on behalf of the Welsh Independent cause, of which her husband is so staunch a supporter, and with the good work carried on on behalf of that connexion, and more particularly of late years with the efforts to secure a new chapel building, she was associated up to the time of her death. Quiet, unassuming and unobtrusive in her good works, Mrs Lettsome will be sadly missed from the circle in which she was wont to move; and we join our sympathies to those so widely expressed in the town and district with the bereaved family. The funeral took place yesterday (Thursday) in John, Churchyard, the officiating ministers being the Rev. Rowland Williams (Hwfa Mon), the Rev. —T J Rees, and the Rev. R. Roberts, Rhos. There was an unusually large concourse of mourners, and many beautiful wreaths and other floral devices were placed upon the grave,

BEDDARGHAF MRS. ELLEN LETTSOME.

MENYW yn Hawn o amynedd—oedd hi,

Gwyddai werth tangnefedd;

Haerwn na roed i orwedd

Fam fwynach, burach mewn bed

HWFA MON.

Cardiff Times 4th January 1908

DEATH OF A BARD. Sudden End of Arlunydd Brenhinol. The death occurred at Llangollen on Wednesday evening of Edward Lettsome, aged 72, widely known in Bardic circles as Anunydd Brenhinol. A few minutes prior to his death, deceased partook of a meal, and conversed regarding a lecture he was to deliver at night. Noticing something strange in his appearance, a servant approached and found him dead. Deceased was the head of a well-known photographic firm. A keen Eisteddfodwr he was taking deep interest in the art arrangement for this year's National Eisteddfod at Llangollen. During the visit of the late Queen to Wales he took special photographs for Her Majesty. The cause of death is stated to be apoplexy.

1911 Census

4&5 Victoria Square Llangollen

John Lettsome	Head	s	51(1860)	Photographer	Rhosllanerchrugog
Walter Henry Lettsome	Bro	s	26(1885)	Photographer	Llangollen
Sarah Smith	Serv	s	25(1886)	Housekeeper	Rhosllanerchrugog

1939 Register

4&5 Victoria Square

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|---|--|---|-------------------------|
| 1 | Walter H Lettsome, 11 th March 1885 | M | Photographer |
| 2 | Jane Lettsome 5 th March 1887 | M | Unpaid domestic duties |
| 3 | Caroline E Adams 31 st May 1878 | S | Retired Clerical Worker |

After the War Arnaldo Gorin moved here from Eton, via Caernarfon in 1946. Arnaldo was born in Italy, but was naturalised in June 1947. He turned the property into a restaurant, called the Vic Restaurant. Water used to well up and flood the cellar floors. There was/is a definite spring line across the town and that many of the old breweries were sited along this line of clean and available fresh water springs. Arnaldo died in 1971 and his wife moved to Willow Street.

27th April 1948 The Vic Restaurant

MR. ARNALDO GORIN of the VIC RESTAURANT wishes to' make it known that he is a British subject, holding naturalisation papers since June, 1947.

The restaurant later became the Simla Indian Restaurant, run by Mr Shofique Uddin. It is now Adyan's Tandoori Restaurant.

Greenbank

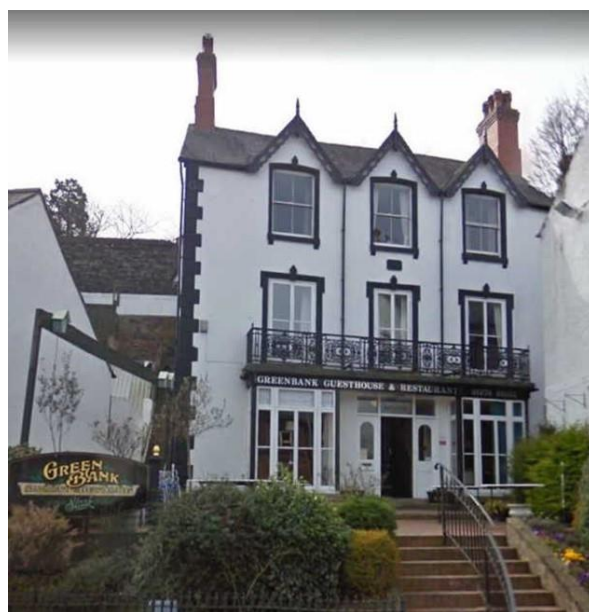


Taken in front of Greenbank July 19, 1892.

Back Row: Thomas Darwin, Ellen Neale, Thomas Nicholas, ? Hughes, Peter Blackburn
 Middle Row: Sarah Nicholas, Lillie Blackburn, Charles Nicholas, Mary Nicholas, Samuel Nicholas?
 Front Row: Pollie Nicholas, Cissie Hughes (friend of EA Blackburn), Alice Blackburn



1970's



Present

It is likely that at the time of the 1839 tithe the property was a House & stables owned by Charlotte Middleton Biddulph, and occupied by John Evans. This might have been the John Evans, nailer, mentioned in the 1841 census.

1841 Census

5 William Coward	20(1821)	timber merchant
6 Lot Lee	20(1821)	School Master
7 John Evans	60(1781)	Nailer Denbighshire
8 Ann Evans	65(1776)	

It is not until 1871 that another occupant can be identified. This was Robert David Roberts and his family. Robert was a commercial traveller, by June that year he moved, and by 1881 he was living in Corwen, and the house was re-let. When the lease was up again in 1873 the landlord was the William Coward mentioned in 1841. A disadvantage in living in

Greebank at this time was the smell from the neighbouring pigsties. This was a problem that would recur frequently over the succeeding years.

1871 Census

34 Greenbank

Robert David Roberts	Head	m 46(1825)	commercial traveller	Llangwm
Elizabeth Roberts	Wife	m 47(1824)		Salford
John Nathaniel Roberts	Son	s 2(1869)		Llangollen
Ellenor Richards	serv	s 15(1856)		Llanfair
Joseph M Owen	Vis	m 29(1842)		Llangollen

9th June 1871

June 1st the wife of Mr. R. D. Roberts, Green Bank, this town, of a son.

TO BE LET, THE GREEN BANK, LLANGOLLEN. THE House contains Kitchen, Back Kitchen, Two Parlours, Four Bedrooms, Attic, and Cellar. There is attached a good Stable with room above, and every other convenience. The house is pleasantly situated, and commands a fine view of Castle Dinas Bran and Eglwyseg Rocks. For further particulars apply on the premises.

19th September 1873

GREEN BANK, LLANGOLLEN, TO BE LET, from the 1st of November next. For particulars, apply on the premises, or with Mr. Coward.

28th November 1873

Sanitary Law Charge.—Mr. Robert Owens and Mr. D. Hughes were charged with having on their premises, at the back of their houses in Hill-street, certain pigsties, and a dunghill, which are a nuisance, and injurious to health. The Board of Health had served notices for the abatement of the same, but these were not complied with. Mr. Sherratt, Wrexham, appeared for the defence. Mr. S. G. Fell, as chairman of the Local Board, explained the case. Inspector Humphreys said—I am the inspector of nuisances of the said Board. I visited the place in question in August, again in October, and served them with a notice, and afterwards on the 12th, 14th, and served them with a summons on the 20th of November. The yard is of a triangle shape high walls being on two sides, and four cottages on the other. It contains three pigsties with seven pigs, a stable with one horse, and a dunghill. The fluid from the pigsties runs across the yard to the opening of the drain which is close by, and runs under the house of Mr. David Hughes. Close at the top of one of the walls is situated a house called Green Bank. The smell ascending from the yard in question, being, in summer, a nuisance to the occupants of the said house. Mr. Coward then said that he was the landlord of Green Bank, and that one tenant left on account of that nuisance which arose from the yard below. Mr. Thomas Nicholas said—The yard and four cottages in question are my property. Two of the houses were built by Mr. Cooper before my birth. The pigsties and drainage were made by him. I built the other two houses six years ago. I have been living in one of the houses for three years, and had no occasion to complain of any nuisance. The pigsties are being cleaned daily with a brush, and water is afterwards thrown over them, to carry the remaining dung down to the drain. Mr. Coward is the only person who complained of the nuisance to me. Mr. David Hughes said—I live in the first of those houses in Hill-street. I have lived there for 16 years. I have three pigs in the yard, and the pigsty is cleaned daily. Nobody ever complained to me of any nuisance except Mr. Coward. The pigsties were made before I went to live there. Miss Jane Owens, Mrs. M. Parry, and Mr. It. Hughes, alleged that the pigsties were kept in a very clean manner, and were thoroughly washed daily. Mr. Sherratt, on behalf of his clients, said that he thought rather hard that the Local Board should proceed against persons of this class for keeping a few pigs, and, perhaps, earned, but small Wages, and kept pigs to help so as to get their living. It had been proved by their nearest neighbours that it was not at any time a nuisance. What could labourers do in a small country village like Llangollen unless they kept-pigs? If their worships thought it

a nuisance, and if they would- propose some means of abating the same, they would immediately comply with their wishes. The magistrates then adjourned for half-an- hour, and during that time they visited the premises. On their return, the chairman stated that they had decided to adjourn the case until the next Petty Session, the offending parties, meanwhile, to carry out some alterations suggested by them. If the Board were satisfied that these improvements would be a sufficient abatement of the nuisance, they would then not make an order for the total removal of the pigsties from the premises.

The next named occupant was Philip Justice. Philip was born at Hinstock Hall, Shropshire, and had joined the 34th Foot (55th) (The Border Regiment) in 1858. When his father died in 1861 he left significant debts, and Philip was obliged to sell the Hall, and subsequently retire from the military because of a bankruptcy. In 1871 he was a boarded at The Grove, but later moved to Greenbank, but his financial problems persisted,

7th February 1880 Wrexham and Denbighshire Advertiser

20th February 1880

THE BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1869.

IN the County Court of Denbighshire holden at Wrexham, Philip Justice, of Greenbank Cottage, Llangollen, in the county of Denbigh, gentleman, was adjudged a bankrupt on the fourth day of February, 1880. The first meeting of creditors will be held at the Offices of this Court, Temple Row, Wrexham, on the 25th day of February, 1880, at 12 o'clock at noon. Until the appointment of a Trustee, all persons having in their possession any of the effects of the bankrupt, must deliver them, and all debts due to the bankrupt must be paid to the Registrars acting in the matter of this petition, at the Office of the above Court, Temple Row, Wrexham.

Creditors must forward their proofs of debts to the Registrars.

Dated this fourth day of February, 1880.

	R. MONTAGU PRESTON,	}	Registrars.
288f	F. VAUGHAN-WILLIAMS,	}	

"GAZETTE" NEWS. ADJUDICATION OF BANKRUPTCY. Philip Justice, Greenbank Cottage, Llangollen, Denbighshire, gentleman. Feb. 4th. At County Court, Wrexham, Feb. 25th, at 12.

1881 Census

Greenbank

Phillip W. Justice	Head	M	40(1841)	Ret Army (Pensioner)	Hinstock Hall
Elizabeth E. Justice	Wife	M	40(1841)		Hammersmith
Harriet R. Sparrow	Stepd	S	20(1861)	Brit Subject, East Indies	
Henry P. W. A. Justice	Son	S	11(1870)	Scholar	Brighton
George H. Justice	Son	S	10(1871)	Scholar	Llangollen
Judd Middleton Justice	Son	S	8(1873)	Scholar	Llangollen
Frederick C. Justice	Son	S	7(1874)	Scholar	Llangollen

Philip died here in 1881, and when the property was re-advertised the landlord was shown to be Thomas Nicholas.

13th May 1881

May 8th, at Green Bank, Llangollen, Mr. Philip William Justice, aged 40.

28th April 1882

TO BE LET, GREEN BANK, Llangollen, containing Parlour, Kitchen, Back Kitchen, Back Parlour, 6 Bedrooms, Wash-house, Cellar, &c. Apply to Mr. T. Nicholas, No. 9, Hill Street, Llangollen

In 1887 Thomas Nicholas made alterations to the property, and advertised it to be sold or let in March 1891, but he and his family were here at the time of the 1891 census.

5th August 1887

TO BUILDERS, AND OTHERS. PROPOSED alteration of Green Bank, Llangollen,—Tenders are invited for the above, Plans and specifications may be seen at Green Bank, on and after August 1st. Tenders to be sent in on or before August 12. The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted. July 29th. (226S)

13th March 1891

TO BE SOLD OR LET, GREEN BANK, Llangollen. Also to be SOLD the Two COTTAGES, situate at Rehoboth Place, Llangollen — Particulars from Mr. THOMAS NICHOLAS. Green Bank. (3364)

1891 Census

Greenbank

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Thomas Nicholas	Head	m	61(1830)	Maltster	Llangollen
Sarah Nicholas	Wife	m	59(1832)		Mont, Pool Quay
Mary E Nicholas	dau	s	20(1871)		Llangollen
Charles E Nicholas	Son	s	18(1873)		Llangollen



Thomas Nicholas

Thomas, like his father Edward before him was described as a cooper, although later he described himself as a Maltster. He also owned many of the buildings on Hill Street, and was responsible for constructing many of them. He lived Belle View in 1861, No 9 in 1881, Greenbank in 1891. He later moved to Abbey Road, but members of his family continued to live at Greenbank, his sister Mary died there in 1917.

Mary Nicholas

5th April 1917

At Llangollen, on Friday night, a verdict of accidental death was returned at an inquest on Mary Nicholas,

aged 80, a wealthy woman who had lived alone in a large house called Greenbank. Her body was seen at the foot of the hall stairs on Thursday evening by a char- woman who looked through a window. The evidence was to the effect that she must have fallen down the stairs.



1901 Census

Greenbank 62

Hugh Davies Jones	Head	m 45(1856)	Physicial & surgeon	Menai Bridge
Margaret Ellen Jones	Wife	m 43(1858)		Bangor
Sophia Margaret Jones	Dau	s 11(1890)		Llangollen
Gwilym Llewelyn Jones	Son	s 9(1892)		Llangollen
Dilys Mary Jones	Dau	s 6(1895)		Llangollen
Hywel Boldden Jones	Son	s 4(1897)		Llangollen
Elizabeth Dorothy Jones	Dau	s 1(1900)		Llangollen
Eualy Winifred Morris	Serv	s 26(1875)	nurse dom	Festiniog
Miriam Davies	Serv	s 19(1882)	servant dom	Llangollen

29th January 1909

TO Be Let or Sold. GREEN BANK Llangollen. To be Sold, CYFRONYDD, Abbey Road, Llangollen. To be Let, Furnished or Unfurnished, from 1st May, BRYN ABER, Hill Street, Llangollen. Apply at GREEN BANK, Llangollen. (19096)

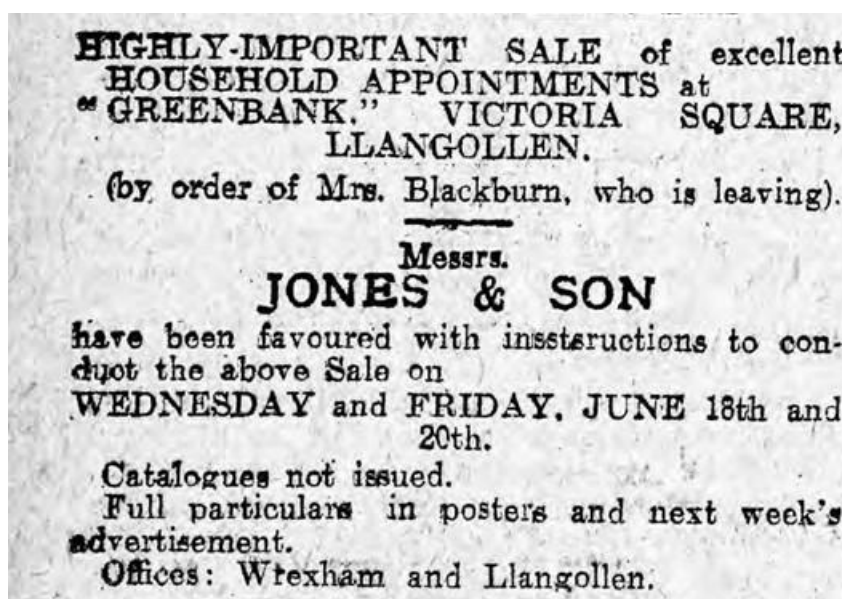
1911 Census

Green Bank

Mary Nicholas	Head	S 73(1838)	Private Means	Llangollen
Mina Evans	Maid	S 19(1892)		Cefn

6th June 1919

27th June 1919



LLANGOLLEN PROPERTY SALE. Messrs. Jones and Son offered for sale by auction at Llangollen, on Friday, the freehold residence known as Green Bank, Llangollen. Several bids were forth-coming but the house was withdrawn at £800. Five cottages, Nos. 5—9, Hill Street, were also, offered but were withdrawn. The cottages were, however sold later. At the second day's sale at Green Bank, Llangollen, on Friday, by. Messrs; Jones and Son, high prices were again the order. The chief items were: Bedroom suite £38, secretaire £17 10s, and £14. 10s. chest of drawers £16, wardrobe £14 10s, toilet tables £14, bedsteads, £10.

By the 1930's Green Bank was being run as a boarding house.

1939 Register

Green Bank

Richard Williams	10 May 1880	M	Window Cleaner
Amelia Williams	20 Mar 1877	M	Boarding Ho Keeper
John E Sanders	21 Apr 1890	M	Civil Servant Ministry Labourer Heavy Worker

James N Parry 24-Jul-07 M Silica Brick Worker Heavy Worker
Edna M Parry 20-Apr-15 M Unpaid Domestic Duties

Liverpool Daily Post 01 December 1945

By Norman R Lloyd and Co., at Llangollen (Tuesday) – Freehold residence, The Grove, Plas Newydd Avenue, Llangollen, sold £2,000 to Mr Meredith, Greenbank, Llangollen

19th October 1947

WEDDING.

CURTIN - LAWRENCE-A very pretty wedding was solemnized at Seion Methodist Chapel at noon on Saturday, Oct. 16, when Mr. Robert Thomas Curtin was married to, Miss Mabel Lawrence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, Abbey Cottage. The officiating minister was the Rev. Daniel Williams, and Miss Jessie Foulkes was at the organ. The bride, who given away by her father wore a gown of white satin, with tulle veil and was attended by her youngest sister, Miss, Emily Lawrence, whose gown and head-dress were a particularly charming shade of blue. The bridegroom's brother, Mr. John Curtin, was best man. The autumn sun shone brightly on the pair plighting their troth amid the gaily coloured chrysanthemums and dahlias, and augured well for their future happiness.

A reception was given at the Cambrian Hotel, after which Mr. and Mrs. Curtin left for- London for their honeymoon. They will reside at Green Bank.

It is believed that it later housed the Liberal Club, before becoming a hotel.

Greenbank Hotel & Restaurant
Victoria Square, Hill Street

OPEN FOR
BREAKFAST, COFFEE & CAKE & LIGHT LUNCHES
EVERY DAY THROUGHOUT SUMMER
(FROM EASTER)
ALSO DINNER WEDNESDAY TO SUNDAY
(BOOKING RECOMMENDED)



SIT INSIDE OR IN OUR COURTYARD
& ENJOY FRESHLY GROUND COFFEE OR A POT OF TEA ALONG
WITH DELICIOUS CAKES, MUFFINS & BISCUITS
ALL MADE IN OUR OWN KITCHEN DAILY
Prams & puppies welcome in our courtyard

Hill Street, Llangollen. Tel: 861835

FOCUS ON BUSINESS - GREENBANK

Mines Hosts at Greenbank Hotel and Restaurant, (pictured below right) Ric and Chris, (pictured below left) have created a warm and very welcoming atmosphere. They greet visitors from all over the world as well as providing a very good eating place for local residents.

Since taking over the establishment in August of last year, Ric and Chris have re-furbished five bedrooms and have plans to upgrade the remaining rooms shortly. All rooms are ensuite.



Ric and Chris are always happy to offer special rates to the families of residents of Llangollen.

If there is a family party or a wedding and you have family and friends visiting but lack sufficient accommodation do give Greenbank a ring, they will be happy to discuss discounted rates with you. Greenbank can also cater for parties of 20 to 25 people.

Both men are from catering backgrounds, Chris is a very experienced hotel manager, having looked after several businesses in North Wales, he is originally from Manchester. Ric who is Australian also worked in the food trade, especially cafes and restaurants. He came to Britain some nine years ago and loves it here. They decided that after working for other people, they were ready to run their own business and were lucky enough, after some searching, to find Greenbank. They both quickly settled into the life around Llangollen and have a great affection for

the town.

From the restaurant there is a magnificent view of Castell Dinas Bran and the panorama. The ambiance is friendly with a touch of sophistication.

A varied menu ensures there is something for everyone, meat fish and vegetarian dishes are on offer and the choice changes on a regular basis. All the food for the restaurant is sourced locally, with meat coming from Abbey Farm and trout from Chirk Fisheries. Vegetables are bought

locally as are the free-range eggs they use in their cooking. Chef, Gavin, is very experienced and concentrates on food in season. In addition to the main course on the menu, there is always a selection of steaks on offer.

All the sweets are homemade and are delicious (Gavin's special bread and butter pudding is a great favourite).

Greenbank is open for coffees, teas and lunches every day during the season, but the restaurant is closed Monday and Tuesday evenings.

The position of the hotel, above the A5, makes it an ideal location for a morning coffee or afternoon tea on the terrace, (see photograph above) a sheltered spot where customers can enjoy their refreshments in the sun on a warm day and survey the splendid view. Sandwiches of varying types are available, with homemade quiches and biscuits a speciality. Families with children are especially welcome and there is ample room for push chairs.

The hotel has wifi and visitors are welcome to use the internet connection from the restaurant or on the terrace whilst enjoying a cup of coffee or a glass of wine.

Ric and Chris employ five full time members of staff, who work all the year round. The staff are delightful, very welcoming and extremely knowledgeable about the food they serve.

At present Chris and Ric live above the 'shop' in a flat in the attic of Greenbank, but they are looking for a house in town. "It must be fairly near to Greenbank, as even when they are off duty, they regularly pop into the public rooms to chat with visitors and with local people who are dining at the hotel. In their spare time Chris and Ric actively support a charity which helps children in Africa.

"Greenbank is our home" said Chris, "We treat all our paying guests as friends". This is evident when you visit and eat at Greenbank. The restaurant is an asset to Llangollen and well worth a visit.



Greenbank was later acquired by Manorhaus, who run it as a boutique guesthouse: -

Greenbank lodge is housed within an imposing Victorian townhouse and offers 9 guest rooms, many with their own lounge with stunning views of the castle opposite, which have been designed to offer the highest level of contemporary style and comfort.

Inspired by the black and white buildings that characterise the town, the decor utilises a muted palette of black, white and soft greys with a splash of gold and yellow.

No 1/Llety Hill Street



No's 1 and 2 were probably built in the early 1800's by a Mr Cooper. It is possible to identify occupants of this property since 1861, when David & Winifred Hughes lived here. David was classified as a labourer, and was a member of Rehoboth – where his children were baptised. In 1881 Winifred was shown as a shop keeper, and her youngest daughter, Ellen, was reported as helping in the shop. When Winifred died in 1888 Winifred was described as living at the Coffee House, Hill Street. So it is probably that at this time No 1 was a shop which served coffee. In 1903, when David retired David was described as a Tea Dealer. In 1911, their daughter Ellen their daughter was still living here, with her sister Ann, here. The premises were described as refreshment rooms, popular with visitors.

1861 Census

90 Hill Street

David Hughes	Head	m	34(1827)	lab	Bala
Winifred Hughes	Wife	m	40(1821)		Llangwm
Anne Hughes	Dau	s	8(1853)	scholar	Llangollen
Edward Hughes	Son	s	6(1855)	scholar	Llangollen
David Morris Hughes	Son	s	4(1857)		Llangollen
Elizabeth Owens	Serv	s	13(1848)	house servant	Bryneglwys
Ellen Hughes	Dau	s	11m(1860)		Llangollen

1871 Census

Hill Street

33 Hill Street

David Hughes	Head	m	43(1828)	Labourer	Llanedel
Winifred Hughes	Wife	m	49(1822)		Llangwm
Ann Hughes	dau	s	18(1853)	servant at home	Llangollen
Edward Hughes	Son	s	16(1855)	Scholar	Llangollen
David Morris Hughes	Son	s	13(1858)	Scholar	Llangollen
Ellenor Hughes	dau	s	10(1861)	Scholar	Llangollen

27th December 1878

Dec. 23rd, at the Register Office, Corwen, by Mr. White, the registrar, Mr. John Evans, Ciliau, Trevor, to Miss Anne Hughes, eldest daughter of Mr. David Hughes, Hill-street, Llangollen.

1881 1 Hill St

David Hughes	Head	M	56(1825)	Lab In Slate Works (Slate Manuf)	Bala
Winifred Hughes	Wife	M	59(1822)	Shopkeeper	Bettws, Denbigh
Edward Hughes	Son	S	26(1855)	Printer & Compositor Unemployed	Llangollen
Ellin Hughes	Dau	U	20(1861)	At Home In Shop	Llangollen

21st October 1881

RINGING, ADMONITIVE AND CATECHISING MEETING.— This meeting, which had been got up for the benefit of the children attending the Calvinistic Sunday schools of Rehoboth, Penllyn and Eirianallt, took place on Monday evening at Rehoboth Chapel The meeting was opened through the singing of the old sacred sonnet “Am yr Ysgol rad Sabbothol” by the congregation followed by an appropriate and fervent prayer offered by Mr. David Hughes, Hill-street.

1888

DEATHS.

July 5th, aged 66 years, Mrs. Winifred Hughes, the beloved wife of Mr. David Hughes, Coffee House, Hill street, Llangollen.

1891

David Hughes	Head	W	66(1825)	Gen Lab	Llanyclin
Ellen Hughes	Dau	S	30(1861)		Llangollen

1901

David Hughes	Head	W	75(1826)	Gen Lab	Bala
Ellen Hughes	Dau	S	40(1861)	Housekeeper	Llangollen

Fron Cemetery

C 13 245

Winifred Hughes, wife of David Hughes, Coffee House, Hill Street , d 7/7/1888, bu 7/1888, age 66

David Hughes, Tea dealer, Hill Street, Llangollen, d 22/10/1903, bu 24/10/1903, 78

Ellen Hughes, Spinster, dau David & Winifred Hughes, 1 Hall Street, Llangollen, d 11/10/1914, bu 14/10/1914, age 54



30th October 1903

THE LATE MR. DAVID HUGHES, HILL-STREET. According to the announcement in our last issue Mr. David Hughes, of Hill-street, Llangollen, passed peacefully away at his residence, on Thursday morning, at the ripe age of 78. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon, when a large concourse came together from the town, the surrounding district and many from long distances. At the house, the Rev. Wm. Foulkes read a portion of St. John, 11th chapter, and the Rev. Evan Jones, Adwy'rclawdd, engaged in paper. Service was afterwards held in Rehoboth Chapel, which was well filled with a sympathetic and sorrowing congregation. After singing the hymn "*Mor ddedydd yw y rhai trwy ffydd,*" the Rev. J. Ellis Jones, Glynceiriog, read 2 Corinthians, 5th chapter, and the Rev. J. Williams, B.A., Wrexham, engaged in prayer. The Rev. Wm. Foulkes, pastor of the Church, in referring to the mournful occasion, remarked that they might be expected from long

acquaintance and fellowship to say much, but the difficulty was to give expression to their knowledge and feelings. The deceased brother was a long resident in the town, having resided here for upwards of 55 years. Directly after coming he was elected a Sabbath school teacher, which office he ably and faithfully filled to the end. Some 30 years ago he was elected a deacon of the Church, and the various and responsible duties of the office he discharged conscientiously and faithfully until overtaken by his last illness. He was well and extensively read, possessed a strong mind, of sound sense and ripe judgment, given to thought; he bore an irreproachable character, possessed undoubted piety, and there is no doubt in the minds of the many who knew him but that their great loss was to him eternal gain.—The Rev. Robert Hughes, Weston Rhyn, Chairman of the Llangollen District Meeting, bore testimony to the faithfulness with which the deceased attended the Quarterly Meetings, and the great interest he took in the affairs and progress of the several Churches. He was not a man of many words, but his counsel was always sound and safe. When called upon to open a subject under discussion, or make remarks upon it, it at once became evident that he possessed a clear and strong mind, and all he said and did was permeated with a religious and devout spirit.—The Rev. David William., Baptist minister, remarked that the late Mr. D. Hughes was looked upon in the town as "*a man of God.*" A friend, who has been long associated with him in his employment, remarked that no one heard from him an improper word or witnessed an unworthy action. However, much loss his departure might be to the Church and to the town, it was undoubted gain to him. After all the storms he has safely reached the harbour, with a well-laden and rich cargo after all the conflicts of life he has reached the City of Glory more than conqueror over all. But the gain will not be all to him, for his life, example and influence will live after his departure. His wise sayings, consistent life, earnest advice, faithful service and constant prayers will live. No-one can estimate the loss of a good man—he lives even after being taken from us.—The impressive service closed by singing "*Mae'n nghyfeillion adre'n myned*" and the benediction.—At the graveside in the Vron Cemetery the Rev. Evan Jones, Adwy'rclawdd, delivered short address and the Rev. T. E. Williams, B.D., offered prayer. The singing of the well-known hymn, "*O fryniau Caersalem ceir gweled,*" brought the mournful service to a close. Much sympathy is felt for the two daughters left to mourn the loss of a tender and pious father, and also for the Rehoboth Church, which has been deprived of a capable, faithful and earnest deacon. The choral part of the service was under the conductorship of Mr. Wm. Pencerdd Williams, precentor of the Church, Miss Jones, Hollies, presiding at the organ. Letters expressing deep regret at their inability to be present, owing to other engagements,

were received from' the following ministers, a large number of letters and telegrams coming also from relatives and acquaintances:— The Revs. Hugh Roberts, Holy well J. Pryce Davies, M.A., Chester; Richard Williams, Rhos; George Jones, Northop; Ebenezer J. Williams, Ruthin; R. E. Morris, M.A., Wrexham; Thomas Jones, Leeswood; John Owen, Mold; Griffith Owen, Rhosddu; John Davies, Bontddu Robert Roberts, Colwyn Bay; John Ellis Jones, Glyn- eeiriog; William Williams, Glyndyfrdwy; John Thomas,, Cardiff; John Phillips, Llandrillo R. T. Phillips Festiniog; Charles Williams, Rhosddu, and John Pritchard, Birmingham

1911

1 Hill Street Llangollen

Elleanor Hughes	Head	S 50(1861)	Small Bread & Confection & Shop	Llangollen
Ann Evans	Visitor	M 58(1853)	Housewife	Llangollen
	Sister			

16th October 1914

Oct. 11th, aged 51, Miss Ellen Hughes, daughter of the late Mr. David Hughes, 1, Hill-street, Llangollen.

LATE MISS ELLEN HUGHES. The death occurred somewhat suddenly, at Hill street, Llangollen, at noon, on Sunday, of Miss Ellen Hughes, a lady very greatly esteemed in the town. The deceased, who was fifty-four years of age, was the youngest daughter of the late Mr. David Hughes who, prior to his death, had resided at Llangollen for upwards of half-a-century. Miss Hughes was a faithful member of Rehoboth Church, and, up to the time of her last illness, was one of the most constant attendants at the services; also doing excellent work in connection with the Sunday School. She lived a quiet and unobtrusive, but very useful, life and her refreshment rooms at the foot of Hill street, were very largely patronised by country visitors to the town, more especially on fair days, and were conducted on old-fashioned, homely lines that were much appreciated by farmers and others. She had been ill for some time, and had been most tenderly nursed by her sister who was most assiduous in her attendance and on Sunday morning she was left alone by her nurse who attended service at the adjacent chapel. Upon returning "Miss Ellen" came downstairs and took her accustomed seat at the fireside where she was seen to be gradually growing weaker and the Rev. W. Foulkes, who called in to visit her, upon leaving Rehoboth, as was his custom, was just in time to take his place in the loving group upon whom her last earthly gaze was cast ere she passed to her great reward. The death caused the deepest feelings of sympathy and regret amongst the congregation at Rehoboth and a wide circle of relatives and friends. The funeral took place on Wednesday and was very largely attended by those anxious to pay a final testimony of respect to the deceased. A short service was conducted at the home by the Rev. W. Foulkes and Mr. George S. Griffith, and at the graveside, in the Vron Cemetery, the Rev. W. Foulkes officiated.

1939

Emily Davies, 21/Jan/1876, W Unpaid domestic duties

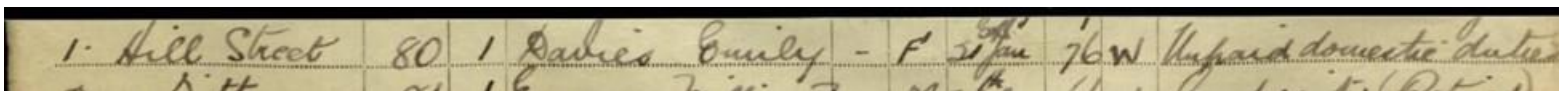
11th Feb 1958

Llangollen U. D.C.

APPLICATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT GRANT

The Report of the Chartered Surveyor on the applications received for Improvement Grants was submitted for the consideration of the Finance Committee.

It was further resolved that the work of improvements, the subject of the application .in respect of the property known as No. 1 Hill Street having been commenced and proceeding, the application be not now considered.



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End Terrace Cottage

Double-glazed and gas centrally heated

Living/dining room, Breakfast kitchen with fitted units

Built-in gas hob and cooker hood

Charming Paved Cottage Garden

Two bedrooms & shower

£117,500 16-Jun-2016 Freehold

No 2 /Y Bwthyn Hill Street



The earliest confirmed occupant of this property was Samuel Davies, a waggoner. He was originally from Llandyn, and had married Mary Hughes at Pen y bryn Chapel in 1876. Samuel continued to live here until at least 1911, he had moved to Chapel St Sq by 1914 and he died there in 1921.

12th May 1876

May 6th, at Pen-y-bryn Chapel, Llangollen, by the Rev. J. Morris, Mr. Samuel Davies, Llandyn, to Miss Mary Hughes, Regent-street, Llangollen.

3rd September 1880

Sept. 1st, the wife of. Mr. Samuel Davies, Hill. street, Llangollen, of a son.

19th November 1880

Nov. 17th, aged 11 weeks, Samuel, infant son of Mary and Samuel Davies, Hill-street, Llangollen.

1881 Cenus

2 Hill St

Samuel Davies	Head	M	34(1847)	Waggoner (Carrier)	Llangollen
Mary Davies	Wife	M	28(1853)		Llangollen
Edward T. Davies	Son	U	3(1878)		Llangollen
Mary J. Davies	Dau	U	2(1879)		Llangollen

2nd March 1883

Feb. 23rd, the wife of Mr. Samuel Davies, Hill street, Llangollen, of a daughter.

15th April 1887

April 12th, the wife of Mr. Samuel Davies, Hill- street, Llangollen, of a daughter.

19th December 1890

Dec. 12th, the wife of Mr. Samuel Davies, waggoner, Hill-street, Llangollen, of a daughter

1891 Census

2 Grapes Hill

Samuel Davies	Head	m	43(1848)	waggoner	Llangollen
Mary Davies	Wife	m	42(1849)		Vron
Mary J Davies	dau	s	12(1879)	scholar	Llangollen
Margaret Davies	dau	s	8(1883)	scholar	Llangollen
Elizabeth A Davies	dau	s	4(1887)	scholar	Llangollen

1901 Census

2 Hill Street 64

Samuel Davies	Head	m	53(1848)		Llangollen
Mary Davies	Wife	m	48(1853)		Llangollen
Elizabeth A Davies	Dau	s	13(1888)		Llangollen
Edith Davies	Dau	s	10(1891)		Llangollen
Thomas Roberts	Board	s	19(1882)	painter	Festiniog
John Ll Proddger	Board	s	21(1880)	saddler	Llanfyllin

1911 Census

2 Hill St Llangollen

Samuel Davies	Husband	M	63(1848)	Farm Labourer	Llangollen
Mary Davies	Wife	M	62(1849)		Llangollen
Margaret Davies	Dau	S	28(1883)	Invalid	Llangollen
Elizabeth Ann Davies	Dau	S	23(1888)	Dressmaker	Llangollen
Owen Davies	Lodge	S	38(1873)	Auxiliary Postman	Llangollen

Fron Cemetery

D 15 209/210

Thomas Hughes, husband of Elizabeth Ann Hughes, Springfield Bwlchgwyn, d 15/04/1920, bu 17/04/1920, age 85

Elizabeth Ann Burton, widow of Thomas Hughes + (Alfred Burton?), 22 West Street, d 21/02/1955, bu 22/02/1955, age 87

Edith Hughes, d 04/04/1920, bu 06/04/1920, age 13 days

Mary Davies, Chapel St Sq, d 04/08/1919, bu 07/08/1919, age 31

Samuel Davies, Waggoner, Chapel St Sq, d 19/06/1921,, bu 21/06/1921, age 75

Margaret (Maggie) Davies, spinster, Chapel St Sq, d 15/01.1914 bu 19/01/1914, age 30

In the 1920's members of the Evans family had moved here from 2 Rehoboth Place. Mary Evans died here in 1926, and her brother Owen died here in 1927. Their nephew William Ryland Evans also joined them there. William married Margaret Alicia Jones in Rehoboth in 1901. They moved to Cheshire, and in July 1903 their son Gwilyn Owen Evans was born, but in 1908 Margaret had died. Owen died at No 2 in March 1954.

1939 Register

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William R Evans 24 May 1866 W Compositor (Retired)

C 14 281/282

Elizabeth Evans, Widow, Rehoboth Place, Llangollen, d 8/1897, bu 3/8/1897, age 85

William Ryland Evans, retired compositor, 2 Hill Street, d 1954, bu 10/03/1954, age 68

Mary Evans, Spinster, 2 Hill Street, Llangollen, d Nov-1926, bu 30/11/1926, age 75

Owen Evans, compositor, 2 Hill Street, Llangollen, d Oct-1927, bu 29/10/1927, age 83

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One bedroom town house

Llangollen town centre

Double glazed and gas centrally heated

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£38,000 26-Mar-99 Freehold

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£93,000 18-Jan-21 Freehold

No 3 Hill Street



No's 3 and 4 were probably built by Thomas Nicholas around 1867, and the earliest occupant was probably Robert Owens, a carrier, who moved here from Chapel street in around 1870. Robert Owens died here in 1887, and his wife died here in 1893.

1871 Census

Robert Owens	Head	m	46(1825)	carrier	Llangollen
Mary Owens	Wife	m	45(1826)		Corwen
John Owens	Son	s	20(1851)	joiner	Llangollen
Sarah Owens	dau	s	13(1858)	scholar	Llangollen
Ann Owens	dau	s	8(1863)	scholar	Llangollen
Joseph Owens	Son	s	3(1868)	scholar	Llangollen
John Beach	board	s	27(1844)	butcher	Llangollen
Edward Jones	board	s	55(1816)	postman	Llangollen

10th October 1873

Green Bank.—Mr. W. Coward attended to lay his complaints before the Board, as to certain nuisances at the back of premises in Hill-street, in the occupation of Mr. Robert Owens, carrier, and others, and which is contiguous, to Green Bank, a cottage belonging to Mr. Coward. This nuisance was stated to be so very offensive to Green Bank, that the tenant threatened to leave the house if they were not at once abated or removed.

28th November 1873

Sanitary Law Charge.—Mr. Robert Owens and Mr. D. Hughes were charged with having on their premises, at the back of their houses in Hill-street, certain pigsties, and a dunghill, which are a nuisance, and injurious to health. The Board of Health had served notices for the abatement of the same, but these were not complied with. Mr. Sherratt, Wrexham, appeared for the defence. Mr. S. G. Fell, as chairman of the Local Board, explained the case. Inspector Humphreys said—I am the inspector of nuisances of the said Board. I visited the place in question in August, again in October, and served them with a notice, and afterwards on the 12th, 14th, and served them with a summons on the 20th of November. The yard is of a triangle shape high walls being on two sides, and four cottages on the other. It contains three pigsties with seven pigs, a stable with one horse, and a dunghill. The fluid from the pigsties runs across the yard to the opening of the drain which is close by, and runs under the house of Mr. David Hughes. Close at the top of one of the walls is situated a house called Green Bank. The smell ascending from the yard in question, being, in summer, a nuisance to the occupants of the said

house. Mr. Coward then said that he was the landlord of Green Bank, and that one tenant left on account of that nuisance which arose from the yard below. Mr. Thomas Nicholas said-The yard and four cottages in question are my property. Two of the houses were built by Mr. Cooper before my birth. The pigsties and drainage were made by him. I built the other two houses six years ago. I have been living in one of the houses for three years, and had no occasion to complain of any nuisance. The pigsties are being cleaned daily with a brush, and water is afterwards thrown over them, to carry the remaining dung down to the drain. Mr. Coward is the only person who complained of the nuisance to me. Mr. David Hughes said-I live in the first of those houses in Hill-street. I have lived there for 16 years. I have three pigs in the yard, and the pigsty is cleaned daily. Nobody ever complained to me of any nuisance except Mr. Coward. The pigsties were made before I went to live there. Miss Jane Owens, Mrs. M. Parry, and Mr. It. Hughes, alleged that the pigsties were kept in a very clean manner, and were thoroughly washed daily. Mr. Sherratt, on behalf of his clients, said that he thought it rather hard that the Local Board should proceed against persons of this class for keeping a few pigs, and, perhaps, earned, but small wages, and kept pigs to help so as to get their living. It had been proved by their nearest neighbours that it was not at any time a nuisance. What could labourers do in a small country village like Llangollen unless they kept-pigs? If their worships thought it a nuisance, and if they would- propose some means of abating the same, they would immediately comply with their wishes. The magistrates then adjourned for half-an- hour, and during that time they visited the premises. On their return, the chairman stated that they had decided to adjourn the case until the next Petty Session, the offending parties, meanwhile, to carry out some alterations suggested by them. If the Board were satisfied that these improvements would be a sufficient abatement of the nuisance, they would then not make an order for the total removal of the pigsties from the premises.

1881 Census

3 Hill St

Robert Owens	Head	M	56(1825)	Carrier	Llangollen
Mary Owens	Wife	M	56(1825)		Corwen
John Owens	Son	U	30(1851)	Joiner	Llangollen
Joseph Owens	Son	U	12(1869)	Scholar	Llangollen
Harriet A. Owens	Gdau	U	3 m(1881)		Llangollen

27th May 1887

May 26th, aged 61, Mr. Robert Owens, general carrier, Hill-street, Llangollen. The funeral will take place on Saturday, starting from the house at 4 30, for interment at the Vron Cemetery.

1891 Census

3 Grapes Hill

Mary Owens	Wife	m	64(1827)		Corwen
Joseph Owens	Son	s	22(1869)	waggoner	Llangollen
John Morris	board	s	57(1834)	maltster	Castell Carearon
John K Mathews	board		39(1852)	accountant	Llangollen

24th February 1893

Feb. 22nd, at Hill-street, Llangollen, aged 64, Mary, widow of Mr. Robert Owen, carrier. Funeral at three o'clock on Saturday.

Fron Cemetery

B 7 133 & 134

Owen Owens, son of Robert and Mary Owens, d 6/9/1865, bu 9/9/1865, age 4y 2m

Mary Owens, twin, Chapel St Sq, d 27/11/1866, bu Dec/1866, age 1y 6m

Owen Thomas Owens, twin, Chapel St Sq, d 30/11/1866, bu dec/1867, age 1y 6m

Harriet Ann Owens, daughter of Robert Owens, Hill Street, bu 6/5/1885, age 4y 4m

John Owens, son of Robert and Mary Owens, bu 9/7/1886, age 34

Robert Owens, general carrier, Hill Street, d 26/05/1887,, bu 28/5/1887, age 61

Mary Owens, widow of Robert Owen, carrier, d 22/2/1893, bu 25/2/1893, age 64

In 1886 Annie, daughter of Robert and Mary had married Simon Lloyd. Initially they lived at Chapel Street Square, but in 1891 they were living in No 3 Hill Street. Simon was originally a limestone quarryman, but by 1901 he was working as a platelayer on the railway. In 1901, when they were living at No 3, Anne's brother, Joseph was living with them. Anne died in 1903, and Simon moved to Dee Mill Place, leaving Joseph at No 3.

22nd October 1886

Oct. 16th, at the Registry Office, Corwen, Mr. Simon Lloyd, Trevor-square, Llangollen, to Miss Annie Owens, Hill-street, Llangollen.

1901 Census

3 Hill Street 65

Simon Lloyd	Head	m	39(1862)	platelayer	Llangollen
Anne Lloyd	Wife	m	37(1864)		Llangollen
Robert Morris Lloyd	Son	s	12(1889)		Llangollen
Harriet Ann Lloyd	Dau	s	13(1888)		Llangollen
Marie Bessie Lloyd	Dau	s	6(1895)		Llangollen
Gwladys Lloyd	Dau	s	3(1898)		Llangollen
Joseph Owens	B-in-l	s	32(1869)	railway carter	Llangollen

22nd November 1901

Nov. 21st, at 3, Hill-street, Llangollen, the wife of Mr. Simon, Lloyd, of a son.

Fron Cemetery

B 7 135

Annie Lloyd, Wife of Simon Lloyd, Hill Street, Llangollen, d 03/12/1903, bu 07/12/1903, age 40

Bessie Lloyd, daughter Simon Lloyd, Hill Street, bu 22/12/1893, age 21m

Samuel Christopher Lloyd, infant son of Simon Lloyd, 3 Hall St, d 11/2/1893, bu 14/2/1893, age 1

Harriet Annie Lloyd, spinster, Dee Mill Place, d 25/04/1910, bu 28/04/1910, age 22

On 26th February 1906 Joseph married Mary Elizabeth Davies. In 1911 he was described as a carter, and 1939 a retired timber carter. They continued to live at No 3 until 1951. In February of that year Mary died, and Joseph died in May.

2nd March 1906

Feb. 26th, at Zion Welsh Wesleyan Chapel, Llangollen, by the Rev. R. Jones Williams, minister, and Mr. James Clarke, registrar, Mr. Joseph Owens Hill-street, to Miss Mary Elizabeth Davies, third daughter of the late Mr. Edward Davies, Ty Geufron—both of Llangollen.

1911 Census

3 Hill Street Llangollen

Joseph Owens	Head	m	42(1869)	Carter	Llangollen
Mary Elizabeth Owens	Wife	m	35(1876)		Llangollen

1939 Register

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Joseph Owens	13 Sep 1868	M	Retired Timber Carter
Mary E Owens	13 Jul 1875	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties

Mary 1951

February 11th.-Mary Elizabeth Owens, 3, Hill Street, aged 75 years

June 1951

May 24th.-Joseph Owen, 3, Hill Street, aged 82 years.

St John's Cemetery

262 4 1 10

Joseph Owens, d 21/05/1951, bu 24/05/1951, age 82, 3 Hill Street

Mary Elizabeth Owens, d 10/02/1951, bu 14/02/1951, age 75, 3 Hill Street



No 4 Hill Street



No 4 was probably built by Thomas Nicholas in about 1867. The earliest recorded occupant was Thomas Roberts, a wool weaver who had moved here from Dee Mill Place by 1881. By 1891 he had moved to Castle Street Square, and later became caretaker at the Town Hall.

1881 Census

4 Hill St

Thomas Roberts	Head	M 24(1858)	Weaver Woollen	Llangollen
Elizabeth Roberts	Wife	M 24(1858)		Llangollen

In October 1884 Edward Roberts, a carpenter/wheelwright, married Elizabeth Jones at St Collen. By 1891 they had moved into No 4. Edward was a prominent member of the Anglican congregation. Around 1906 the family moved to Bank Buildings, where Edward died in 1919.

1891 Census

4 Grapes Hill

Edward Roberts	Head	m 29(1862)	wheelwright	Llangollen
Elizabeth Roberts	Wife	m 26(1865)		Llangollen
Ellen J Roberts	dau	s 5(1886)	scholar	Llangollen

2nd March 1900

WHEN the good ship Oregon foundered at sea on the 14th March. 1886, she bore down with her a copy of the Llangollen Advertiser, which was being sent to a friend in America by Mr. Edward Roberts, Hill-street. After being submerged for about four months, the news bags were recovered, and the papers arrived at their destination.

1901 Census

4 Hill Street 66

Edward Roberts	Head	m 39(1862)	carpenter	Llangollen
Elizabeth Roberts	Wife	m 36(1865)		Llangollen
Nellie Roberts	Dau	s 15(1886)		Llangollen
Llewelyn Price	Board	s 21(1880)	joiner	Corwen

The next occupants of No 4 were John and Elizabeth Ann Ellis. They had married at Rehoboth in 1907, and their daughter, Gwladys, was born here in 1910. John had originally worked as a butler, but by 1911 he was working as a chauffeur, by 1914 they had moved to No 7.

1911 Census

7 Hill Street

John Ellis	Head	m 30(1881)	Chauffeur (domestic)	Llangollen
Elizabeth Ann Ellis	Wife	m 29(1882)		Brymbo
Gwladys Ellis	Dau	s 11(1910)		Llangollen

21st March 1919

On Tuesday morning, March 11th the -death took place, after a short illness, of Mr. Edward Roberts, 57, joiner, Old Bank House, Chapel-street. Deceased was a son of Mr. Thomas Roberts carpenter, Vron Bache, who emigrated to Australia many years ago with his family, leaving- his, son in business in the town which he carried on until a few years ago. As a churchman he acted as superintendent of the Welsh Sunday School connected with St. John's Church for many years and was also a member of the choir from his younger days. He also acted as churchwarden for many years. The funeral took place on Thursday, at St. John's Cemetery. The service at the house, the church and graveside, was conducted by the Rev. W. T. Merlin Davies. M.A. vicar. On Sunday, a memorial service was held -at St. John's Church by the Vicar. Special hymns were sung, and, at the close, the "Dead March" (from Saul) was played by Mr. D. Rhys Thomas, organist. A number of beautiful wreaths were placed on the coffin at the funeral, one coming from the Vicar and members of St. John's Sunday School. Deceased leaves a widow, a daughter and son to mourn his loss.

In 1920 the occupants were John and Mary Davies. John had previously worked as a gardener. John died in the April, and his widow five months later.

Fron Cemetery

D 4 51

John Davies, Gardener, 4 Hill Street, d Apr-1920, bu 29/04/1920, age 67

Mary Davies, widow of John Davies, 4 Hill Street, d Sep-1920, bu 08/09/1920, age 71

In 1939 John and Catherine Edwards had moved here from 42 Berwyn Street.

1939 Register

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John Edwards	17 Apr 1874	M	Permanent Way Ganger (Retired)
Catherine Edwards	06 May 1871	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties
Annie Davies	13 Apr 1877	S	Temporary Domestic Duties

John died here in 1940, and his widow in 1948.

St John's Cemetery

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John Edwards, d 12/10/1940, bu 12/10/1940, age 66, 4 Hill St

Catherine Edwards, d 04/11/1948, bu, 04/11/1948, age 75, 4 Hill St

November 1940

Oct. 12th John Edwards. 3, Hill Street, Llangollen aged 66 years



Subsequent occupants were Robert Evan Jones, and his wife Annie. They had married in 1938 at Seion Chapel. Robert died her in 1964, and Annie in 1976



24th November 1964

We regret to record the death, which occurred at the Maelor Hospital .on Saturday last, after a few hours' illness, of Mr Robert, Jones of. 4, Hill street, and our deepest sympathy is extended to his, widow, Mrs; Annie Jones; in her sudden, sad bereavement.

13th October 1976

THE LATE MRS. ANNIE JONES

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Annie Jones, which occurred at her home, 4 Hill Street in the early hours of Friday morning. Her neighbour, Mrs. Waller, calling there about 11 a.m. found that she, had died in her sleep. This came as a great shock to her sisters, Mrs. M. Jones, Mrs. Ben Evans and Mrs. W. Daniels. Mrs. Daniels had been with

her for some time on the previous evening, when both had enjoyed watching television and Mrs. Jones seemed in her usual health. Our sympathy is tendered to the sisters and nephews and nieces.

St John's Cemetery

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Robert Evan (Bob) Jones, d 21/11/1964, bu 25/11/1964, age 66, Hill St

Ann Jones, d 08/10/1976, bu 13/10/1976, age 75, 4 Hill St

No 5 Hill Street



The earliest recorded occupant was P.C Joseph Saunders. There are several mentions of him in 1881, but not afterwards, which might suggest he may have been transferred shortly afterwards.

1881 Census

5 Hill St

Joseph Saunders Head M 26(1855) Police Constable Gamblesby

In 1891 the occupant was Edward Clarke, a watch examiner from Coventry. At this time a number of people from Coventry had come to Llangollen to work at the Watch Factory of Robert Hughes of Castle Street. Robert died in 1895, and with cheap watches being imported from Switzerland the business folded about 1900.

1891 Census

5 Grapes Hill

Edward Clarke Head M 49(1842) watch examiner Coventry
Eleanor Clarke Wife M 50(1841) Havant
Jessica Collard Niece S 14(1877) Coventry

By 1899 David Thomas Evans, a fellmonger, and his family had moved here from 12 Queen Street.

15th September 1899

Sept. 7th, the wife of Mr. David Thomas Evans, 5. Hill-street, Llangollen, of a son.

1901 Census

5 Hill Street 67

David Thomas Evans Head m 30(1871) lab in skinyard Llanarmon D C
Maggie Evans Wife m 29(1872) Penmaenmawr
John David Evans Son s 4(1897) Llangollen
Albert Richard Evans Son s 1(1900) Llangollen

10th April 1903

April 1st, at 5, Hill-street, Llangollen, the wife Mr. D. Evans, of a son.

1st May 1903

April 29th, at 5, Hill-street, Llangollen, aged 1 month, Joseph Henry, youngest son of Mr. D. Evans. Funeral at 4.30 p.m. on Saturday.

1911 Census

5 Hill Street Llangollen

David Thomas Evans	Head	m 40(1871)	Fellmongers Labourer	Llanarmon
Maggie Evans	Wife	m 39(1872)		Penmaenmane
John David Evans	Son	s 14(1897)	School Grocers Errand Boy	Llangollen
Albert Richard Evans	Son	s 11(1900)	School	Llangollen
Gwladys Margaret Evans	Dau	s 3(1908)		Llangollen
Arthur Wynn Evans	Son	9m (1910)		Llangollen

David and his family later moved to 45 Church Street, and by 1939 David was described as a Tanner mechanic. In 1915 Lewis Thomas Vaughan and his wife Katie moved here from Cynwyd. They had been married in 1913. Lewis had been working as an insurance agent. He had enlisted for the War, but was turned down on medical grounds.

18th February 1916

The following additional names of men attesting in "44 Group B," under Lord Derby's Recruiting Scheme, bring the local list up to date:— Wallis Williams, Post Office, Pentredwr; J. E. Baines, Post Office, Rhewl; J. Allen Davies, Weston Rhyn; Lewis Thomas Vaughan, 5, Hill-street, Llangollen.

Lewis spent the rest of his career in the roads department of Denbighshire County Council until retired on health grounds. He died here in 1966.

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Lewis T Vaughan	15 Mar 1891	M	Public Works Contractors Labourer
Katie Vaughan	20 Aug 1888	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties

29th November 1966

THE LATE MR LEWIS T VAUGHAN

We regret to record the death of Mr. Lewis Thomas Vaughan of 5 Hill St., Llangollen, which occurred on Nov. 30th, at the Maelor Hospital where Mr Vaughan had been a patient for five-weeks.

Mr. Vaughan, who was 75 years of age, was a native of Cynwyd. There he met and married Miss Kate Griffiths of Caernarvon and came to live in Llangollen in 1915. His long employment in the roads division of the Denbighshire County Council ended in enforced early retirement owing, to the illness he suffered for the last 18 years. Devotedly cared for by Mrs. Vaughan, she acknowledges the help and kindness of neighbours particularly that of Mr Clifford Jones, and latterly of Mr Oliver Jones.

The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon, December 3rd. The Vicar, the Rev. J. I. Rees, conducted the service at St. John's Church, assisted by the Rev. A. R. Davies, Mr Henry Thomas was at the organ. The interment at St. John's Cemetery was next to the grave of Mr and Mrs Vaughan's daughter, who died seven years ago. The family mourners were, Mrs K. Vaughan (widow); Mrs. Margaret Davies (daughter); Mr Robert Vaughan, Chirk (brother); Mr Michael Vaughan (nephew); Mrs Foster, Abergele (friend). Councillor George Richards represented the Denbighshire County Council.

Floral tributes were as follows: In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Katie and Margaret; Memories from his brother Bob, and Michael; Mr and Mrs Foster; Annie, 4 Hill Street M. E. Overson, Selian Hughes; Clifford, Winnie and family; Mrs Hall and Ceridwen and Miss Jones, 9, Hill St.; Oliver Jones; Mrs Ieuan Lloyd Jones.

5, Hill Street, Llangollen, Denbighshire LL20 8EU

1 bed, terraced

£83,000 15-Jan-2007 Freehold

£85,000 24-Feb-2017 Freehold

A characterful & immaculately presented one bedroom mid terraced property ideally situated close to the centre of Llangollen and all local amenities. The living accommodation is well proportioned throughout and has been much improved by the current owner. The property also benefits from uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating and a small rear yard.

Offers in the Region Of £87,000

Accommodation

A part glazed uPVC door leads into:

Living Room

11' 6" x 10' 10" (3.51m x 3.30m)

Fireplace with gas flue (Currently out of use but with potential to reinstate), fitted wall shelves, radiator, TV/telephone points & door to:

Kitchen

8' 8" x 7' 6" (2.65m x 2.29m)

Fitted base units with worktops over and inset stainless steel sink/drainage. Space for cooker, space/plumbing for washing machine and fridge, tiled flooring, part tiled walls, radiator, 'Mini' gas fired boiler, part glazed door to rear yard and staircase to first floor landing.

Staircase to First Floor & Landing

With doors off to:

Bedroom

11' 6" x 9' 5" (3.51m x 2.86m)

Fitted wardrobes with hanging rail and cupboard above, radiator and access to loft space.

Bathroom

Suite comprising panel bath with mixer shower over, pedestal wash hand basin and low level flush w.c. Tiled flooring, part tiled walls, radiator and built in storage cupboard.

Rear Yard

Accessed from the kitchen is a small yard at the rear of the property which is bordered by stone walls and provides an ideal storage area for bicycles and alike.

No 6 Hill Street



In 1881 the occupants were John Robert Humphreys, a corn miller, and his wife Elizabeth Emma. By 1885 they had moved to Greenfield Terrace, where Elizabeth died on 15th March.

1881 Census

6 Hill St

John R. Humphreys	Head	M 22(1859)	(Corn) Miller	Bryneglwys
Elizabeth E. Humphreys	Wife	M 25(1856)		Llangollen

Henry and Susannah Rees had moved here from 33 Church Street by 1891, but they later moved to 23 Hall Street, where Henry died in 1901.

1891 Census

6 Grapes Hill

Henry Rees	Head	m 23(1868)	spinner	Llanidloes
Susanah Rees	Wife	m 50(1841)		Llanidloes
Charlotte Rees	dau	s 11(1880)		Llangollen
Catherine E Rees	dau	s 6(1885)		Llangollen
John Benney	vis	m 41(1850)	butcher	London
Elizabeth Benney	vis	m 42(1849)		London

12th May 1899

We regret to learn that a serious accident befell Mr. Enoch Roberts, residing in Hill-street, Llangollen, on the 1st inst. He was working in the Rhiwgoch Slab Quarry, and whilst engaged during the afternoon in assisting to remove some machinery with the aid of a crane from the former, and which had to proceed to Rhysgog, the hook slipped with the result that the machinery fell upon Mr. Roberts and broke one of his left side ribs. He also sustained slight injuries about the face. On reaching home Dr. Drinkwater attended the sufferer, and we were pleased to learn yesterday, on inquiring, that, though still confined to the house, he was progressing favourably. To add to the untoward circumstance of the accident, Mr. Roberts was only just recovering from an attack of influenza.

Enoch Roberts, a slate quarryman moved here from 13 Chapel Street in about 1895, but moved away in 1905.

1901 Census

6 Hill Street 68

Enoch Roberts	Head	m 60(1841)	slab quarryman	Derwen
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Anne Roberts
21st April 1905

Wife m 63(1838)

Newtown

6, HILL STREET, LLANGOLLEN.
MESSRS. JONES & SON

have received instructions from Mr. Enoch Roberts, to Sell by Auction, on the above
premises, on

THURSDAY, APRIL 21th,

The whole of his HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, viz., Painted Bookcase with Glazed Doors and Drawer and Cupboard below; Spanish Mahogany Table on Pillar and Claws; Mahogany Couch, Upholstered in Hair; 8-Day Hanging Clock, Oak Arm Chair, Kitchen Chairs, White-top and other Tables, Rosewood Work Box, Pier Glass, "Singer's" Treadle Sewing Machine (in splendid Order). Painted Cup- board, Small Oak Cupboard, Painted Look shelves, Large Number of Books, Meat Safe, Tea Service (Complete), Plated Tea and Coffee Service, Willow- pattern Dishes, Crockery, Glass, Cruet, Table Lamps, Oil Stove, Fender, Fire Irons; a large Quantity of Culinary Utensils, &c., &c.

BEDROOM APPOINTMENTS Brass-mounted and other Bedsteads and Mattresses; 3 Flock Beds, 2 Painted Chests of Drawers, Mahogany and other Toilet Glasses, Mahogany Commode, Towel Rail, Toilet Ware, Fender, Cane-seated Chairs, Carpeting, Linoleum and Blinds throughout House, Brass Window Poles, Household Linen, &c.,&c, Also, a Large Quantity of Dressmaker's Trimmings and Dressmaker's Dummy.

SALE AT 1.30 PROMPT

Offices Wrexham and Llangollen

The next occupants were John and Mary Roberts, and their daughter Miriam. John had worked for many years as a stone mason. Prior to moving here the family had lived in Chapel Street. Their daughter, Miriam, had always lived at home, because of suffering from heart disease. In March 1915 Miriam died suddenly. John died here in March 1918. His widow Mary subsequently moved to Coedpoeth, where she died in 1922.

1911 Census

6 Hill Street

John Roberts	Head	m 72(1839)	Mason Pensioner	Llangollen
Mary Roberts	Wife	m 73(1838)		Manchester
Miriam Roberts	Dau	s 52(1859)		Llangollen

12th February 1915

Feb. 9th, aged 56, Miriam, beloved daughter of Mr, John Roberts, stonemason, 6, Hill-street, Llangollen, The funeral will leave the house at .2 50 p.m. on Saturday, for the Fron Cemetery.

The painfully sudden death took place at Llangollen early on Tuesday morning of Miss Miriam Roberts, 6, Hill-street. The deceased lady who was in her 58th year, resided with her aged father and mother and for the past twenty-five years she had suffered from heart disease; but, during the past year, she had not been attended by a medical man. Recently she had been suffering, from influenza and a troublesome cough and on Saturday she personally procured some cough medicine from the chemist. She retired to bed, evidently in her usual health, at 10 o'clock on Monday night, and, about five o'clock the following morning, she was found by her mother apparently in a fit. Dr. R. Drinkwater was summoned but, upon his arrival, she had expired.

Fron Cemetery

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Miriam Roberts, spinster, dau John and Mary Roberts, 6 Hill Street , d 9/02/1915, bu 13/02/1915, age 56

John Roberts, Mason, 6 Hill Street, d 31/03/1918, bu 03/04/1918, age 78

Mary Roberts, widow of John Roberts, late Hill Street now Coedpoeth, bu 30/01/1922, age 85

In 1939 George and Margaret Helen Hughes were living here. George worked as a Railway Goods checker.

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George Hughes 17-Jun-1900 M Railway Goods Checker

Margaret H Hughes 05-Jan-1909 M Unpaid Domestic Duties

By the 1950's James Samuel Francis and his wife Elizabeth Alice Francis had moved here from Birkenhead. James had worked as a gardener before they had moved here. James died here in October 1952, and Elizabeth in 1956.

FRANCIS James Samuel of 6 Hill-street Llangollen Denbighshire died 30 October 1952 at Maelor General Hospital Wrexham Denbighshire Administration **Chester** 2 January to Elizabeth Alice Francis widow. Effects £106 9s. 5d.

7th March 1956

FRANCIS.-On March 15, 1956 at

6 Hill St., Llangollen after a short illness, Elizabeth Alice, aged 84. Interred at Wrexham Cemetery on March 19th

FRANCIS Elizabeth Alice of 6 Hill-street Llangollen Denbighshire widow died 15 March 1956 at Cottage Hospital Llangollen Administration (with Will) **Chester** 5 June to Arthur Henry Francis maintenance fitter. Effects £716. Former Grant D.R. **Chester** 6 April revoked.

In 1976 Brian and Ann Elizabeth Davis moved in after their marriage.

2nd April 1976

DAVIES = FISHWICK

At the Church of the Holy Cross, on March 3rd, Father Schwartz officiating, Mr. Brian Davies, only son of Mr. and Mrs Bernard Davies, Wood Bank, Church Street, was married to Miss Ann Elizabeth Fishwick, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fishwick of the Sun Inn, Glyndyfrdwy, who until recently were the licensees of the Wynnstay Arms Llangollen, The bride was attired in a gown of white lace and her two bridesmaids had satin dresses of rusty pink. The duties of best man were carried out by Norman Ellis and the thirty guests were entertained to luncheon at the Grapes Hotel. Mr. and Mrs Davies will reside at 6, Hill Street.

In 1992 John Emlyn Jones, the son of David and Sarah Jones of Dee Bank Cottage died here. He had worked at an Iron Foundry before the war.

St John's Cemetery

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David Jones, d 28/08/1944, bu 30/08/1944, age 80, Dee Bank Cottage

Sarah Jones, d 03/07/1966, bu 06/07/1966, age 89, Willan, Green Lane

John Emlyn Jones, d 31/05/1992, bu 05/06/1992, dob 84 27/01/1908, 6 Hill St

6, Hill Street, Llangollen, Denbighshire LL20 8EU

1 bed, terraced

£26,000 02-Oct-1998 Freehold

£38,500 19-Apr-2002 Freehold

£80,000 23-May-2006 Freehold

No 7 Hill Street



Richard Owens was a blacksmith, born Llanwyddyn, Montgomeryshire. In 1871 he and his daughter were living in Vivod. By 1877 he had moved to Hill Street, and he was there at the time of the 1881 Census.

26th January 1877

Jan. 21st, aged 25 years, at Liverpool, Mr. Thos. Owens, the youngest son of Mr. Richard Owens, Hill-street, Llangollen.

1881 Census

7 Hill St

Richard Owens	Head	W 68(1813)	Blacksmith	Llanwyddyn
Margaret Owens	Dau	U 24(1857)	Housekeeper	Llangynog
Richard Owens	Son	U 7(1874)	Scholar	Llangollen



Griffith Edwards was born in Llangollen in 1861. He was working as a printer/compositor in London when he married Anette Mitchell in Aldgate in 1886. By 1889 Griffith had returned to Llangollen with his wife and son, Evan. Their daughter Annette was born here in 1889 when they were living in Queen Street. They had moved to here by 1892 when Griffith died. Annette supported the family by working as a shirtmaker. By 1911 the family had moved to Ellis View. In 1942 when Annette died she was in Fairhome in Aberadda.

Fron Cemetary

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Griffith Edwards, compositor, Hill Street, Llangollen, d 17/6/1892, bu 23/6/1892, age 32

Annette Edwards, widow of Griffith Edwards, Fairholme, 04/01/1942, 07/01/1942, , age 81

1901 Census

7 Hill Street 69

Annetta Edwards	Head	w 40(1861)	shirtmaker	Lewes
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Evan William Edwards	Son	s 14(1887)	compositor's apprent	Middlesex
Annette Maud Edwards	Dau	s 12(1889)		Llangollen
Elizabeth Frances Edwards	Dau	s 9(1892)		Llangollen
Edward Collings	Lodg	s 53(1848)	ostler	Middlesex

4th December 1908

LLANGOLLEN POLICE COURT. SATURDAY,

Before Mr. Jos. Nanson and Mr. T. C. Davies.

FALSE PRETENCES;—EXPLOITING LLANGOLLEN

Sarah Ann Vaughan, also known as Ethel Baldwin and also known as Nurse Fulside, was brought up in custody on remand, charged with having obtained money by false pretences, for which offence the Magistrates Clerk stated, she was liable to be sent to prison for three months and asked her whether she would be dealt with by the magistrates that day or whether she would go for trial before a jury. The prisoner, having elected to be dealt with summarily, Mrs. Anetta Edwards, a widow, living at 7, Hill-street, Llangollen, was the first witness called. She said that on Tuesday, the 17th inst., prisoner came to her house. She answered the door and prisoner asked for Mrs. Edwards. She told her that there were two Mrs. Edwards in the row and asked her which she required and she said the widow, and witness said "that is me. I am the widow."—The Clerk: What did she then say? She said are you Anetta Edwards and have you two daughters? I said I was and she then said she would like to speak to me.—Did you ask her into the house? Yes; and she came in.—Did she begin to talk? Yes.—What did she say? She asked me if I knew anyone at Bootle and I said "no" and she then added try to remember and I said I did not know anyone there. I had people at Manchester but I did not know any- one at Bootle.—What did she say then? She said she had been nursing a man there under Doctor Lloyd.—What did she say about the man? She said he had died and left me £200.—Anything else? Yes; she said the man's name was Evan Edwards.—Did she say what his business was? She did not tell me but she told my daughter that he was a greengrocer and that altogether he had left £600,—Did she say what he had done with the other £400? Yes; she said he had left £200 to another widow and £200 to herself.—Did you believe what she was telling you? Yes.—Did you give her some refreshment? Yes; tea and bread and butter.—Whilst having tea did she say any- thing about money matters? Yes. I said it was a funny thing that this money had been left to me as I did not know anyone in Bootle. She replied "It must be you if you are Anetta Edwards." She then said she had left home without sufficient money to take her back.—Did you offer to help her? Yes Was anything said about the amount? Yes and I asked her if she had ever been in Llangollen before and she replied "No."—Did she then go out? Not immediately. She said she had come straight up and that on the way she had seen a few things she would like to take back with her. I gave her ten shillings and she went out.—How long was she out? About half-an-hour.—Did she come back? Yes, with a parcel. She said she had bought rather more than she thought to do and was still short of money to go back. I asked her how much she needed and she said 5s. 6d. and I gave her that amount.—Did she say she would come to Llangollen again? Yes; she said she would bring the 15s. 6d. and the £200 next day.—Did you say you would go to Birkenhead yourself? I said I had arranged to go to Birkenhead on Wednesday.—What did she say to that? She said she could not come out in the morning as she was on duty until twelve but that if I went by the 12.16 train she would meet me at Birkenhead;—Did she say what she would do with you when you got to Birkenhead? She said she would take me to her home .and she would bring the whole of the money with her.—Now did you really believe that? Yes, I believed her.—Did you say anything about missing her? Yes I said "supposing I miss you what must I do?" -What did she say to that? She said here is a telephone number, telephone to me if you can't come."—I think the telephone number was 1910x? It was.—Did she give you her name? Yes; as Nurse Fulside.—Did you think it a rather funny name? Yes, give you any address? Yes, 16 The Vicarage, Ty Coch, St. John's Church,

Birkenhead. —Did she also give you another address? Yes the Children's Hospital. She said I could find her at any time there.—Later that evening did you do something about the telephone number? Yes, I asked a friend to telephone to the number. She did and I found that there is no such number on the telephone.—You then began to think that there was something wrong? I did.—And you have not had either the £200 or the 15s 6d? I have not.—When did you next see her? In custody of the police.—Now Mrs. Edwards I must ask you one question to cover the lot. Did you part with the 15s 6d. owing to the statement that you were to receive the £200? I lent it to her. I parted with the 15s, 6d. to the prisoner owing to her statement to me that I was to receive £200.—Maud Edwards, a school teacher, living as Llangollen, was the next witness.—Magistrates' Clerk: Were you present when the prisoner had the conversation with your mother? Yes, part of the time.—Did you hear everything? Well, not everything.—But you say that what; she says is true? Yes, quite true.—You heard her telling of the £200? Yes.—And about it being paid the next day? Yes.—You were not present when the money passed? No.—Where were you then? I had gone back to school.—Do you identify the prisoner? Yes. —I suppose you thought you would get the £200? I did not quite believe -it.—I suppose you thought it too good to be true? Yes.—P C. William Davies, stationed at Vron, questioned by the Magistrates' Clerk: Did you apprehend the prisoner? Yes. At 10.45 on November 1st. — You had information about the case? Yes, in the morning.—Where did you apprehend her? On the, Holyhead-road, in Vron.—Tell the Magistrates what took place? After receiving information, I was going along the road when I saw the prisoner. I thought she answered the description I had received of the party who was wanted. I followed her up and when I overtook her I said "I see you are a nurse" and she replied "Yes" I said "you are wanted at Llangollen for obtaining money by false pretences" and she replied "Oh, but it cannot be me I" I said "You answer the description and I am quite prepared to take you"" and afterwards she asked "What is it for, is it false pretences?" I said "Yes" and she answered "I cannot see where the false pretences come in." I then brought her to Llangollen.—P.S. John Worthington said he was a police sergeant, stationed at Llangollen.—Prisoner was brought in custody to? Yes, on Saturday, November 21st. I read the warrant over So her, charging her with obtaining money by false pretences from Anetta Edwards, 7, Hill-street, Llangollen, on November 17th.—You charged her as Nurse Fulside? I did.—What reply did she make? She said "I cannot see where the false pretences come in. I wrote a letter to Mrs. Edwards, from Birkenhead telling her not to come to meet me." Did you say anything else? I asked her what her name was and she said Ethel Baldwin.—Have you since ascertained that her name is Sarah Ann Vaughan? I have. She refused to give any account of herself whatever. —Upon being charged prisoner, who was sobbing quietly pleaded guilty. —The Magistrates Clerk is anything known against her? Deputy C. O. Jones: I am afraid there is. She was charged at Ruabon, on March 10th, 1905, with obtaining a piece of cloth value £1 9s. 3d. by false pretences and bound over in a sum of £10 to come up for judgment when called upon and to pay the costs. At Ruabon on the same day she was charged with obtaining jewellery by false pretences. At Rhyl, on April 19th, 1905, a month later. She was charged with having obtained jewellery valued at £7 10s. by false pretences and sent to a Reformatory School for three years; and at Rhyl on June 27th last, for stealing a blouse and a piece of silk, she was fined 10s. and 18s. costs. Prisoner, who admitted that this was a true record, was then charge that, at the parish of Chirk on November 14th. 1908. she obtained 2s. 6d. by false pretences from Jane Davies, of Penybryn. Prosecutor said that, on the date named, she saw prisoner on the road near her house What did she say? She asked me if I was Jane Davies, of Penybryn.—And you said you were? Yes.—What next did she say? She said I come from Birkenhead. A maiden lady named Miss Richardson, had just died there and I am making enquires for Jane Davies.—Did she say anything about money? Yes. That the lady had left me £200.—Was she dressed as she is now? No she was not she was wearing a purple hat and a greatcoat.—Did she say she had been nursing the lady? She said

she had been looking after her and that she had left her her house and she also said that £200 had been left to a young woman at Bootle.—Did you believe her? Yes.—You were very pleased to hear it, I suppose? Yes if it came true.—Did you believe it? I took her word.— She went home with you ? Yes.—Did you give her some tea? I did. A cup of tea and some bread and butter.—Did she mention money matters? She said that she was short of money to go back to Birkenhead and that they had charged her 5s. for coming and I gave her 2s. 6d.—Did she say that she would bring you the £200? She did. She said she would bring it on Monday-the £200 and the 2s. 6d.—Did you expect her? Yes, all day. (Laughter in court.) And she did not come? No.—Was it because she told you about the £200, and you believed her, that you gave her the 2s. 6d? Well, no; I gave her it because she was short of her fare.—Would you have given her it if she had said nothing, about the £200? No.—It was upon the statement she made as to the £200 that you gave it to her? Yes.—Upon being charged prisoner pleaded guilty to this charge and Deputy C. C. Jones then said there were two other charges of false pretences against her and one of attempting to obtain goods by false pretences but the police did not propose to proceed with them unless the magistrates desired it.—The Chairman We do not think that it is necessary.— The magistrates then retired and upon returning to court, the Chairman said Sarah Ann Vaughan you have pleaded guilty to two serious charges. The magistrates are very sorry to see a young woman like you in such a position. The sentence of the Court is that you be imprisoned for two months in regard to each case-four months in all.

The next occupants of No 7 were John and Elizabeth Ann Ellis. They had married at Rehoboth in 1907, and their daughter, Gwladys, was born here in No 4 in 1910. John had originally worked as a butler, but by 1911 he was working as a chauffeur, he later became a driver of chemical vehicles. When he died in 1962 he had moved to Wrexham.

6th October 1916

MOTOR DRIVER'S EXEMPTION. John Ellis, 7, Hill Street, Llangollen aged 35 and married, applied, for total exemption. He said he was a motor driver and in domestic service, and was medically rejected: on November 16 and had only be-an passed now for home service.—Exempted to December 31

1939 Register

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John Ellis	25 Dec 1882	M	Motor Driver (Heavy Chemical Manufactures)
Elizabeth A Ellis	19 May 1883	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties
Margaret E Evans (Jones)	03-May-1932	S	At School

Around 1970 John and Edith Waller retired here. Edith died here in 1979.

7th March 1979

OBITUARY THE LATE MRS EDITH WALLER

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Edith Waller, wife of Mr. John Waller of 7 Hill Street which occurred at the War Memorial Hospital on February 22nd. Mrs. Waller was a native of Harrogate but she and Mr. Waller, after their marriage in 1941, came to Rhostyllen and then to Glyndyfrdwy. During their residence there, Mrs. Waller was employed as a confectioner at Queen Street Bakery. Acquiring Walton House, they took boarders there. In 1959 they left to take posts on the domestic staff at Colomendy School, Leatheard and on retirement came back to Llangollen where they spent eight happy years. Mrs. Waller was the kindest of neighbours and will be greatly missed by the many people she so readily helped. She had been ill for nine weeks, during the first seven of which she was excellently nursed by her husband. She died in hospital just three days after her seventieth birthday. Our deep sympathy is tendered to Mr. Waller in his loneliness. The funeral was on March 1st when Chancellor Owen conducted the service in the Parish Church and also officiated at the Crematorium Chapel. The only near relatives present were Mr. & Mrs. Wm Habgood of Liverpool (brother & sister-in-law). Mrs. Waller's two sisters were unable to attend owing to the illness of their husbands.

No 8 Hill Street



Henry Westley was one of the watch makers from Coventry recruited by Robert Hughes of Castle Street to work in his factory. On 17th May 1880 he married Mary Ann Jones, the daughter of Edward Jones a maltster. In 1881 Edward was living with his daughter and son-in-law at No 8. By 1886 Henry had forsaken watchmaking, and was the landlord of the Cross Foxes in Chapel Street.

1881 Census

8 Hill St

Henry Westley	Head	M	30(1851)	Watchmaker Finisher	Coventry
Ann Westley	Wife	M	29(1852)		Llangollen
Edward Jones	F in L	W	75 (1806)	Maltster	Llangollen

15th April 1881

April 9th, the wife of Mr. H. Westley, watchmaker, Hill-street, Llangollen, of a son.

16th January 1885

Jan. 11th, the wife of Mr. Henry Westley, watch maker, Spring Cottage, Brook-street, Llangollen, of a daughter.

In 1890 Mary the widow of Ellis Owen, rural postman moved here from Belle View, following his unexpected death in Llanarmon. Mary was here at the time of the 1891 census, and still here in 1894, but mentioned later. Although there was a reference to a Mary Owens in 1900 who was blind.

24th January 1890

DEATH OF MR. ELLIS OWEN, POSTMAN.-On Thursday, Jan. 16th, an inquest was held in the West Arms, Llanarmon Dyffryn Ceiriog, on the body of Mr. Ellis Owen, rural postman, Llangollen, aged 58, who, as reported in our last, suddenly died at Llanarmon on the previous Tuesday. The foreman of the jury was Mr. Robert Edwards, Ty'ntwll. Evidence was taken, and the jury without hesitation returned a verdict of Death from natural causes. During the inquiry, Mr. B. H. Thelwall, coroner, referred to the length and difficulty of the journey from Llangollen to Llanarmon. The jury, in giving their verdict, added a rider to the effect that they were of opinion that a mail cart from Chirk throughout the whole length of the valley would be a better and more expeditious mode of delivery. The body of Owen was subsequently conveyed to Llangollen, via Chirk, and on Saturday buried in St. John's Cemetery, the funeral being very large, thus testifying to the respect universally felt in the town and district towards the deceased.

3rd October 1890

Oct 1st, at St. George's Hospital, London, aged 17 years, Dora, daughter of Mrs. Ellis Owens, 8, Hill street, Llangollen.

1891 Census

8 Grapes Hill

Mary Owens	Head	w	48(1843)		St Martins
Lizzie Owens	dau	s	17(1874)		Llangollen
Annie Owens	dau	s	15(1876)		Llangollen
William Owens	Son	6	14(1877)	telegraph messenger	Llangollen

9th February 1900

A BLIND WOMAN. A case was mentioned of a blind woman, named Mary Owens, of Llangollen. She was in receipt of 5s. a week, and her daughter was anxious that she should be sent to a charitable blind asylum at Liverpool, and that the guardians would grant her 5s. a week for her maintenance there. This woman was represented as a deserving woman, and about 60 years of age.—Mrs. Roberts thought it very advisable that the woman should be sent to some such institution, but the guardians adjourned the case pending further inquiries by the medical officer.

In 1899 the house was occupied by Charles Preece, a timber hauler working for Coward's Timber Yard.

9th June 1899

June 5th, at Castle-street Baptist Chapel, Llangollen, by the Rev. D. Williams and Mr. -James Clarke (registrar), Mr. Charles Preece, Hill-street, to Miss Mary Ellen Jones, Grapes Hotel-both of Llangollen.

1901 Census

8 Hill Street 70

Charles Preece	Head	m	37(1864)	timber hauler	Harts
Mary Ellen Preece	Wife	m	35(1866)		Manchester
Robert Charles Preece	Son	s	11 M(1900)		Llangollen

1911 Census

8 Hill St

Mary Ellen Preece	Wife	M	47(1864)		Manchester
Robert Charles Preece	Son	S	10(1901)	School	Llangollen
Mary Catherine Preece	Dau	S	6(1905)	School	Llangollen

1939 Register

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Charles Preece	08 Jul 1863	M	Journeyman Gardener
Mary E Preece	08 Jun 1866	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties

St John's Cemetery

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Charles Preece, d 14/12/1948, bu 17/12/1948, age 85, 8 Hill St
Mary Elen Preece, d 16/04/1953, bu 19/04/1953, age 86, 8 Hill St

21st December 1948

THE LATE MR. C. PREECE.

For nearly half a century Mr. Preece, though Herefordshire born and bred, had lived in Llangollen, having come here to work in the Timber firm of Messrs. Coward; and during the whole of their married life Mr. and Mrs. Preece resided at 8 Hill Street. Mr. Preece was a keen amateur gardener and he and the late Alderman W. G. Dodd devoted much time to rose-growing at Arfryn-the briars they budded now having returned to the pristine state-wild as when they were cut from the hedgerows.



Mr. Preece was: in his 85th year when he died on Tuesday last, Dec. 14th. The funeral took place at St. John's on Friday afternoon, A service was conducted' at the house by the Rev. Boaz Williams and at St. John's by the Rev. Canon Alcuin Jones.

The principal mourners were: Miss Preece (daughter); Mr. K. C. Preece (son); Mr. A. M. Jones, London (brother.in-law); Miss M. A. Jones, Corwen (niece). There were a great many friends also present, an indication of the esteem in which Mr. Preece was held.

In addition to wreaths from his widow and daughter, and from Mr. and

Mrs. R. C. Preece, floral tributes were received from the following:- Arthur-, Annie, Florrie, Leominster ; Arthur, Nesta -and Andrea, London; Maggie, Corwen; All the neighbours at Hill Street; Maude Edwards, Fairholrne, Mr. and Mrs. Harding .and family; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Richardsand family; Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Jones; Norman and family, Isallt;Mrs. Eddie Williams; Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Jones, Hafren ; Mr. G. Davies, Gwynfryn; Eddie, Geufron, Mrs. Jones and family, Ty'npistyll; Willy and Kitty, Geufron; Phyllis and Norman, Bodwen ; All at 4 Castle Buildings; All at 21 Hall St.; Mr. Rogers, Church St.; Emily, 2 Arnon Terrace; John, Eunice and family, Vron ; Wm. Coward and Co.; Employees of Wm. Coward and Co.; Directors of jones Bros. Garage; Staff of Jones Bros. Garage.

Charles and Mary had a son, Robert Charles, who lived around the corner in Aberadda.

2nd December 1969

THE LATE MR. ROBERT CHARLES PREECE. Mr Preece's origins lay in Herefordshire, for his father came to Llangollen from that county and was employed at Ashfield Sawmills. Mr. Charles Preece , his only son became clerk to the late Mr. Robert Baker Plan yn Llan and remained there till Mr .Baker's death; after which he was book-keeper at Jones' Bros. Garage for the remaining thirty odd years of his working life. To the firm's great regret he left in 1961 somewhat before retirement age, owing to illness. Preserving his cheerful outlook, Mr. Preece made a welcome recovery and able to again enjoy his walks, the society of his friends and the comfort of his home where he was so admirably cared for by Mrs Preece , his helpmeet for over 40 years. But his health deteriorated again in recent weeks 9 and he died on Nov 21st, exactly three weeks after his admission to hospital. '

The funeral took place on Tuesday Nov 25th. A service in the Parish Church was conducted at 11.00 a m. by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Ivor Rees , assisted by the Rev. David Griffiths. The organist was Miss Gwyneth Davies.

Cremation took place at noon at Pentrebychan. The family mourners were: Mrs. Margaret Preece (widow); Miss Mary C. Preece (sister); Mr. & Mrs. Jack Williams, Basingstoke, Mr. & Mrs. Norman Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Williams Edinburgh; Mr. & Mrs& R. Park, (Hull), (nephews & niece); Mr. & Mrs. Glyn Jones , Trevor (great-niece); Miss JA Davies of Corwen (friend). Mrs. Kemp of London (cousin) was unable to attend.

In lieu of flowers, relatives and friends contributed to the collection made at the service in St. Collen's Church, which is to be given to the Church Restoration Fund

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THANKS. Mrs. Preece and Miss Preece wish to thank Dr. Davies and Dr. Jones for their very kind attention to the late Mr. Preece; and their neighbours and friends for the sympathy shown to them in their bereavement. Coleshill, and 7 Hill Street.

No 9 Hill Street



It is probable that this cottage was built with the others, from No5 to No 9 by Thomas Nicholas, a cooper during the 1870's. Thomas Nicholas was briefly here in 1881 before moving to Green Bank.

1881 Census

9 Hill St

Thomas Nicholas	Head	M	51(1830)	Cooper Master	Llangollen
Sarah Nicholas	Wife	M	48(1833)		Pool Quay
Mary E. Nicholas	Dau	U	10(1871)	Scholar	Llangollen
Charles E. Nicholas	Son	U	8(1873)	Scholar	Llangollen

In April 1882 Elizabeth Evans, sister of John Edwards, died here

Fron Cemetery

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Elizabeth Evans, sister of Jack Edwards, 9 Hill Street, d 4/1882, bu 17/4/1882, age 87

By 1891 Susannah Owens and her daughter Myfanwy Isabella had moved into No 9. Susannah's husband, Jephunnah Owens was not with them. Jephunnah had been an unemployed joiner in 1881, and since Susannah described herself as a widow in 1901 he presumably died between 1891 and 1901. Susannah and her daughter ran a dressmaking business here until at least 1911. They later moved to Letchworth House in Chapel street where they died in 1928 and 1959 respectively.

1891 Census

9 Grapes Hill

Susana Owens	head	m	48(1843)	dressmaker	Newchurch
Myfanwy I Owens	dau	s	12(1879)		Tregeinog

1901 Census

9 Hill Street 71

Susanna Owen	head	w	57(1844)	dressmaker	Newchurch
Myfanwy Isabella Owen	dau	s	22(1879)	dressmaker's assist	Llangadwaladr

12th August 1910

DRESSMAKING.—Wanted an Apprentice. Business thoroughly taught. Apply—Miss M. OWEN, 9, Hill Street, Llangollen. (20849)

1911 Census

9 Hill St

Susanna Owen	Head w 68(1843)	Dressmaker	Newchurch
Myfanwy I Owen	Dau s 32(1879)	Dressmaker	Greguiriog

29th December 1949

THE LATE MISS M. I. OWEN

Miss Myfanwy Owen whose death on Dec. 19 was announced in our last issue was the only daughter of Mr and Mrs Jephunnah Owen of Glynceiriog and was born 81 years ago at Brynhyfryd, Tregeiriog, the home which her grandfather, Mr William Owen had built for himself, the historical associations of which figured recently in a BB.C. programme in which Bob Owen, Croesor was the interviewer. Although she moved to Llangollen at an early age, Miss Owen retained the warmest affection for Tregeiriog and made a point of visiting it every summer and her father's M:S. History of Tregeiriog was presented by her to the Ceiriog Institute.

Taught by her mother, who was an excellent needlewoman, Miss. Owen kept a dressmaking establishment at Letchworth House and continued a part of her business until a few years ago. She underwent a serious operation about 3½ years ago, She faced her illness with a rare courage. She did not allow it to spoil her enjoyment of life, continuing with her chosen handicrafts, her wide reading and interesting conversation with friends who called or who shared with her favourite seat on Cerrigyllan on Summer afternoons. Independent of spirit, she lived alone, but Miss Barnett gave her faithful service, daily seeing to her, household and personal needs. And much kindness was shown by young people who tenanted part of her house.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, Dec 23 when the Vicar Canon Thomas conducted the service at the Parish Church, which she had so faithfully attended.

Though Miss Owen had many cousins they are widely scattered in England, Canada and Cliforuo and only Miss -Gwladys Owen and Miss Grace Owen were able to attend. Interment was in St John's Cemetery.

They were followed by Anne, the widow of William Evans, who had formerly worked at the timber yard. She died here in 1916

4th February 1916

Feb, 1st, aged 81, at 9, Hill-street, Llangollen, Anne, widow of Mr. Wm. Evans, employed for many years at the Timber Yard.

In 1919 these cottages were put up for auction. They were withdrawn from the auction, but later sold.

13th June 1919

NOTE.—The Excellent FREEHOLD RESIDENCE "GREEN BANK," and FIVE COTTAGES. Nos. 5 to 9, Hill Street, Llangollen, will be Offered for Sale by Auction. On FRIDAY, JUNE 20th at 4 o'clock, if not previously sold. Offices: Central Buildings, Llangollen and Wrexham. Tel. 53.

27th June 1919

LLANGOLLEN PROPERTY SALE. Messrs. Jones and Son offered for sale by auction at Llangollen, on Friday, the freehold residence known as Green Bank, Llangollen. Several bids were forth-coming but the house was withdrawn at £800. Five cottages, Nos. 5—9, Hill Street, were also, offered but were withdrawn. The cottages were, however sold later. At the second day's sale at Green Bank, Llangollen, on Friday, by. Messrs; Jones and Son, high prices were again the order. The chief items were: Bedroom suite £38, secretaire £17 10s. and £14. 10s. chest of drawers £16, wardrobe £14 10s., toilet tables £14, bedsteads ,£10.

Gwendoline Eurwen Lloyd was born in 1923 but died here in August 1928.

Fron Cemetery

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Gwen E Lloyd, 9 Hill Street, bu 05/08/1928, age 5

By 1939 Ellis Henry Evans a timber yard labourer had moved here with his wife Elizabeth whom he had married in 1933. Ellis had started his career as a fell monger, before becoming a bricklayer. This was his occupation in 1911 when he was living in Cross lane. Also there in 1939 was Mary Margaret Jones, Elizabeth's daughter from her first marriage. Ellis died here in January 1941, and his widow in 1952.

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9 Hill Street

Ellis H Evans	10 Dec 1867	M	Labourer in Timber Yard
Elizabeth Evans	10 Dec 1864	M	Unpaid domestic Duties
Mary M Jones	01 Jan 1896	S	Cook

5th November 1974

CONDOLENCES are extended to Miss M. Jones, 9 Hill St. on the death of her brother, Mr. William Noel Jones, who died last week in Morriston Hospital, Swansea, after six years of illness. Mr. Jones married Miss Edith Edwards formerly of the Hollies Llangollen, and it is some fifty years since he left his native town for Swansea. He is survived by his wife, his daughters and sons-in-law Mr. & Mrs J Davies and Mr. & Mrs C Francis six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Cremation took place on October 28th.

Bryn Aber Hill Street



It is not until 1876 that it is possible to identify the occupant of Bryn Aber. This was Thomas Nicholas, a cooper, who had been living in BelleView in 1871. He seemed to own much of the property on Hill Street, and moved from one house to another. In 1881 he was next door at No 9.

14th April 1876

The Local Board for the year 1876-7 will be composed of Messrs. W. Jones, Crescent-road; Samuel Hughes, Glandwr; Major C. R. W. Tottenham, Plas Rhysgog; Messrs. Thomas Nicholas, Bryn-aber; Thomas Hughes, Bryn-derwen; Edward Roberts, Fronhyfryd; S. Gregson Fell, Walton House; Morris Roberts, Berwyn-street; and Capt. J. C. Best, R.N., Plas-yn-Vivod.

In 1877 William Chambers , an Inland Revenue Officer moved here from Gloucestershire. He was here until May 1891. When he moved to Tudor House, Regent Street.

6th July 1877

Inland Revenue Officer:-Mr. W. Chambers, Bryn Aber.

1881 Census

Bryn Aber

William Chambers	Head	M	47(1844)	Inland Revenue Officer (CS)	Audley
Alice Chambers	Wife	M	48(1843)		Arkholme
Alice E. Chambers	Dau	U	17(1864)	Pupil Teacher Bd Sch Barton	Under Reedwood
Berth B. Chambers	Dau	U	14(1867)	Scholar	Preston
William Chambers	Son	U	12(1869)	Scholar	Chepstow
John B. Chambers	Son	S	10(1871)	Scholar	Lydney

1891 Census

Bryn Aber

William Chambers	Head	M	37(1834)	inland rev official 1st class	Audley
Alice Chambers	Wife	M	55(1836)		Arkholme
Bertha B Chambers	dau	S	24(1867)		Preston

In 1894 Thomas Nicholas planned to make alterations and additions to the property. By July 1894 a Mrs Linsey was living here, but by 1900 Griffith Griffiths, a blacksmith was living here.

2nd February 1894

TO BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS.

TENDERS are invited for ALTERATIONS
and ADDITIONS to BRYN ABER, Hill
Street, Llangollen.
Plans and Specifications at Green Bank, Llangollen.
Tenders to be delivered at the above address by
February 3rd, 1894.
The lowest tender not necessarily accepted.

15th March 1901

TO BE LET, from 1st of May next, BRYN ABER, Hill Street, Llangollen. Apply to THOMAS NICHOLAS, Cyfronydd, Abbey Road, Llangollen. (9009)

1901 Census

Bryn Aber 73

Griffith Griffiths	Head	w 68(1833)	blacksmith	Bangor
Charlotte Griffiths	Dau	s 29(1872)	house keeper	Penmaenmdwr

20th November 1903

TO LET, BRYN ABER, Hill Street, Llangollen, immediate possession. Apply—Mrs. NICHOLAS, Cyfronydd. (12946)

The lease was again advertised in 1903, and in 1906 Robert Arthur Horspool, a Nursery man was here. He business was on Castle Street, he later moved to Greenacres.

20th July 1906

Bryn Aber, Mrs. R. A. Horspool

29th January 1909

TO Be Let or Sold. GREEN BANK Llangollen. To be Sold, CYFRONYDD, Abbey Road, Llangollen. To be Let, Furnished or Unfurnished, from 1st May, BRYN ABER, Hill Street. Llangollen. Apply at GREEN BANK, Llangollen. (19096)

In 1911 the occupants were Rhys Owen, his wife and son. Rhys was a retired commercial traveller from Caernarvonshire. His son Evan Herbert Owen applied for his master's certificate while living here in 1910, although when it was awarded, he was living in Nevin.

1911 Census

Bryn Aber

Rhys Owen	Head	M 77(1834)	77	Ret Commercial Traveller	Nevin,
Carn					

Elizabeth Owen	Wife	M 56(1855)	56	Nevin Carn	
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Evan Herbert Owen	Son	S 31(1880)	Steamship Officer	Swansea	
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There was a sale of household effects in July 1915. In 1916 the occupants were a Mr & Mrs O Morris, whose son David R Morris married at Denbigh in 1915.

16th July 1915

Messrs. Jones and Son are inviting early entries for their next periodical sale in the Llangollen Smithfield, to be held on Tuesday, July 27th, in order that buyers may be informed; and they also remind their patrons that record prices were obtained in all classes at the last fair. The same eminent firm will conduct a sale of house- hold furniture and effects on Wednesday, July 28th, at Bryn Aber, Hill-street; and the following day (Thursday, July 29th) they will conduct their next sale of heavy and light horses in the Wrexham Horse Repository.

7th January 1916

INTERESTING LOCAL WEDDING. MORRIS-HAYES JONES.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at Swan Lane Congregational Chapel, Denbigh, on Boxing Day. The Rev. D. D. Richards, Pastor of Rhiw Congregational church, was the officiating minister, assisted by the Registrar (Mr. W. O. Davies). The contracting parties were Miss Gwen Hayes, Jones, Rhydgaled Council School, and Private D. R. Morris, 3rd Line, D.H.Y., stationed at Curragh (Tamp, Ireland, only son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Morris, Bryn Aber, Llangollen. The bride wore a cream coaling serge costume and a cream satin hat to match. She also wore a gold chain and pendant, the gift of the bride-groom, and was accompanied as bridesmaid by Miss Myfi Griffiths, Cil-eos, Rhyl, who wore a brown velvet costume and hat to match. She also wore a gold brooch, the gift of the bridegroom. The bride was also accompanied by her cousin, Miss Mamie Hughes, Holywell, who was dressed in dark navy, with hat to match. The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. T. Hubert Roberts, Grove Terrace, Denbigh. The bride was given away by her father. After the ceremony, the company adjourned to Clwyd Cafe, Vale-street (Messrs. J. Powell Jones & Son), where the wedding breakfast was served, and the wedding cake supplied. The catering was excellent, and reflected much credit on the firm. The company present included Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Jones; Mr. and Mrs. Morris, Bryn Aber, Llangollen; Mr. W. J. Harris, Colwyn Bay; Miss Hayes Jones, Asylum; Mr. and Mrs. George Arthur Parr; Miss Davies, Tower Terrace; Mr. W. Oliver Davies, and the Rev. D. D. Richards. Congratulatory addresses were delivered by the Rev. D. D. Richards, Messrs. Morris, Llangollen, Hayes Jones, and W. O. Davies. The wedding presents were numerous add costly.

Dec. 27th, at Swan-lane Congregational Chapel, Denbigh, by the Rev. D. D. Richards, Nantaly, and Mr. W. O. Davies, registrar, Pte. D. R. Morris, only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Morris, Bryn Aber, Llangollen, to Gwendoline, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs. T. Hayes. Jones, Council School, Rhydgaled, nr. Denbigh, and grand-daughter of late Capt. Harris, Holywell.

Later owners were Mr & Mrs Roberts, who had a son Robert Hugh Roberts. Robert had married Lizzie Morris in Dolgellau in 1923. They lived in Bryn Aber for a short while before moving to Llys Tegid in Princess street. Their two daughters, Annie Ceridwen and Muriel Frances were born there, but after Muriel died in 1928 they moved back to Bryn Aber. Robert died at Bryn Aber in 1930, and in 1938 Elizabeth re-married, this time to Benjamin Ernest Hall, a GWR Relief man. Benjamin died in Bryn Aber July 1953 and was buried in Llantysilio with his first wife Nora Muriel. Elizabeth died in 1975, while being cared for by her daughter in Chirk.

1939 Register

Bryn Aber

Benjamin E Hall	27 Sep 1891	M	Relief Man G W Railway
Elizabeth Hall	11 Jul 1892	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties

6th July 1948

WEDDING

The marriage took place at the Parish Church on June 26, of Miss Heather P. Hall, only daughter of Mr Ben E, Hall, Brynaber, and the late Mrs. N. M. Hall, and step-daughter of Mrs. E. Hall, Glanaber, and Mr. Noel G. Barlow, son of Mrs. Barlow and the late Mr. Barlow, of Shrewsbury.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Canon W. Alcuin Jones, vicar, and Mr. D. Rees Thomas was at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a gown of white crepe, decorated with pearls, and wore a head-dress of carneltias with full-length veil, and carried a bouquet of cream roses, She was attended by Miss Ceridwen Roberts (step-sister), Brynaber, who wore a gown of deep biscuit crepe, with head-dress and veiling to tone, and Miss Christine Barlow (sister of the bridegroom), who was dressed in a gown of ice blue with head-dress and veiling to: tone, and both bridesmaids carried bouquets of pink rosebuds, with

trailing fern. The page in attendance was Michael Oliver (nephew of the bridegroom). Mr. George Bennett, Shrewsbury, was the best man, whilst the duties of ushers were carried out by Second-Officer Haydn Hall (brother of the bride), and Messrs. Leonard Maxwell and Teddy Davies (friends of the family).: The reception was held, at Llangollen, where a large number of relatives and friends were entertained. Later in the day, Mr. and Mrs. Barlow left for Rhos-on-Sea, for the honeymoon. The bride travelled in a turquoise blue suit with navy, accessories to tone.

7th October 1975

AND ALSO that of Mrs. Ben Hall, of Bryn Aber, Hill Street, who passed away suddenly, also on Friday night, at the home of her daughter, in Chirk Bank.

21st October 1975

THE LATE MRS, ELIZABETH HALL

Mrs. Hall, who had been a familiar figure in Llangollen for some fifty years, died very peacefully in her sleep, at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. & Mrs. Reginald Edwards of Chirk Bank. Eighty-five years of age, she was a native of Barmouth, her father, Mr. Morris being Harbourmaster there. She married Mr. R. H. Roberts, whose parents had bought Bryn Aber, Llangollen, but after a brief residence there, Mr. & Mrs. Roberts moved to Llys Tegla, Princess Street, where their daughter, Ceridwen, was born. Another daughter died at the age of four. The family subsequently moved back to Bryn Aber but Mrs. Roberts was soon left a widow so that the relationship with her daughter became very close. Mrs. Roberts' second marriage was to Mr. Ben Hall of Rhewl and she became a widow a second time 22 years ago. Mrs. Hall was a member of the late Mr. J.E. Morris's well-known Mixed Choir and also of the Operatic Society and a very faithful member of the Welsh Literary Society. Bright and sociable, there were few events that failed to interest her and this last summer, her great delight was to go to Cerrig-y-Llan and feed the ducks and sit in the sun.

The funeral took place on October 5th, when the Rev. Canon Owen conducted the service in the Parish Church which Mrs. Hall had attended when she found it too far to walk to St. John's, where she had worshipped for so many years.

The family mourners were Mr. & Mrs. A. R. Edwards (son-in-law & daughter); Miss Susan Edwards (grand-daughter); and Mr. Robert Edwards (grandson). Mrs. Hall's niece, Mrs. Jennie Owen of Barmouth was not well enough to attend. Interment was at the Fron Cemetery, where many floral tributes were laid on the grave.

THANKS - Ceridwen and her family wish to thank Dr. J. Adams Davies, Dr. Wyn Jones and Dr. Gareth for their very kind attention to her late mother; the neighbours for their helpfulness and all her friends in Llangollen for the loving kindness they showed her during her life. They also gratefully acknowledge the condolences and floral tributes received. 25 Oaksands Road, Chirk Bank.

Offers in the region of £169,950

LOWER GROUND FLOOR - ENTRANCE VESTIBULE SITTING ROOM/WORK
FROM HOME STUDIO

4.04m x 3.48m (13'3" x 11'5")

Exposed beamed finish to ceiling, double glazed window, radiator.

WC

Fitted with high level suite and wall mounted wash hand basin.

GROUND FLOOR DINING ROOM

4.90m x 2.90m (16'1" x 9'6")

Quarry tiled floor, radiator, beamed ceiling, part glazed outer door, open plan to:

KITCHEN

3.63m x 2.44m (11'11" x 8'0")



Fitted with hand crafted units comprising Belfast porcelain sink unit having extended laminate oak effect topped work surfaces beneath which there is space and plumbing for automatic washing machine. Storage base and wall cabinets. Further double base cabinet having slate effect topped work surface. Space for gas cooker, quarry tiled floor, pine doors to period style pantry cupboard having high and low storage. Wall

mounted Ideal gas fired central heating boiler, exposed beamed finish to ceiling, part exposed brickwork.

REAR LOBBY

With fitted glazed store cupboard and external door to terraced garden.

SITTING ROOM

3.81m x 3.63m (12'6" x 11'11")

Period cupboards and fitted shelving to recess, cornice finish to ceiling, picture rail, bay window, period fireplace, telephone point, views to Castell Dinas Bran.

FRONT PORCH

1.50m x 1.27m (4'11" x 4'2")

Having period tiled flooring approached through a part glazed door from front terrace and also having lead lighted and stained glass upper elevations.

LOUNGE

3.71m x 3.20m (12'2" x 10'6")

Period fireplace having recessed cast iron dog basket open fire, picture rail, cornice finish to ceiling, telephone point, radiator.

FIRST FLOOR LANDING

To:

NO. 1 BEDROOM

3.35m x 3.15m (11'0" x 10'4")

Windows to return elevations having views to Castell Dinas Bran, radiator, exposed floorboards.

NO. 2 BEDROOM

4.14m x 4.04m (13'7" x 13'3")

Radiator, double glazed window, period style fireplace.

NO. 3 BEDROOM

Radiator, views to Castell Dinas Bran, period fireplace, loft access point, built in storage cupboard to overstairs recess.

BATHROOM

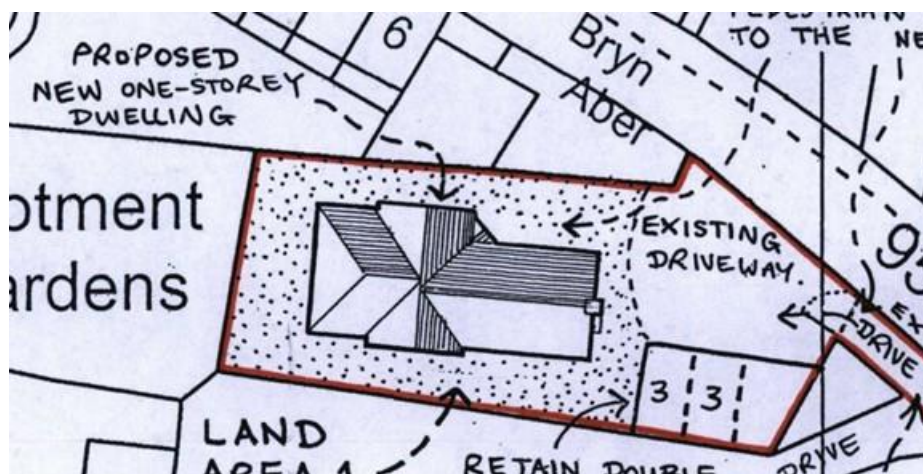
2.87m x 1.96m (9'5" x 6'5")

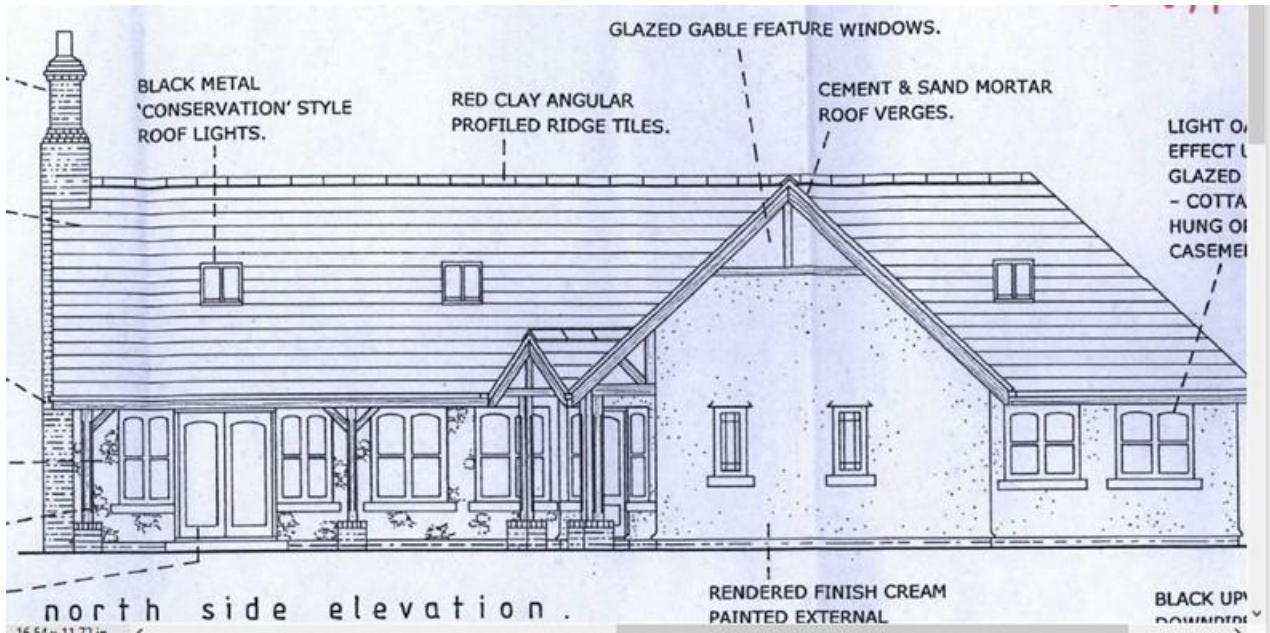
Fitted with period style suite comprising cast iron enamelled roll top bath with shower attachment, low level WC and pedestal wash hand basin. Tongue and groove finish to ceiling, exposed floorboards, part glazed door.

Afryn Garden

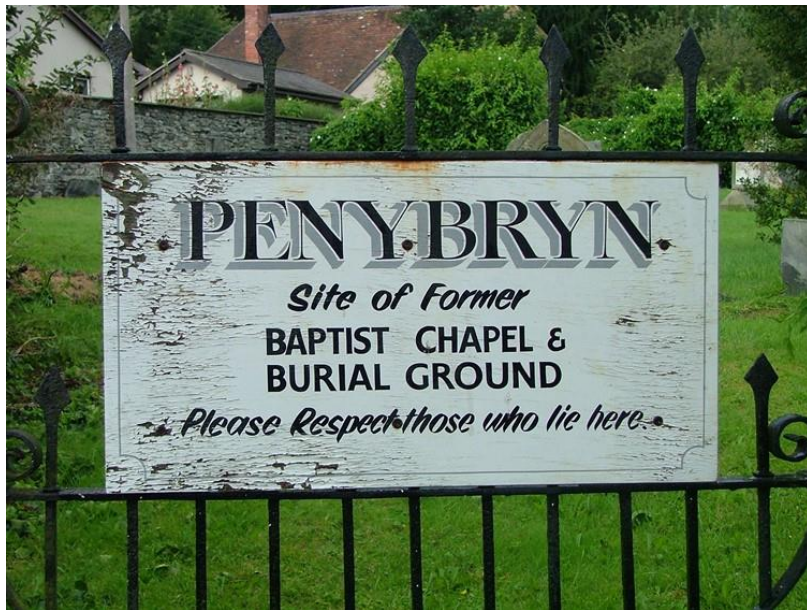


This house was built from 2015 on land which was one gardens for the Hand

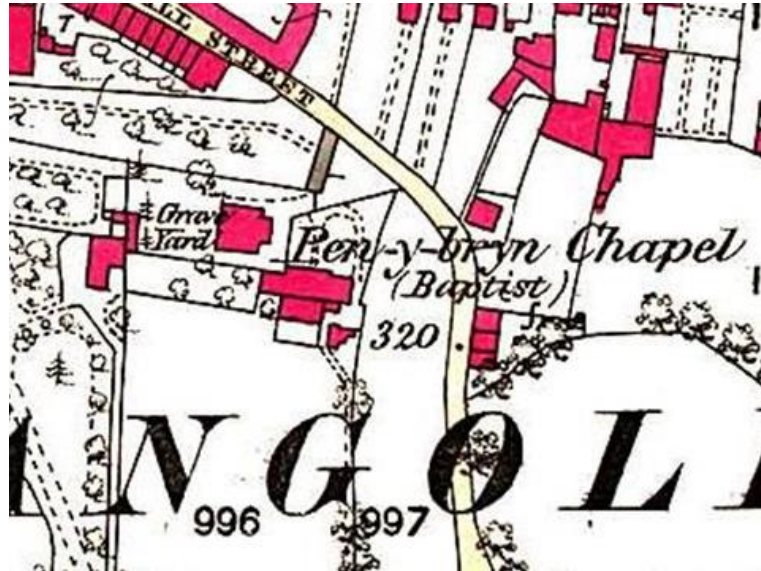




Penybryn Chapel & Cemetery



Tithe Map



1873 Map

Reverend Evan Jones became its first minister new Baptist chapel at Penybryn when it was opened in 1815. In 1821, there had been a new development at Penybryn. As the chapel now had eight English members, they now had an occasional English service.

In 1823, Evan Jones was succeeded by the Rev John Pritchard, born in Anglesey but reared in Llandudno. He was engaged as pastor at Penybryn for £22 per year, and was a name which would be remembered well over a hundred years later. Before his marriage he had lodged with Elizabeth Hughes for 6/- per week, with 5/- a quarter for his washing. She was the member who persuaded her husband to offer a loan, to complete the roof so that the chapel could be completed.

The following year John Pritchard performed his first baptism in the River Dee at Llangollen. Hugh Evans, Elizabeth Evans, and John Bell, an Englishman. In that year he also spent some time in London, collecting money to defray the debt on Penybryn. He was fairly successful, as on his return to Llangollen he had collected £132 to help the new chapel.

In 1823-24 an English sermon was delivered after the Welsh sermon every other Sunday night. chapel flourished under the guidance John Pritchard and by 1858 it had a membership of 180, with a Sunday school of 170 members.

John Pritchard felt that the English language was the language of the future, and that vernacular would not survive. He therefore encouraged the English aspect of his pastorate - as the Baptist faith was more important than the survival of the Welsh language.

By 1856, as the number of English members was increasing, it was decided to form 15 of its members into an English Baptist Church in conjunction with the Welsh Baptists. An assistant minister was called to help John Prichard, and the Welsh Baptists helped by contributing £20 to the funds of the English section.

The English held their service after the Welsh service at Penybryn, and the English evening service was held in the British School at Penllyn on Brook Street.

On the 23rd December 1858, an auction was held in the Hand Hotel Llangollen of building sites in the town. About 25 of the Lots had been laid out to form NEW STREET, 36 feet wide from the Town Bridge to the Holyhead road. By this time Penybryn chapel had become too small for the Welsh Baptists, so two plots were bought at this auction for £293, to erect the new chapel in Castle Street. One plot was too small, whilst two plots were too large. So a portion of the second plot was sold to William Coward for £80, which reduced the cost of the land to £213. The Chapel was completed in May 1860, at a cost of £2340.

As the Welsh Baptists had now moved to their new Chapel in Castle Street, they sold Penybryn to the English Baptists for £150, but it also needed £100 worth of repairs.

The Cemetery

Near the entrance is a stone inscribed with the words BEDYDDW YR 1815, which might indicate that this graveyard was opened in that year. 93 burial inscriptions are legible, and the dates range from 1819 to 1915.



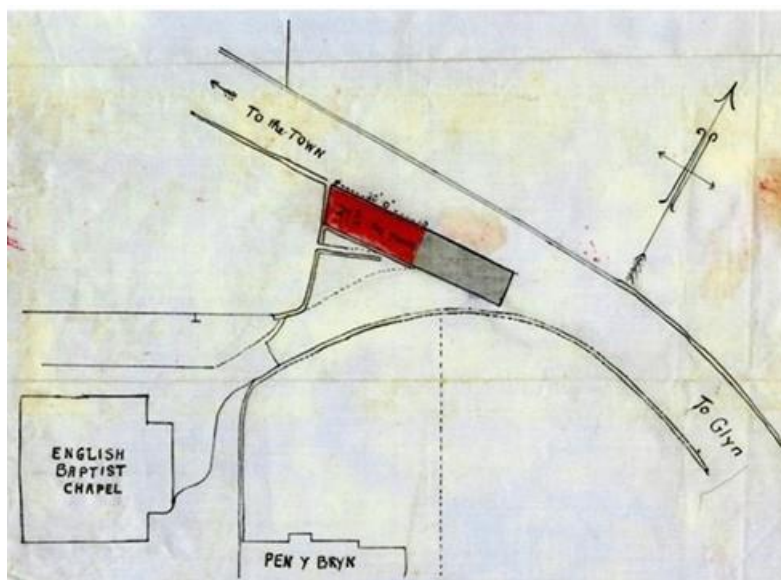
Tomb of John and Margaret Pritchard

For Upwards Of 50 Years Baptist Minister Of
This Town, And First President Of The North
West Baptist College.

Eminently Distinguished For His Sound
Learning, Strong Faith, And He Was Formost In
Supporting Every Movement That Tended To
Honour God And Benefit Man. Born March 1796
Died Sept 1875.



PenyBryn House



This building was built as a home for the minister of Penybryn Chapel, and on the 1839 tithe map it is shown as being the property of John Pritchard.

John Prichard was born on Anglesey on 25th March 1796. The family moved to Llandudno where he worked in a mine, saving sufficient money to enable him to go to Toxteth Park School in Liverpool. In 1816 he became a Baptist and was baptised in the sea. After college in Abergavenny he was ordained in 1823 in Llangollen



and began his ministry.

From the will of John Pritchard dated 16th October 1872 it appears that he was a man of substance, also owning "Cottages, Dwelling houses and other real estate in and near Llangollen. He died 7th September 1875 and is interred in the adjoining chapel graveyard, where there is a memorial to him and his first wife Margaret and his daughter Mary. After his death the house was held in trust until his grand-daughter Margaret Eleanor Hughes, (daughter of Mary and Thomas Hughes), attained the age of 21 on 26th November 1883 when it passed to her absolutely. On 29th December 1886, she married

Walter Gummow Dodd, who at the time was an insurance agent).

In 1866 John Pritchard had tendered his resignation as pastor of the Welsh church in Castle street, as well as presidency of the Baptist College - today this is the Post Office sorting office on Berwyn street. He continued to serve the 32 members of the English chapel at

Penybryn as an unsalaried pastor, until his death in his 80th year on 7th Sept 1875. One could truly say he was a faithful servant of God, having ministered at Penybryn for over 50 years.

John's first wife, Margaret Roberts, died in 1835. In 1837 John remarried, his second wife being Rachel Coward. Unfortunately, Rachel died in 1860, and John then married Charlotte.

1841 Census

John Prichard	45(1796)	Baptist Minister	
Rachel Prichard	40(1801)		
Mary Prichard	10(1831)		Denbighshire
Harriet Hughes	25(1816)	Female Servant	Denbighshire
William Coward	20(1821)	Cl	
Lot Lee	20(1821)	School Master	

1851 Census

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John Prichard	Head	m	55(1796)	Baptist Minister	Llanelian
Rachel Prichard	Wife	m	54(1797)		Wilbarston
Mary Prichard	Dau	s	20(1831)		Llangollen
Harriet Hughes	Serv	s	41(1810)	House Servant	Llantysilio

1861 Census

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John Pritchard	Head	w	65(1796)	Baptist Minister	Llanelian
Sarah Williams	Serv	s	22(1839)	Servant	Llansanffraid

1871 Census

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John Prichard	Head	m	75(1796)	Baptist Minister	Llanelian
Charlotte Prichard	Wife	m	51(1820)		Swithland
Sarah Jones	Serv	s	25(1846)	Dom Serv	Llangollen

The first tenant of the house after the death of John Pritchard was the nephew of his second wife, William Coward. William had started work at a draper's in Bridge St, but he then accepted a clerical post at Messrs Pritchard & Hughes timber merchants. In 1858 he became a partner, but by the 1860 he attained control of the company. He had also been involved in the Baptist Cause. He later built his own house on Queen Street.

1881 Census

Pen Y Bryn

William Coward	Head	M	61(1820)	Timber Merchant	Emp 13 Men	Ulverston
Mary C. Coward	Wife	M	45(1836)			St Austell
Edith M. Coward	Dau	U	9(1872)	Scholar		Llangollen
Thomas D. Coward	Son	U	7(1874)	Scholar		Llangollen
John Coward	Bro	U	55(1826)	Clerk		Llangollen
Mary Edwards	Serv	U	18(1853)	Gen Dom Servant		Glyn

On 29th December 1886 Margaret Eleanor Hughes married Walter Gummow Dodd at Penybryn Chapel by licence. They moved into Penybryn where their first child Arthur Hughes Dodd was born 22nd October 1887.

31st December 1886

FASHIONABLE MARRIAGE. On Wednesday last, the marriage of Mr. Walter Gummow Dodd, of Regent-street, this town, to Miss. Nellie Hughes, eldest daughter of T. Hughes, Esq., and grand-daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Prichard, was solemnized in Penybryn Baptist Chapel, the Rev. Gethin Davies, Principal of the Baptist College, officiating. The wedding party included the bride and bridegroom, the Misses Hughes, Tower, Miss Jones, late of the College, Messrs.

Wm. C. Dodd. Birmingham, F. P. Dodd, Bangor (brothers of the bridegroom), Messrs. Hughes, Tower (brothers of the bride), Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hughes, Tower, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dodd, Regent-street. The chapel was crowded during the service, and at the completion the "Wedding March" was played by Mr J H Davies organist of the chapel. The party then drove in three carriages to the Tower, where the wedding breakfast was prepared, and to which a number of friends and immediate relatives had been invited. During the day the happy couple left for an extended honeymoon, amid the hearty congratulations and good wishes of all. The presents received by the bride were very numerous, many of them being of a rare and costly character. We understand also that as a mark of the high esteem in which Mr. Dodd is held among his fellow- officials in the Wrexham office of the Provincial Fire Insurance Company, he has been presented with a very handsome and massive black marble clock, with illuminated dial, visible escapement, bronze mount. We heartily join in the general congratulations which have been accorded to the happy pair.

Subsequent to his marriage Walter was shown as living on his own means, he became a Town and County Council member, with special interest in education. In about 1893 he built a block of 4 houses on the land to the side of Penybryn – Arvryn Villas, to where he and his wife later moved.

1891 Census

Penybryn

Walter G Dodd	Head	m	30(1861)	own means	Llangollen
Margaret E Dodd	Wife	m	22(1869)		Llangollen
Arthur H Dodd	Son	s	3(1888)		Llangollen
Walter P Dodd	Son	s	2(1889)		Llangollen
Ann Jones	Serv	s	24(1867)	nurse dom	Corwen
Francis E Morgan	Serv	s	17(1874)	gen serv dom	Nergwis

1901 Census

Penybryn 73

Walter Gummar Dodd	Head	m	40(1861)	own means	Llangollen
Margaret Elleanor Dodd	Wife	m	38(1863)		Llangollen
Arthur Hughes Dodd	Son	s	13(1888)		Llangollen
Walter Richard Dodd	Son	s	12(1889)		Llangollen
Philip Mably Dodd	Son	s	8(1893)		Llangollen
Catherine Ann Williams	Serv	s	21(1880)	serv	Acrefair

1911 Census

Penybryn

Walter Gummer Dodd	Head	m	50(1861)	Private Means	Llangollen
Margaret Eleanor Dodd	Wife	m	48(1863)		Llangollen
Arthur Hughes Dodd	Son	s	23(1888)	Ass Civil Engineer	Llangollen
Walter Prichard Dodd	Son	s	22(1889)	Student	Llangollen
Philip Mably Dodd	Son	s	18(1893)	Accountants Articled Clerk	Llangollen
Jane Elizabeth Watkin	Serv	s	21(1890)	Gen Servant (dom)	Glyn Ceiriog

A later occupant was Trevor Lloyd-Jones, who's first wife, Hannah Maria (nee Evans), was a distant relative of John Pritchard, Trevor was also a member of the Committee of the Pritchard Memorial Chapel. Hannah died here in 1924. Trevor remarried, and died here in 1962.

1939 Register

Penybryn

Trevor Lloyd-Jones	25 Jan 1871	M	Miller Corn & Flour Merchant
Georgina Lloyd-Jones	04 Dec 1896	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties
William Miller Jones --	04-May-1915	S	Miller Corn & Flour Merchant

William Fairbairn	Single	22-Oct-1913	S	Newspaper Editor Manager and Linotype Operative
Kathleen E Evans (Barkley)		07-Jan-1916	S	Female Cook
Olwen V Hampson (Price, Morris)		01-Nov-1920	S	House Maid
Dorothy M Munnerley		12-Mar-1927	S	At School

10th April 1962

OBITUARY

THE LATE MR TREVOR LLOYD JONES

We regret to record the death of Mr Trevor Lloyd Jones which occurred at his home, on April 3rd. Mr Jones, who was 91 years of age, had been in poor health for a considerable time but maintained his keen interest in affairs to the last.

An excellent businessman, his main interest was The Llangollen Mill through its history as flour and provender mill; which his father before him had worked. Few people knew more about farming than he did and it was while he was farming Bryndethol that he married Miss Nan Evans, daughter of Mr Evans, County Surveyor of Caernarvon and Mrs Evans, who predeceased him in 1924. Secondly, he married Miss Ena Davies of Llangollen.

He had a long record of public service. For fifty years he was a member of the Denbighshire County Council and was an Alderman and vice-chairman when he retired in 1956. He had been on the Llangollen Rural Parish Council for 40 years and on the Bench of Magistrates for 31 years, and Chairman when he retired.

He was commissioner for grain for North Wales during the 1914-18 war and he furthered agricultural interests in all his public work.

The funeral took place on Thursday, April 5th. The service at 2-30 p.m. in the Dr Pritchard Memorial Chapel was conducted by the Rev Morgan Jones, assisted by the Rev Meurig Roberts, who as Mr Jones's near neighbour, had visited him regularly in recent weeks. The hymns sung were "Abide with Me", and "The day thou gavest, Lord, has ended," Mr Harding being the organist.

The family mourners were Mr and Mrs E. Miller Jones (son and daughter in law); Col. and Mrs Merfyn Harper; Major and Mrs J. G. Harper (sons in law and daughters); Mr Wm. Lowe (brother in law); Miss Betty Lowe (niece) and Mrs J. M. Evans, who for six years had been Mr Jones's devoted housekeeper.

The eldest daughter, Mrs Jessie King of Melbourne, Australia, was the only one of Mr Jones's children unable to be present.

Representatives of many public bodies were present, including the Deputy Chief Constable, Principal Edwards of Llysfas, Mr Benbow and Mr John Evans representing the Liberal Club and Mr D. R. Richards, Clerk to the Magistrates. Farming friends were present from as far afield as Ruthin and Llansilin. The interment was at Llantysilio Churchyard, where the Rev D. Lloyd, Vicar, officiated.

Beautiful flowers were sent by Deryn and Marjorie, in loving memory of Dad; Jess and Geoff, to Dad with love to Taid from Trevor (Melbourne); Lou, with much love to Dad and fond remembrance from Merlyn; Our love to Dad, Bertha and Jim; With love to Taid, Zoe and Max; Jane and David; Nicholas and William; Betty with love; Mrs Evans and Pat; Darley Williams; Bill and Noreen Hawkes; Wm. Alexander, J. James and the Mill Staff; Boyo, Hugh and all at Glenwood; Eddie and Enid; Glenys and Leslie Cartwright; Mr and Mrs F. Davies; Mr and Mrs William Lowe; Alan, Ruth and Hilda; Llangollen Liberal Club; Mr and Mrs John Hawkes, 'Hollytops'; Mrs Zoe Harper; Mr and Mrs N. Horspool and Staff; Mrs Caesar Hughes and family; Members of Dr Pritchard Memorial Chapel; Directors of Messrs Jones Bros. The Garage: John Pugh Jones; Mrs Thomas, Green Lane; Memories of a long and close family association, John and Mary; Neighbours at Arfyn, Rev & Mrs Meurig Roberts, Mr and Mrs J. T. Davies and Mr Loundes and Miss Williams.

Penybryn, Hill Street, Llangollen, Denbighshire LL20 8EU

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24-Sep-97

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1,2,3 Arfryn Villas



These houses were built in around 1893, among the early occupants were Rev Henry Rees the English Baptist Minister and a member of W G Dodd's school board: John Willaume Tanqueray, a brewer, and John Marwood Corney. a building contractor (and staunch Baptist, who had moved here from Cefn Mawr, where he had been a deacon, in May 1894).

These occupants were tenants, the property being owned by William Gummow Dodd. The leases were possibly only for a couple of years, since they were starting to relet them by 1896.

6th November 1896

ARVRYN, LLANGOLLEN. TO LET Immediate Possession. 2 Entertaining, 5 Bedrooms, Bath (H. & C.), Good Kitchens, and all modern conveniences. Apply-W. G. DODD, Penybryn, Llangollen.

No 1 Arvryn Villas



In 1894 the house let to John Willaume Tanqueray, son of John Samuel Tanqueray. Samuel and his brother Aveling had acquired the Llangollen Brewery in 1869. Like his father and uncle John became a brewer. In 1889 he had married, and initially they had lived at Dolhyrid on Abbey road, but had moved here by 1894. Around 1900 they moved to Glenwood

21st September 1894

Arvryn,

1, Mr. J. Tanqueray.

6th December 1895

THE WATER SUPPLY. Mr. J. W. Tanqueray having written to complain of the imperfect supply of water at Arvryn, it was resolved, on the suggestion of the surveyor, that for two nights a week the water be diverted from the town from 5 to 10 o'clock instead of at present from 5 to 9 o'clock in the evening.

13th April 1900

TO BE LET from May 1st next, No. 1, ARVRYN, Llangollen, now occupied by J. W, Tanqueray, Esq. Apply to W. G. DODD, Penybryn.

At the time of the 1901 census the house was unoccupied, but shortly afterwards T John Williams, a draper, had moved here from Tredegar. In 1905 his only son died here. By 1911 the family had moved to Castle Street

1901 Census

1 Arvryn

No occupants

26th May 1905

May 22nd, aged 4 years and 11 months, after a. brief illness, Oswald Kinsey, beloved child of Mr. T. J. Williams, 1, Arfryn, Hill-street, Llangollen.

Fron Cemetery

C 6 117/118

Oswald Kinsey Williams, (child), Infant son of T. J. Williams, Arfryn, Hill Street, Llangollen, d 21/05/1905, bu 24/05/1905, age 4y 11m

T John Williams, Draper, Castle Street, d 17/12/1928, bu 20/12/1928, age 63

Martha Jane Williams, Widow of T John Williams, Windover, Birch Hill, Llangollen, d 15/07/1937, bu 17/07/1937, age 70

Mary Edwards, Widow, Blodwen, Birch Hill , d Mar-1939, bu 11/03/1939, age 82

Marjorie (Miss)Williams, spinster, Rhyl, late Birch Hill, d 15/06/1944, bu 19/06/1944, age 44

In 1911 another draper was here, this time Evan Morris Parry. His wife had died in childbirth in 1898. Unfortunately he died here in August that year,

1911 Census

1 Arfryn

Evan Morris Parry	Head w 49(1862)	Draper	Llangollen
Miriam Jones	M-in-l w 80(1831)		Glyndyfrdwy
Margaret A Jones	S-in-l s 36(1875)		Llangollen
Deborah Williams	Serv s 18(1893)	Servant	Llangollen

C 7 126 & 127

Catherine Ellis (Mam Kitty), mother of Evan Morris Parry, Church Street, Llangollen, d 30/11/1915, bu 04/12/1915, age 86

Evan Morris Parry, Draper, Arfryn, Hill Street, Llangollen d Aug-1911, bu 23/08/1911, age 49

Later Walter Gummow Dodd moved here from Penybryn, next door. Walter died here in 1943.

1939 Register

1 Arvryn Hill Street

Walter G Dodd	20 Oct 1860	W	Retired
Florence A Dodd	03-Sep-1903	M	Housekeeper
Hazel(Janet) Harding (Webb/Waller)	08-Jun-1928	S	At School

Liverpool Echo 31 December 1943

DODD – Dec 30 in his 84th year WALTER GUMMOW DODD of Arvryn. Funeral at Dr Pritchard Memorial Chapel, Abbey Road, Llangollen to-morrow (Saturday) at 2 pm

Chester Chronicle 23 December 1944

For sale (vacant possession), No 1 Arvryn, Llangollen. Well-designed modern residence. Formerly the residence of the late Alderman W G Dodd. Semi-detached. 2 Reception rooms 5 good bedroom, usual offices. Also substantial outhouses; rose garden approx. 1,550 square yards. Commanding charming view of Llangollen. Full particulars from Messrs. Charles Richards & Sons, Solicitors, Llangollen.

No 2 Arvryn Villas



Probably the first occupant of No 2 was Rev Henry Rees. When he arrived in 1894 he was the minister of the Penybryn English Baptist Chapel. On 11th July 1895 presided over laying the foundation stone of the new chapel, The Pritchard Memorial Chapel) on Abbey Road.

21st September 1894

Arvryn,

2, Rev. Henry Rees, English Baptist minister.

2nd November 1894

The Rev. Henry Rees, the new pastor of Penybryn Baptist Chapel.

Rev Henry Rees must have moved by July 1897 because the lease was being advertised. The next occupant would appear to be Enos Hunt Jones, a commercial traveller for a toy manufacturer. He was only here for around a year before moving on to Great Broughton.

23rd July 1897

TO BE LET, FURNISHED, for Two 1 Months, No. 3, ARVRYN. Apply—HAND HOTEL. (5470)

25th February 1898

NO. 2, ARVRYN, to Let from 1st May. Apply—Mr. E. HUNT-JONES, on the premises.

15th July 1898

AMERICAN ORGAN for Sale-9 Stops, knee swell, excellent tone, suit chapel or chamber, handsome case. Apply—HUNT JONES, 2, Arvryn, Llangollen.

TABLE for Sale, handsomely worked, Burr Walnut, oval. Also a Green & Co.'s LAWN MOWER, and GARDEN SEAT, cheap. Apply- HUNT JONES, 2, Arvryn, Llangollen.

PICTURES for Sale, cheap, several pairs in oil and others. Apply—HUNT JONES, 2, Arvryn, Llangollen.

2nd April 1897

E. HUNT JONES. Arvryn, Llangollen, March 22nd, 1897.

1st April 1898

No 2, ARVRYN, to Let from 1st May. X1 Apply—Mr. E. HUNT-JONES, on the premises.

29th April 1898

INTERESTING WEDDING IN LLANGOLLEN. On Friday afternoon last considerable interest was awakened in the marriage which took place at Llangollen Parish Church between Mr. Richard Edwin Jones, wholesale stationer, &c., Liverpool, and Miss Jessie Mary Jones, eldest daughter of Mr. Enos Hunt Jones, Arvryn, Llangollen. Long before the ceremony took place a

large number of people, mainly of the fair sex, had assembled in the sacred edifice to watch the nuptial proceedings, which were performed by the Rev. Henry Jones, B.A. (vicar), assisted by the Rev. D. Lloyd (curate). The chancel and altar had been effectively decorated with fresh flowers and ferns and the day being beautifully fine, it might truly be said "Happy is the bride whom the sun shines on." The bride looked very pretty in her dress of white moire silk with pearl passementerie trimmings and watteau train, silk veil and spray of orange blossom, whilst she carried a lovely bouquet of white roses, stephanotis and heather, and she wore a gold and pearl bracelet, gift of bridegroom. The three bridesmaids. Misses Alice Helen. And Gwendolyn. Jones (sisters of the bride), were dressed in white corduroy velvet with gold sashes, white hats to match, and carried shower bouquets of yellow daffodils. Each wore a gold and pearl brooch, gift of bridegroom. The best man was Mr. Allott, partner in the business firm with the bridegroom. As on entering so on leaving the church, the Wedding march was played by Mr. C. H. Mills, the organist. The guests included the Vicar and Curate of Llangollen, Miss Cecilia. Jones (sister of the bridegroom), Mr. G. H. Jones, London (brother of the bride) the Misses Ada, Ethel, and Elsie Jones, Maud Jones (cousins), Leicester Miss M. fe. Mitchell, Boughton on the Water; Dr. Dent, Cheltenham Mr. A. Webb, Birmingham Dr. Fenwick Mrs. and the Misses Baker; the Misses Rhodes Mr. Otto J. Bell; Miss Edwards and Miss Florrie Edwards, Hand Hotel; Mr. R. F. Jones, Waterloo; Mrs. Vivian Evans; Miss Violet Evans; Master Vivian Evans Miss L. and Miss F. Williams, Glandwr; Mr. Stevens, Birmingham. After the wedding a reception was held at the Hand Hotel, and as the bridal party proceeded along they were greeted with showers of rice carpet from the church door to the hotel was laid by Messrs. Morris and Hughes. Subsequently, the newly-wedded couple departed on their honeymoon, prior to taking up their permanent residence, Cheltenham-avenue, Sefton Park Liverpool.

By 1901 John Lias Jones and his family had moved here from Walton House on Queen Street. John had established a school there in 1887, it is probably that they arrived 19 1897 when the school closed. By 1911 John and the family had moved to Wrexham, and he was now a Calvinistic Methodist Minister.

1901 Census

2 Arvryn 74

John Lias Davies	Head	m	37(1864)	schoolmaster	Nantyr
Hannah Eliz Overton Davies	Wife	m	36(1865)		Manchester
Henry Joseph Lias Davies	Son	s	8(1893)		Llangollen
Olwen Myfanwy Davies	Dau	s	6(1895)		Llangollen
Hannah Owens	Aunt	w	76(1825)	own means	Oswestry
Thomas Carno Jones	Board	s	41(1860)	schoolmaster	Carno
Margaret Annie Man Evans	Serv	s	15(1886)	serv dom	Llangollen
Reuben Sydney Entwistle	Board	s	15(1886)		Bombay
Cyril Tullard Entwistle	Board	s	13(1888)		Bombay

MR. C. MORTON BAILEY, MUS. BAC., F.R.C.O.,

MEMBER OF THE INCOR. SOC. OF MUSICIANS,
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HAS Commenced Professional Work in Llangollen, and is prepared to receive Pupils in PIANO, ORGAN, SINGING, HARMONY, COUNTERPOINT, &c., &c.

For Terms, apply—

2, ARVRYN, LLANGOLLEN.
(18971)

In November 1906 Charles Morton Bailey, the organist of St Marks Church Wrexham, was appointed to St Collen's. As well as giving recitals at the church he also took pupils

15th February 1907

In 1914 he moved to Colwyn Bay

1911 Census

2 Arfryn

Charles Morton Bailey Head m 44(1867) Organist & Prof of Music The Pleck
W Walsall

Margaret Annie Bailey Wife m 43(1868) Wigan

Josephine Mary Bailey Dau s 15(1896) Wrexham

Elizabeth Evans Serv s 24(1887) Gen Servant (dom) Froncyssyllte

1939 Register

2 Arvryn Hill Street

Wynne M J Williams 29 Aug 1872 w Unpaid Domestic Duties

Sarah E Ellis 29 May 1874 s Retired Monthly Nurse

Rosamond Ellis 13 Jan 1879 s Unpaid Domestic Duties

Margaret E Ellis 29 Jul 1884 s Private Nurse Monthly



During the 1930's three of the daughters of David Ellis, a farmer of Garthbeibio, Montgomeryshire were living here. Sarah Elizabeth had been a nurse, like her sister Margaret.

David Ellis

Feb 3 1948

AT THE TEMPLE OF PEACE, CARDIFF.

Miss Rosamund Ellis, lately of Arfryn, Llangollen, writes that she greatly enjoyed the meeting held to pay tribute to Elfed on January 23.

This beautiful hall was filled to capacity and. Elfed's voice, in responding to the tribute was as clear as a bell, as indeed those who heard the brief record on the Radio can testify.

In 1961 the Rev Meurig Roberts and his wife Irene May Roberts came to Llangollen from Cemaes on Anglesey to become the minister of Rehoboth. Irene died here in 1964. Meurig became ill in about 1970 and moved away.

Fron Cemetery

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Irene May Roberts, housewife, 2 Arfon, Hill Street, bu 05/06/1964, age 52

Percy Stanley Lawrence died here December 1988

St Johns Cemetery

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Percy Stanley Lawrence, d 31/12/1988, bu 30/01/1988, age 67, 2 Arfryn Villas, Hill St, Llangollen

Winifred Agnes Lawrence, d 30/01/2001, age 77, 16 Pousley Ave., Eastham, Wirral

LAWRENCE, Percy Stanley of 2 Arfryn Villas Hill St
Llangollen Clwyd died 31 December 1987 Administration
Liverpool 30 August £199231 8880502001A

No 3 Arvryn Villas



The first occupant of No 3 was John Marwood Corney. He had worked as a building contractor with the firm of Messrs. Morris and Chaplin, builders, of Oswestry. In May 1894 he moved here from Cefn Mawr, where he had been a Baptist deacon. In 1897 his wife's indifferent health compelled them to make their home at Sandown, Isle of Wight, where he lived until her death in 1915, when he returned to Oswestry.

21st September 1894

Arvryn,

3, Mr. J. M. Corney.

23rd July 1897

TO BE LET, FURNISHED, for Two 1 Months, No. 3, ARVRYN. Apply—HAND HOTEL. (5470)



The next occupant was Otto Joseph Bell, a mechanical engineer, working as a director of Hughes and Lancaster at Acrefair, and his wife Sybil Ormonde (nee Williams). He was only here for a few years. While here he was involved in the 1st Vol Batt RWF, receiving a commission in 1898. The family moved back to Hampstead, and Otto. During the war he became a major with the 13th Royal Welsh Fusiliers. He lost two sons in the war.

22nd July 1898

July 20th, at Arvryn, Llangollen, the wife of Otto J. Bell, of a son.

30th September 1898

Mr. Otto Bell, Arvryn, is about to receive a commission in the H Company 1st Vol. Batt. R.W.F., Llangollen.

26th April 1901

TO LET, from 1st May, No. 3, ARVRYN, now in the occupation of Otto J. Bell, Esq. Apply— W. G. DODD, Penybryn, Llangollen.

1901 Census

3 Arvryn 75

Otto Joseph Bell	Head	m	33(1868)	mechanical engineer	Hampstead
Sybil Ormonde Bell	Wife	m	23(1878)		
Gwendoline Violet Bell	Dau	s	5(1896)		Kensington
Molly Irene Bell	Dau	s	1(1900)		Llangollen
Mary Ustte	Serv	s	22(1879)	nurse dom	Froncysyllte

Margaret Roberts	Serv	s 14(1887)	gen serv	Llangollen
Alice Jones	Serv	s 18(1883)	gen serv	Llangollen

29th November 1901

WANTED, Experienced Nurse, for one little boy. Also several good General Servants. Apply—Miss OWEN (Agency), 3, Arvryn, Llangollen, North Wales. (8194)

11th December 1908

At the conclusion of the prayer meeting at Rehoboth Chapel, Llangollen, on Monday week, a very neat dressing case, bearing an appropriate inscription, was presented to Miss Edith Edwards, 3, Arvryn, as a token of appreciation of the church and congregation of her services as organist. Mr. W. Pancerdd Williams, in making the presentation, bore testimony to the value of Miss Edwards's work and expressed the regret of the church at her departure from Llangollen. Mr. R. E. Roberts suitably responded on behalf of Miss Edwards.

28th January 1910

TO LET 3, ARVRYN, Llangollen. A. Apply—W. G. DODD, Penybryn.

3rd March 1916

TO LET, May 1st next, No. 3, ARVRYN, Now in the occupation of Rev. W. Jackson- Apply- W. G. DODD, Penybryn, Llangollen. (1052)

1st March 1918

TO LET, No. 3, Arvryn, from let May next Apply, MT. W, G. Dodd. Penybryn, Llangollen. cl-22

It is not until the 1970's that we can again identify the occupants, when Philip Sliverton and his wife Muriel nee Langford were here.

12th March 1968

WEDDINGS.

SILVERSTON- LANGFORD. At Holy Cross Church on Feb. 24 Nuptial Mass was celebrated by Father Schwartz for the marriage .of Mr. Philip Silverston of Liverpool to Miss Muriel Langford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Langford, The Cotswolds. The bride's gown in Victorian style had a train falling from the waist and she wore a full-length veil. Her sister Miss Chantel Langford, chief bridesmaid wore a dress of old gold satin and the two six-year-old bridesmaids ~ Bernadette Knight and Doreen Watson were in blue velvet. All three wore matching bonnets. The reception was at the Hand Hotel and the honeymoon was spent in London.

22nd February 1972

PUBLIC DECENCY. A nationwide Petition is being sponsored by the National Viewers and Listeners Association urging the Government to implement the Report on Obscenity Law Reform recently produced by the Havers Committee, which was set up by HM Government. The organisers hope for millions of signatures so Anyone who can help locally should contact Mrs M Silverston, 3 Arfryn, Hill Street.

6th May 1975

Mrs Silverston 3 Arfryn:

3, Arfryn Villas, Llangollen, Denbighshire LL20 8HA
Terraced
£222,000 28-Jun-17 Freehold

3 Arfryn Villas, Hill Street, Llangollen, Denbighshire, LL20 8HA

- Substantial Victorian Property
- Offering a wealth of features
- Flexible 6 Bedroom Accommodation of up to six bedrooms

- Commanding an outlook over the town
- Double-glazed windows to all but one opening
- Gas fired central heating
- Useful basement comprising utility and store
- Well stocked garden
- Rear Yard.

ENTRANCE VESTIBULE

Approached through a period panelled door having lead lighted and stained glass upper reveal. Coved finish to ceiling, period tiled flooring, inner part glazed door to:

RECEPTION HALL

Radiator, period patterned tiled flooring, cornice finish to ceiling, telephone point, smoke alarm, pitched pine staircase off.

LOUNGE

15'9" x 13'5" (4.79m x 4.09m)

Period features including ceiling rose, picture rail and cornice finish to ceiling. Double glazing to bay windows, Sky TV point, radiator.

DINING ROOM

11'10" x 11'4" (3.60m x 3.46m)

Picture rail, cornice finish to ceiling, ceiling rose, double glazed window, radiator.

BREAKFAST ROOM

12'10" x 10'8" (3.90m x 3.24m)

Built-in cupboards to recesses, one having lead lighted upper display cabinet. Tiled floor, radiator, double glazed window.

KITCHEN

11'6" x 7'10" (3.5m x 2.40m)

Fitted with a range of laminate fronted units comprising double drainer stainless steel sink unit set into base storage cupboards set beneath laminate beech block effect topped work surfaces. Space for cooker, space for upright, fridge/freezer. Ceramic tiling to work areas, double glazed window, radiator, extractor fan.

FIRST FLOOR LANDING

Feature split landing with pitched pine timbers. Smoke alarm.

NO. 1 BEDROOM/LOUNGE

17'4" x 15'3" (5.28m x 4.64m)

Period bay window with lead lighted and stained-glass upper transoms holding commanding views over Llangollen and towards Castell Dinas Bran. Marble period fireplace with period tiling to shoulders with working open fire above period tiled hearth. Radiator, telephone point, period ceiling rose, cornice finish to ceiling.

NO. 2 BEDROOM

11'11" x 11'5" (3.62m x 3.47m)

Radiator, double glazed window.

REAR LANDING

To:

BATHROOM

11'5" x 8'11" (3.47m x 2.73m)

Having period style suite comprising roll top, claw foot bath together with close coupled WC and pedestal wash hand basin. Stripped floorboards, half ceramic tiling with full tiling to over bath shower, fitted glazed shower screen, double glazed window. Two heated towel rails.

SEPARATE WC

Off Rear Landing. Fitted with low level suite and double glazed window.

SECOND FLOOR HALF LANDING

To:

NO. 3 BEDROOM

12'5" x 11'6" (3.79m x 3.51m)

Double glazed window, radiator, corner wash hand basin having hot water geezer above.

MAIN LANDING

With loft access point and smoke alarm.

NO. 4 BEDROOM

13'5" x 10'4" (4.10m x 3.15m)

Exposed ceiling timbers, radiator, double glazed window.

NO. 5 BEDROOM

11'5" x 12'1" (3.47m x 3.69m)

Radiator, double glazed window.

NO. 6 BEDROOM/BOX ROOM

10'1" x 5'10" (3.08m x 1.79m)

BASEMENT

11'1" x 12'7" (3.37m x 3.83m)

Approached via external steps. Having brick flooring, electric light and power and radiator.

STORES

8'0" x 7'8" (2.43m x 2.34m)

Brick flooring, electric light.

UTILITY/WASH HOUSE

4'6" x 3'1" (1.38m x 0.95m)

Space with plumbing for automatic washing machine, wall mounted gas fired central heating boiler.

GARDENS

To the rear elevation there is an enclosed brick paved yard, whilst to the front the property is approached via a pathway from Hill Street flanked by established lawns with stocked planting and bounded by mature trees and hedging and having commanding views over the town towards Castell Dinas Bran. There is a parking bay available for purchase by separate negotiation.



Total area: approx. 189.1 sq. metres (2035.2 sq. feet)

BelleView/Vue



The first mention of Belle View appears in the 1861 census, when the occupant was Thomas Nicholas a cooper, and his family. Thomas had followed in the footsteps of his father, Edward. In 1851 he had lived on London Road. He subsequently lived in Bryn Aber, No 9 and Green Bank before moving to Abbey Road. He was responsible for building several houses on Hill Street, and having owned many of them. It is not certain whether he was here, or in another house on Hill Street in 1871, but by 1875 Ellis Owens was living here. He might have been living here in 1871, although at that date the census says “Fron”. Ellis had worked as a bootmaker, and married Dorothy Jones in 1856. Unfortunately, Dorothy died in 1868. By 1869 Ellis had become postman for Fron, and had been presented with a tricycle by public subscription.

22nd October 1869

NEW TRICYCLE.—Mr. Ellis Owens, the letter- carrier between here and Fron; a distance of four miles, has, through public subscription, purchased a splendid tricycle, having a neat lamp in front, on which he intends in future to perform his journeys, which will save him 8 miles' walking daily, and the distance no doubt will be traversed in less than half the time it occupied previously.

In 1872 he married again, this time to Mary Edwards, and both their children were born in Belle View.

1861 Census

Belle View 8

Thomas Nicholas	Head	m	30(1831)	cooper	Llangollen
Sarah Nicholas	Wife	m	29(1832)		Pool Enay
Jennett Nicholas	Dau	s	5(1856)	scholar	Llanrhaiadr
David Edwd Nicholas	Son	s	2m(1861)		Llangollen
Susan Tapley	Lodge	w	36(1825)	governess	Preston

1871 Census

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Ellis Owens	Head	w	38(1833)	post messenger	Llangollen
John Owens	Son	s	13(1858)		Llangollen
George Owens	Son	s	10(1861)		Llangollen
Mary Ellen Owens	Dau	s	7(1864)		Llangollen
Thomas Owens	Son	s	4(1867)		Llangollen

9th July 1875

June 25th, the wife of Mr. Ellis Owens, postman, Belle Vue, Llangollen, of a daughter.

12th January 1877

Jan. 5th, the wife of Mr. Ellis Owens, postman Belle Vue, Llangollen, of a son.

1881 Census**Bell View**

Ellis Owens	Head	M	48(1833)	Post Messenger (C S)	Llangollen
Mary Owens	Wife	M	40(1841)		St Martins
Thomas Owens	Son	U	14(1867)	Plumber	Llangollen
Dora Owens	Dau	U	8(1873)	Scholar	Llangollen
Elizabeth Owens	Dau	U	7(1874)	Scholar	Llangollen
Annie Owens	Dau	U	5(1876)	Scholar	Llangollen
William Owens	Son	U	4(1877)	Scholar	Llangollen

Ellis died on 14th January 1890, he body was found, and an inquest was held which returned a verdict of death by natural causes. Later that year his widow and family moved to No 8 Hill Street.

17th January 1890

Owens – January 14, at Llanarmon, aged 58 years, Mr Ellis Owens, rural postman, Belle Vue, Llangollen.

24th January 1890

DEATH OF MR. ELLIS OWENS, POSTMAN.-On Thursday, Jan. 16th, an inquest was held in the West Arms, Llanarmon Dyffryn Ceiriog, on the body of Mr. Ellis Owen, rural postman, Llangollen, aged 58, who, as reported in our last, suddenly died at Llanarmon on the previous Tuesday. The foreman of the jury was Mr. Robert Edwards, Ty'ntwll. Evidence was taken, and the jury without hesitation returned a verdict of Death from natural causes. During the inquiry, Mr. B. H. Thelwall, coroner, referred to the length and difficulty of the journey from Llangollen to Llanarmon. The jury, in giving their verdict, added a rider to the effect that they were of opinion that a mail cart from Chirk throughout the whole length of the valley would be a better and more expeditious mode of delivery. The body of Owen was subsequently conveyed to Llangollen, via Chirk, and on Saturday buried in St. John's Cemetery, the funeral being very large, thus testifying to the respect universally felt in the town and district towards the deceased.

In 1891 the occupants were Sarah Ellen and Alice Ann Rhodes, sisters and school teachers from Oldham. Their mother, Ann Rhodes widow, living in Blackpool, had died in 1890. Although they were shown as living on own means they were involved in some activities with the County School.

1891 Census**Belle View**

Sarah E Rhodes	Head	s	46(1845)	own means	Oldham
Alice A Rhodes	Sis	s	44(1847)		Oldham
Wilfred K Rhodes	Neph	s	4(1887)		Liverpool

1901 Census**Belle Vue 136**

Sarah E Rhodes	Head	s	56(1845)	own means	Oldham
Alice A Rhodes	Sis	s	54(1847)	own means	Oldham

18th October 1901**COOKERY CLASSES.**

CLASSES for Young Women and Adults are held at the County School, Llangollen. FRIDAYS, Afternoon Class, from 5 to 7 o'clock. Fee, 7s. 6d. TUESDAYS, Evening Class, from 7 to 9 o'clock. Fee, 2s. 6d. The Course consists of Twenty Practical Lessons and Demonstrations.

TEACHER—Miss HUGHES. Persons wishing to join should apply, without delay, to Miss RHODES, Belle Vue, or Miss DAVIES, Girls' Board School, Llangollen (the Hon. Secretaries. (7947)

7th January 1910

On FRIDAY NEXT, JAN. 14th,
IMPORTANT SALE of HOUSEHOLD
 FURNITURE & EFFECTS, at
BELLE VUE,
 HILL STREET, LLANGOLLEN,
 By order of Misses Rhodes.
 Full particulars in posters.
 JONES & SON, Auctioneers.

In 1910 they sold up and moved back to Blackpool. The new occupants were Annette Edwards, her two daughters and sister-in-law. Annette was the widow of Griffith Edwards, a printer and compositor, who had died in 1892. They had been living in No 7 Hill Street, and in 1901 Annette had given her occupation as shirt maker.

1911 Census

Belle Vue

Annette Edwards	Head	w 50(1861)		Lewes
Annette Maude Edwards	Dau	s 22(1889)	Assistant Mistress	Llangollen
Elizabeth Frances Edwards	Dau	s 19(1892)	Shop Assistant	Llangollen
Elizabeth Edwards	S-in-l	s 53(1858)	Housekeeper	Llangollen

By 1929 when Elizabeth Frances Edwards married Edward Harding, the family had already moved to Fairholme in Aberadda. Elizabeth and Edward moved into Bodwen Villas.

In 1938 Austin Mathew Williams, a gardener moved here. He died here in 1957, and his widow Martha in 1961.

1939 Register

Belle View

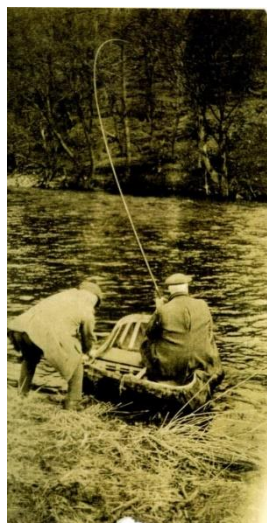
Austin M Williams	06 Oct 1870	M	Gardener
Martha J Williams	24 Oct 1870	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties
Helena A Williams (Green)	30-Mar-1909	M	Unpaid Home Duties

Fron Cemetery

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Austin Matthew Williams, retired gamekeeper/gardener, Belle View, Hill Street, d 07/02/1957, bu 11/02/1957, age 85

Martha Williams, widow of Austin Matthew Williams, Belle View, Hill Street, d 14/11/1961, bu 20/11/1961, age 91



AUSTIN MATTHEW WILLIAMS.

My grandfather, Taid, Austin Matthew Williams, was born in 1871, the younger son of Samuel and Ann Williams. He had five older brothers, Robert, John, Lloyd, Edward Samuel and one sister, Ann. They lived at Wern Uchaf: a hill farm on the slopes of Dinas Bran, and supplemented their farm income by running a small carting business.

As soon as they were old enough to leave home, they were kitted out with a new suit, new boots and a silver watch from Hughes, the jewellers in Castle Street.

The new suit involved taking fleeces to Ty Brython Mill to be woven into cloth. A tailor then visited the farm and sat cross-legged on the kitchen table to make the suit.

When Austin left home he went to work at Abercregan. There he began his work as gamekeeper, and learned how to build coracles to accompany the owner and his guests salmon fishing on the River Dee.



On June 10th 1895 he married Martha Roberts, who was nanny to Sidney and Richard Richards at Pen-y- Bryn Hall. Whilst he was employed at Abercregan, they lived at Tan Rallt Terrace, where their children were born, Samuel, Bertie, Sidney, Austin (my father) and Helena Anne (Lena now aged 95 years).

They moved to live at the Lodge at the Grange where Austin was employed as gardener and gillie by Mr Sam Jagger. He constructed his own coracle and accompanied his employer on fishing and shooting parties around Llangollen and on Estates around the country

Austin was an expert trainer of gun dogs. I remember him saying that the final test of a good retriever was that the dog could carry an egg in its mouth without breaking it.

After Mr Jagger's death The Grange was occupied by General Jones.

In 1938 Austin and Martha moved out the Lodge at Belle View at the top of Hill Street. He continued to work as a gardener at The Grange, until he was in his late 70's.

Austin and Martha celebrated their Diamond wedding in 1955.

He had been a deacon in Seion chapel for many years when he died on February 2nd 1957. His funeral was attended by six ministers.

I quote from the account of the funeral in the Tuesday review. The Rev. Daniel Williams spoke of Austin's knowledge of nature.

"He knew where the pike lay and the otter. He knew the habits of wood and moorland creatures. He was full of kindness and of appreciation of the virtues of others: his sincerity and absolute freedom from cant enhanced the value of his friendship, which will long be treasured by many".

In 1941 their daughter, Helena, married Joseph Leonard Green at Seion Chapel. Joseph died in 1990, and Lena in 2009.

MRS LENA GREEN

(Formerly of Bell View, Hill Street) Celebrated her 95th Birthday on 30th March 2004. Her family joined residents and staff at the Old Vicarage Residential Home at a party given in her honour.

SCHOOL FRIENDS MEET AGAIN AT LLANGOLLEN EISTEDDFOD AFTER 60 YEARS



Anne Thomas and her husband Alun have been regular visitors to our small guest house. They have stayed over 25 times in the last 20 years, mainly to attend the Eisteddfod, but also to visit friends and family. Anne was born in Llangollen and attended Llangollen Grammar School in the 1940s, becoming Head Girl in 1949. Those of a certain age will remember her as Ann Williams who lived at one time in Graig-y-Don and was niece to Lena Green, nanny to Dudley Richards and who lived latterly at Bell View Villa on Hill Street.



Unfortunately, Anne and Alun ceased their annual pilgrimage for the full Eisteddfod week a few years ago. But they cannot keep away entirely and come up from Barry for a few days each year, staying locally with family.

The year after Anne and Alun stopped coming, their place was taken by fresh guests, Margaret and David Edgar from Guildford in Surrey.

We soon found out that Margaret also had been born in Llangollen, but we did not immediately twig that they may have been at school together.

Margaret's maiden name is Gaunt and she was born in Bryntirion Terrace. Not only were they at the same school at the same time, but they had been the best of friends. A reunion after so many years had to be arranged. And so it was. This year they met for the second time in the Friends' Tent, having met initially during last year's Eisteddfod.

You can always count on the Eisteddfod to come up with serendipitous events such as this. I consider myself privileged to have played a part in reuniting these two lovely ladies after all these years.

Veda Williams

photographs show - left Margaret (on left of photographs) and Anne 60 years ago and above at their reunion.

1,2,3 Aber Adda Cottages



Aberadda Cottages were shown on the 1873 map, but it is not until 1881 that it is possible to ascribe the occupants to each cottage. It is probable that these properties were built for rent. In 1908 the properties were put up for auction, but were withdrawn at £225.

17th July 1908

**LLANGOLLEN.
TO BE SOLD BY
AUCTION**

**BY MESSRS. DAVID ROBERTS & SON,
at the WYNNSTAY ARMS HOTEL, LLANGOLLEN,**

On Monday, the 20th day of July. 1908,

At 3 o'Clock in the afternoon, subject to conditions to be then produced.

Lot 1 Three Cottages and Yards, called and known as ABERADDA COTTAGES, situate on Grapes Hill, Llangollen.

24th July

**PROPERTY SALE AT LLANGOLLEN
ALL THE LOTS WITHDRAWN**

Contrary to anticipation "no sale" was effected on Monday afternoon, when Messrs David Roberts and Son, of Corwen, submitted several lots of valuable property in the Vale of Llangollen by public auction in the spacious dining room at the "Wynnstay Arms" Hotel. The first lot "put up was three cottages and yards, known as Aberadda Cottages, situated on Grapes-hill. The bidding for these commenced at £100 and, when it had proceeded to £225, the lot was withdrawn by the Auctioneers.

No 1 Aber Adda Cottages



The earliest recorded occupant was John Amos Jones, a labourer/bricklayer, who was here in 1877 when his wife gave birth to their daughter Margaret Jane Jones. The family was still here in November 1881 when their daughter Melinda was born here, but by 1891 the family had moved to John Street. They were replaced in 1891 by John William Roberts, a rural postman from Wrexham, with his wife Miriam and son Charles Frederick. They had previously lived at 11 John Street, where John had worked as a currier. However, by 1901 they had moved to Whitby.

12th January 1877

Jan. 5th, the wife of Mr. John Jones, labourer, Aber Adda, Llangollen, of a daughter.

1881 Census

1 Aber Adda

John Jones	Head	M	35(1846)	Bricklayer	Llangollen
Ann Jones	Wife	M	28(1853)		Llanelidan
Price Jones	Son	U	9(1872)	Scholar	Corwen
Charlotte A. Jones	Dau	U	7(1874)	Scholar	Corwen
Mary Jones	Dau	U	6(1875)	Scholar	Llangollen
Margaret Jones	Dau	U	3(1878)	Scholar	Llangollen
Sydney Jones	Son	U	1(1880)		Llangollen

4th November 1881

Nov. 1st, the wife of Mr. John Jones, bricklayer, Aber Adda, Llangollen, of a daughter.

1891 Census

1 Aber Adda

John W Roberts	Head	m	32(1859)	rural postman	Wrexham
Miriam M Roberts	Wife	m	32(1859)		Mont, Newtown
Charles F Roberts	Son	s	4(1887)		Llangollen

In 1901 Elizabeth Jones, the widow of John Jones, moved here,. John had died in 1899, and Elizabeth was supporting the family by working as a Laundress. In 1911 the family had moved to John Street.

1901 Census

1 Aber Adda 137

Elizabeth Jones	Head	w	36(1865)	laundress	Llangollen
Annie G Jones	Dau	s	7(1894)		Llangollen
William N Jones	Son	s	3(1898)		Llangollen
John Evans	Bro	s	23(1878)	railway porter	Llangollen

1911 Census

1 Aber Adda

Harry Augustus Thomas	Head	m	28(1883)	Mason	Llangollen
Ellen Jane Thomas	Wife	m	25(1886)		Llangollen
William Edwin Thomas	Son	s	1(1910)		Llangollen

17th December 1915

THE GREAT CANVASS.

CLOSING SCENES AT LLANGOLLEN.

A SPLENDID RALLY DURING FINAL DAYS.

Owen Chas. Corke, I, Aberadda, Hill-street.

1939 Register

1 Aberadda Cott

Owen C Corke	12 Sep 1882	M	Painter
Louisa Corke	8 Aug 1882	M	Domestic Duties
Cyril Corke	08-Sep-1920	S	Painter

St John's Cemetery

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Owen Charles Corke, bu 04/05/1940, age 57, Aberadda Cottages

10 August 1954

W, K. Jones, 1 Aberadda,

8th December 1976

THE LATE Mr. ALBERT E. ("BILL") HAMMONDS

We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. Hammonds, which occurred suddenly at his home, 1 Aberadda, in the early hours of Tuesday, November 30th. Mr. Hammonds had been head gardener for the local council for many years. In 1974 he won first prize awarded for the Glyndwr area in the national "Wales in Bloom" competition. His entry was for the Plas Newydd Grounds and the Chief Technical Officer, Glyndwr District Council, wrote him a personal letter of congratulation to him and his staff. In his retirement, he still took a great interest in Plas Newydd and he enjoyed cultivating one of the new Fron Bache allotments. Our deep sympathy is tendered to his widow, son and daughters. The funeral took place on Saturday last and a fuller obituary notice will appear in our next issue.

15th December 1976

THE LATE MR. A.E.HAMMONDS

Mr. Albert Hammonds, affectionately known as Bill by his friends, was a native of Shrewsbury. Before the War, he was a gardener at Rug, Lord Newborough's Corwen home, which was how he met his wife, Miss Blodwen Richards of Corwen. During the War, he served under Lord Montgomery in the North African campaign. There was no gardening post open to him on his return, so Mr.& Mrs. Hammonds came to Llangollen and Mr. Hammonds worked at Mile End, but sixteen years ago was appointed gardener by the Llangollen U.D.C. – a happy event for both employer and employee. Before his retirement early this year, he had a heart attack, but had recovered well and got back to work. His death on November 30th was a great shock to

his family and it was fortunate that his niece and her husband, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Jackson were staying at Aberadda that night, having just come up from London after Mr. Jackson had received the M. B.E. for nuclear research.

The funeral took place on Saturday December 4th, the Rev. Philip Donovan taking the service in the Parish Church, with Mr. Lindop at the organ. The family mourners were Mrs. Beti Hammonds (widow); Mr. & Mrs. Clive Pumford (son-in-law & daughter); Mr. & Mrs. Albert Hammonds (son & daughter-in-law); Mr. & Mrs. M.J. Hartigan, Mr. & Mrs. Colin Graham (sons-in-law & daughters); Mr. & Mrs. Charles Hammonds, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Hammonds (brothers & Sisters-in-law); Mr. & Mrs. W.E. Jervis, The Willows, Mr. & Mrs. R.E. Jones, Corwen (brothers-in-law & sisters-in-law); Mrs. Blanche Williams, Ruthin (sister-in-law); Mr. Walter Davies (brother-in-law); Mrs. Spilstead (cousin); Mr. & Mrs. Peter Jackson, Mr. & Mrs. J. Caddon, Manchester, Mr. & Mrs. Graham Jervis, Mr. & Mrs. Glyn Davies and Mr. & Mrs. John Jones, Corwen (nieces & nephews). Mr. & Mrs. Hartigan, Stockport, Mr. & Mrs. Humphreys, Trevor and Mrs. Charlie Ellis (friend). There were a great many friends present and many members of the British Legion, whose banner was draped on the coffin. The bearing party was composed of workmates and British Legion members. They were Ben Meyers, R. Oswald Parry, Cyril Edwards, Conway Rowlands, Glyn Hughes and Arthur Stanley Hughes. Interment was in St. John's cemetery.

Floral tributes were from "His ever loving wife, Beti"; Sonia & Clive, Albert & Eirwen, Hilda & Michael, Valeia & Colin; grandchildren Linsey, Maxine, & Karenna Pumford; David & Ian Hammonds, Susan & Tracy Graham, Alison & Peter Hartigan, Charlie & Maude, Fred & Olive: -May, Ernie, Graham & Jill & family; Dolly & Robert Evan; -Blanche; Brian & Rosaline Walter & Glyn & Stasia; Mrs. Spilstead, Elsie & Peter; Jimmy, Betty & family; John, Mai & Kevin; Gwyn, Miriam & little Claire; Jenny & Ben; Joe & May; Bill & M. Smith; Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Ellis; Mr. & Mrs. Hartigan; Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Gale; R.O. Parry; Ved & Arthur; Mr. & Mrs. Humphreys & Megan; Mr. & Mrs. Marchi; Dennis; Mrs. Jones & family 13 Aberadda; Jack A.A. Evelyn, & Winnie; Dil, Con and Carol; All at R. & G. Cuthberts; Indoor & Outdoor Staff, Glyndwr District Council; Llangollen & District Darts League; Llangollen Town Silver Band Friends at the Cambrian Hotel; Friends & neighbours.

THANKS: The family of the late Mr. A.E. Hammonds would like to thank Dr. J. Adams Davies, Mrs. Charlie Ellis, P.C. Roberts, P.C. J. Francis & Sgt. D.A. Pugh for their helpfulness and all friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy and floral tributes, in their recent sad bereavement. 1 Aberadda, Llangollen.

A quaint ONE BEDROOM end-of-terrace cottage close to Llangollen town centre. The cottage benefits from: Off street parking, kitchen to the ground floor, living room to the middle floor and a bedroom with en-suite shower-room facilities.

Key Features

Location: Very popular location

Setting: Within a quiet village only 20 minutes from Wrexham & Oswestry

Type / Size of property: 1 Bedroom end of terrace cottage

Furnished / Unfurnished: Unfurnished

Internal Accommodation 1: Open plan kitchen – breakfast room

Internal Accommodation 2: Separate living room

Internal Accommodation 3: 1 Double bedroom

External Benefits 1: Ample off-road parking

No 2 Aber Adda Cottages



In 1881 the occupants were Richard William Foulkes and his wife Amelia. In 1870 they had taken over the lease of the Cross-Foxes in Chapel Street, but had relinquished it in March 1873. By 1881 Richard was describing himself as a coachman (unemployed). On 7th May 1886 Richard died in Manchester, although his address was given as Laurel Cottage, Hall Street. He was described as having been for many years a car proprietor.

1881 Census

2 Aber Adda

Richard W. Foulkes	Head	M	32(1849)	((Dom)) Coachman Unemp	Llangollen
Amelia Foulkes	Wife	M	36(1845)	Dressmaker	Llanelidan
Robert E. Foulkes	Bro	U	30(1851)	A B Seaman Unemployed	Llangollen

In the 1880's the occupant was William Hughes, a painter. On the 10th December his wife Eleanor gave birth to a daughter here, unfortunately 10 days later she died. The child was named Eleanor Frances. In 1892 William remarried to Mrs Ellen Roberts at Penybryn Chapel,

16th December 1887

Dec. 10th, the wife of Mr. William Hughes, painter, Aberadda, Llangollen, of a daughter.

23rd December 1887

Dec. 20th, at Aber Adda, Llangollen, Eleanor, the beloved wife of Mr. William Hughes, painter, in her 41st year. The funeral will start from the house at 3 o'clock this day (Friday), for St. John's Churchyard.

1891 Census

2 Aber Adda

William Hughes	Head	w	43(1848)	painter	Beaumaris
Sarah J Hughes	dau	s	18(1873)		Norbiton
Keturah Hughes	dau	s	16(1875)		Llangollen
John W Hughes	Son	s	14(1877)	painter	Llangollen
Robert V Hughes	Son	s	13(1878)	painter	Llangollen
Eleanor F Hughes	dau	s	3(1888)		Llangollen

11th November 1892

Nov. 5th, at Penybryn Baptist Chapel, Llangollen, by the registrar, Mr. James Clarke, Mr. Wm. Hughes, painter, Aberadda, Hill-street, Llangollen, to Mrs. Ellen Roberts, Oak-street, Llangollen.

When Norah Catherine Hughes, their first child was born in June 1893 the family had moved to 2 Greenfield Cottages. Around 1895 Thomas Pierce, a fellmonger moved here from Cross Lane.

14th May 1897

May 9th, the wife of Mr. Thomas Pierce, Aberadda, Hill-street, Llangollen, of a daughter.

Census 1901**151 No 2 Aber Adda**

Thomas Pierce	Head	m	28(1873)	Fellmonger	Denbigh
Sarah A Pierce	Wife	m	27(1874)		Llangollen
Jane A Pierce	Dau	s	6(1895)		Llangollen
Mary E Pierce	Dau	s	3(1898)		Llangollen
Blodwen Pierce	Dau	s	1(1900)		Llangollen

28th June 1901

June 23rd, the wife of Mr. Thomas Pierce, Aberadda Hill-street, Llangollen, of a daughter.

10th October 1902

Oct. 3rd, the wife of Mr. Thomas Pierce, Aber Adda, Hill-street, Llangollen, of a daughter.

15th February 1907

February 11th, aged 5 years and 9 months, at Chester Infirmary, Gwyneth, fourth daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Pierce, Aberadda, Hill street, Llangollen.

1911 Census**2 Aber Adda**

Thomas Pierce	Head	m	39(1872)	Fellmonger	Denbigh
Sarah Ann Pierce	Wife	m	38(1873)		Llangollen
Jane Ann Pierce	Dau	s	16(1895)	General Servant (domestic)	Llangollen
Mary Ellen Pierce	Dau	s	13(1898)	School	Llangollen
Blodwen Pierce	Dau	s	11(1900)	School	Llangollen
Edith Pierce	Dau	s	8(1903)		Llangollen

The Pierce Family had moved to Tan'rallt Terrace by 1918. Thomas was about the oldest inhabitant when he died age 95 in 1968.

In October 1935 Joseph Allan Oliver, a gardener living in Dee Mill Place, married Ethel May Jones from Cefn at Rhosymedre. At the time of the 1939 Register they were living here with their three daughters, Margaret, Cynthia and Jeanette, and Joseph was describing himself as a chauffeur/handyman. Joseph later moved to Nottingham.

1939 Register

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Joseph A Oliver	12-Apr-1909	M	Chauffeur Handyman Private Service
Ethel M Oliver	28-May-1913	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties
Margaret Oliver	11-Sep-1936	S	Under School Age

This record is officially closed.

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E B Miller, who ran Castle Stationers in Bridge Street and was chairman of the UDC lived here in 1958, before moving to Penylan, Wern Road.

8th April 1958

Edward Brinley Miller, 2 Aberadda, Llangollen.

Maud Louisa Jones Rees and her sister Bertha Jones Rees were the daughters of William Jones Rees, a Liverpool estate agent. Maud worked as a telephonist for much of her life, whilst Bertha worked as a secretary. They moved to Llangollen from Liverpool, and lived at 2 Aberadda, where Maud died in 1963.

29 January 1963

Our sympathy is also tendered to Miss Bertha Rees, 2, Aberadda, on the death of her sister, Miss Maud Rees, which, occurred suddenly at their home on Thursday last.

In 1968 John Thomas Griffiths, a former taxi driver, died in Coed Afon. His widow, Emily Louisa moved to No 2 Aberadda, where she was in 1974, before moving to Fron Eirian, Fron Bache, where she died in 1986.

1st January 1974

Also Congratulations WARRANT OFFICER CLASS 2, WILLIAM LLOYD GRIFITHS of the Royal Military Mounted Police, stationed at Aldershot, who was awarded the MEB in the New Year's Honours list for services in the Military Mounted Police. He is the .son of Mrs Emily Griffiths (2 Aberadda) Like his father the late Mr John Griffiths, he loves horses and is in charge of all the Mounted Section of the Military Police , He married Miss Betty Williams of Froncysyllte and they have two sons

No 3 Aber Adda Cottages



1881 Census

3 Aber Adda

Isaac Jones	Head	M 32(1849)	Wool Sorter (Woollen)	Llangollen
Jane Jones	Wife	M 26(1854)		Melverly

Isaac and Jane Jones were here in 1881. Isaac was a wool sorter. Shortly afterwards they moved to Willow Street where in October 1891 their daughter Ellen was born. Unfortunately she died aged 7 weeks, they later moved to Holywell, Flintshire.

The Ghost of Grapes Hill

June 2014

The girls told me of one often told by their father, Wyn, about the ghost of Aber Adda Cottages, at the top of Hill Street, which I will always refer to as Grapes Hill.

The girls said that their grandfather, John Edwin Jones, had a brother who lived in 3 Aber Adda Cottages. His name was Isaac Jones, and he was always complaining that he could not get a decent night's sleep because of a ghost or poltergeist that frequented the cottage.

Every night he would be woken up by noises, and the cottage would shake, pictures would fall off the walls, and ornaments were thrown to the ground. It got so bad that the family considered leaving the cottage.

Now Edwin was a man whose feet were firmly on the ground. In his eyes, he only feared fire and water, and any other notions his brother had were simply figments of his imagination. So Edwin decided he would spend the night in the cottage, and put an end once and for all to this nonsense. But by morning, he realised how wrong he had been, for there were noises, the house did shake, and pictures and ornaments did fall to the ground. Now puzzled, he slept in the cottage for two more nights, and each time the same thing, happened. But then he realised that they happened at the same time each night, which coincided with the arrival of the night mail train into Llangollen station.

In the stillness of the night, and the geology of the earth in the Aber Adda area, could vibrations of the mail train as it thundered into the valley, set up earth tremors that shook the cottages! We shall never know the answer, for in 1965, Dr Beeching closed down the railway line to Ruabon and ever since, the mail has been brought into Llangollen by road. today, it is almost: 50 years the railway line was brought to an end, as well as the Aber Adda ghost.

Evan Roberts was a joiner in Dee Mill Place. On 28 January 1885 he married Elizabeth Lettsome, the daughter of Edward Lettsome, photographer of Victoria Place. Their first child, Charles Henry was born in Victoria Place, but by 1891 they had moved into No 3.

13th March 1891



March 11th, the wife of Mr. Evan Roberts, joiner, Aber Adda Cottager, Llangollen, of a daughter.

Evan and Elizabeth with their children.

By 1893 the family had moved to Hall Street.

1891 Census

3 Aber Adda

Evan Roberts	Head	m	27(1864)	joiner	Llangollen
Elizabeth Roberts	Wife	m	28(1863)		Rhos
Charles H Roberts	Son	s	5(1886)		Llangollen
Joseph E Roberts	Son	s	4(1887)		Llangollen
Mabel Roberts	dau	s	2(1889)		Llangollen
Mary E Roberts	dau	s	1m(1891)		Llangollen

In 1901 Price Jones, a bricklayer, and his wife Dora and daughter Doris Melinda were living here, but moved away towards Fron Bache shortly afterwards.

1901 Census

3 Aber Adda 138

Price Jones	Head	m	29(1872)	bricklayer	Corwen
Dora J Jones	Wife	m	23(1878)		Llangollen
Doris M Jones	Dau	s	4 M(1900)		Llangollen

In 1911 David Roberts, an engine driver was living here with his wife Edith (nee Roberts), son Thomas and Mother Mary.

1911 Census

3 Aber Adda

David Roberts	Husb	m	33(1878)	Engine Driver	Llangollen
Edith Roberts	Wife	m	30(1881)		Cynwyd
Thomas Henry Roberts	Son	s	7(1904)		Llangollen
Mary Roberts	Motherw		59(1852)		Cynwyd

In the spring 1935 Richard Humphrey married Jessie Claybrook. Richard was working on his father's farm (Robert James Humphrey), Ty Canol at Trevor.

1939 Register

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Richard Humphrey	25-Apr-1912	M	Farm Worker, Assisting Father
Jessie Humphrey	29-Dec-1916	M	Household Duties
Roy Humphrey	23-Jun-1935	S	Baby

This record is officially closed.

3, Aberadda Cottages, Hill Street, Llangollen, Denbighshire LL20 8EY

Terraced

£47,000 08-May-1998 Freehold

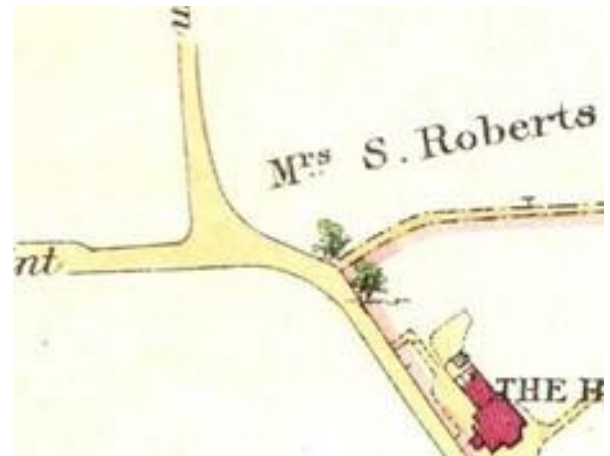
£60,000 05-Apr-2019 Freehold

Upper Hill Street

1890 Auction



1874 OS MAP



TOWN OF LLANGOLLEN.

IMPORTANT SALE OF VALUABLE FREEHOLD BUILDING LOTS.

MESSRS. DAVID ROBERTS & SON
Will Sell by Auction, at the EAGLES HOTEL,
LLANGOLLEN, on

MONDAY, the 17th of APRIL, 1897,

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon, subject to conditions as
will then be produced and read,

**TWENTY-FIVE EXCELLENT FREEHOLD
BUILDING LOTS,** being the Land called

"ABERADDA FIELD,"

Situate close to and adjoining PLAS NEWYDD, and
was formerly a portion of the Plas Newydd Estate,
which is famous as having been for many years the
residence of the "LADIES OF LLANGOLLEN."

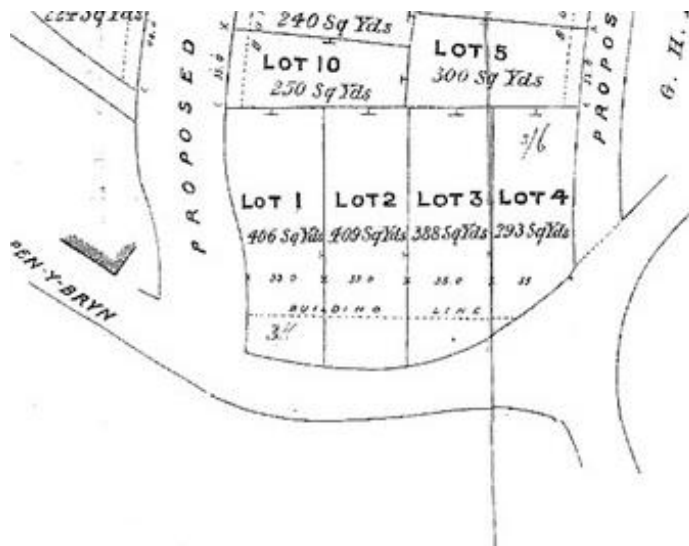
The Lots are beautifully situated, and from every
Lot fine views may be obtained of Castell Dinas Bran,
Eglwyseg Rocks, and charming mountain scenery,
through which the River Dee winds its course.

The Town Water Mains are laid on close to the
Property, and there is a good Public Sewer into
which all drainage pipes could be connected.

Lithographed Plans and particulars may be had
from the AUCTIONEERS, Llangollen and Corwen, or
from

MESSRS. MINSHALLS & PARRY-JONES,
(5323), Solicitors, Oswestry and Llangollen.

17th April 1897



At the Eagles Hotel, Llangollen, on Monday, Messrs. D. Roberts and Son offered for sale a number of valuable freehold building sites, situate near Plasnewydd, the old residence of the "Ladies of Llangollen." The property included twenty-five building plots, but only four which comprised the choice portions of the estate were actually put up by auction. Of these, Nos. 1 and 4 were sold to Mr. Barrett at 3s. 6d. per square yard, with the option of purchasing Nos. 2 and 3. The sale was conducted by Mr. R. R. Roberts.

Until the 1890's this was undeveloped land. At an auction following the death of General Yorke in 1890, when Plas Newydd was put up for auction, and the land next to the site was shown as being owned by as Mrs S Roberts. The building plots for the adjacent houses to Hillcrest were sold to a Mr Barrett, who had the option of purchasing Lot No. 3 was to become Hillcrest.



The houses were built shortly afterwards because in 1901 Robert Barnett, formerly with the Mersey Docks Board, was living in Wynnstay Villa, Hill Street. Wynnstay Villa later became Hillcrest in around 1919.

The OS map for 1910 shows that Hillcrest and the adjacent buildings. The 1911 census shows that there were four houses between Aber Adda and Wynnstay Villa (Bodwen Villas 1-4). At 21st September 1900, Mrs T J Rees was shown as living in Bodwen Villa

1 Bodwen Villas



The earliest recorded inhabitant of No 1 Bodwen Villa was David Roberts, a joiner. It is believed that he was involved in the construction. Although he was usually recorded as a builder/joiner he had also worked as a farmer at Tan y Castell. In 1909 his son, Albert David Roberts married Sarah Elizabeth Roberts, and moved into No 3. David was still here in 1916- but his location later is more difficult to determine.

1901 Census

Bodwen Villa 143

David Roberts	Head	m 44(1857)	joiner	Llangollen
Annie Roberts	Wife	m 40(1861)		Llangollen
Albert D Roberts	Son	s 16(1885)		Llangollen
Annie M Roberts	Dau	s 13(1888)		Llangollen

September 1906

August 13th -Eleanor Jones, Bodwen Villa, Llangollen. aged 80 years.

17th August 1906

MRS. ELLEN JONES. The death took place on Thursday evening August 9th, of Mrs. Ellen Jones, late of the Tower Farm, Llangollen, at the age of 83 years, the deceased lady, who had been in failing health for the past twelve months, was beloved by a circle of friends and relatives. Last year she retired from the Tower Farm, where she had continued to live after the death of her husband the late Mr. John Jones, to reside with her daughter, Mrs. David Roberts, at Aberadda, Llangollen, and it was here that her last hours were spent. The funeral was on Monday last, the interment being made in St. John's Churchyard the Rev. J. T. Davies, curate, officiating at the house and the grave-side. The chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs. David Roberts; Mr. Frank Jones Mr. Joseph Jones; Mr. Herbert Jones; Mrs Ida Jones; Mr. Oswald Jones; and Mrs. Jane Jones with nephews and nieces. Numerous beautiful wreaths and other floral devices were pieces upon the grave.

1911 Census

1 Bodwen Villa

David Roberts	Head	m 54(1857)	Builder	Llangollen
Annie Roberts	Wife	m 53(1858)		Llangollen
Anne Mabel Roberts	Dau	s 23(1888)		Llangollen

In 1929 Edward Harding, a clerk from Walthamstow, married Elizabeth Frances Edwards from Aberadda. By 1939 Edward had progressed to being a buyer at Monsanto, and they were living in No 1 Bodwen Villa. They later moved to Llywn Onn, Abbey Road.

1939 Register

1 Bodwen Villa

Edward Harding	28 Feb 1902	M	Buyer Heavy Chemical Manufacturers
Elizabeth F Harding	4 Sep 1902	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties
Annette Harding	16 Jun 1934	S	At School

Harry Millray, a former landlord of the Ponsonby was here for a while in the 1960's.

24th May 1978

OBITUARY THE LATE MR. HARRY MILLRAY

Mr. Harry Millray was born at Preston where his father was stationed as a Railway Guard; but his maternal aunt, the late Miss Liza Hughes of John Street, had from babyhood brought him up and he always had a great affection for Llangollen. Like his father, he was also a railwayman and he married Miss Mary Alice Pastor of Preston, a happy union which lasted 54 years. He took over the licence of the Ponsonby Arms and their proved to be a most popular mine host and Mr. & Mrs. Millray endeared themselves to the hearts of many residents of Llangollen. In 1964 they paid a two year visit to their only son, who holds an important post in Canada and, on their return, resided in West Street, then at Bodwen Villas and latterly at Rockcliffe, the home chosen by their son, Mr Kenneth Millray. Mr. Millray had not been in good health for the last two years, but he greatly enjoyed sitting out in the garden and chatting with his friends. He died peacefully at his home on May 12th, at the age of 77. He is survived by his widow, his son and only grand-daughter, Mrs. Annette Christenson in Canada, four sisters and two brothers.

The funeral was on Tuesday May 16th, when the Rev. Chancellor Owen conducted the service in the Parish Church, with Mr. Lloyd Rowlands at the organ. Cremation took place at Pentrebychan, where Chancellor Owen again officiated. Family mourners were Mrs. M. Millray, widow; Mr. Kenneth Millray (son); Mrs. Blackburn & Mrs. Russell, London (sisters-in-law); and Mrs. Gale (cousin). To their great distress, his brothers and sisters were unable to attend. They are Mr. Fred Millray & Mrs. Liza Morgan, both of Liverpool, Mr. John Millray, Mrs. Elizabeth Hughes of Leyland, Mrs. Nellie Ainsworth & Mrs. Grace Bainton, both of Preston, The bearers were Messrs Lewis Davies, Tom Clayton, Eric Rowlands and Derek Bithell.

Another occupant was Norman Evans.

17th January 1979

OBITUARIES THE LATE MR. NORMAN EVANS

Mr. Evans, whose death on January 1st was recorded in our last issue, was the son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Frank Evans of Fair View and was 67 years of age. Like his father, an electrical engineer, it was while working in Somerset that he met Miss Phyllis Hawkey of Shepton, Mallet whom he married in 1944, the beginning of 34 years of very happy life together. Returning to Llangollen he was employed by MANWEB until he retired, though after that he returned to work for another two years at their Oswestry installation. Mr. & Mrs. Evans recently acquired Waverley Villa after their long residence at nearby Bodwen and Mr. Evans too great pride in the garden he planned and planted. His geniality and good nature made him loved by all - family, friends, colleagues and chance acquaintances. The funeral took place on January 5th. Even at the early hour of 9.30 the church was crowded for the service conducted by Chancellor Cledwyn Owen, with Mr. Lindop at the organ. The hymns were "The Lord's my Shepherd" and "Now the Day is Over" which was chosen because it was the favourite hymn of the Evans

children when they were small. The family mourners were Mrs. Phyllis Evans (widow); Mr. & Mrs. John Archer (brother-in-law & sister); Mrs. D. Carrol (sister); Mr. & Mrs. John Evans, Gobowen, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Evans, Alcester (brothers & sisters-in-law); Mr. David Carrol (nephew); Mr. John Smith, Shepton Mallet (nephew); Mr. & Mrs. Frank Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Eric Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Jones, Mr. Donald Jones, Mr. H. Edwards, Tanycastell (cousins); Mr. Geoff Jones, Mrs. Jennifer Astle, Mr. Philip Jones (nephew & niece), Miss Gwyneth Jones M.B.E., Mr. Sam Jones & Mrs. Baden Jones; Penddol were unable to attend & so was Mr. Gareth Jones (nephew) owing to weather conditions. Many colleagues from Manweb were present in church and more still at Pentrebychan where cremation took place, the Vicar again officiating.

There were flowers from the family and donations were received to be given to the Parish Church.

In the 1970's Mike and Vera Heath were living here, before they moved to Maescollen.

3rd May 1979

MICHAEL HEATH

1, Bodwen Villas,

Llangollen.

35 years of age, married with 2 children and has lived in Llan. all his life. An active member of the Eisteddfod Publicity Comm. & Member of the Operatic Society, he is also a Verger at the Parish Church.

2 Bowen Villas



In the early 1900's this house seems to have been used by curates at St Collen, although the house number was not specified.

1901

Bodwen Villa 144

John Edwards Head s 30(1871) clerk in holy orders Llanafnfelech

April 1901

The Rev. John Edwards, B.A., Bodwen Villa, Llangollen

1803. 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.
342	June 19 th 1903	Edward Roberts.	32.	Bachelor	Clerk in Holy Orders.	Bodwen Villa Llangollen.	Robert Roberts (deceased)	Sea-Captain
		Emily Sophia Maud Barker	38.	Spinster	—	Penybryn Hall Llangollen.	Richard Barker (deceased)	Brewer.
Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, or after Banns by name,								
This Marriage was solemnized between the			in the presence of us			Signed by the Minister		
Edward Roberts.			Emily Sophia Maud Barker			Edith Barker		

July 1903

June 19.-The Rev. Edward Roberts, B.A., Bodwen Villa., to Emily Sophia. Maud Barker, Penybryn Hall.

November 1904

THE REV. J. T. DAVIES.

As agreed upon at our Easter Vestry. a third Curate has been engaged and has already entered upon his duties. The Rev. T. J. Davies, was ordained as Deacon, at Bangor Cathedral, on St. Matthew's Day (Sept. 21st), and commenced his ministerial life in the parish on Monday, Oct. 3rd. I feel sure that Mr. Davies will receive every kindness and encouragement from the Church people of the parish and I trust that the sacred call into which he has just entered upon will be abundantly blessed and fruitful in rich, harvest of, God. Mr. Davies's address is-Bodwen Villa, Llangollen,

November 1937

October 6th -David Roberts, Bodwen Villas, Llangollen, aged 82

Arthur Hywel Hughes and his wife Florence Claudia (nee Matthews) were here in 1939. Arthur was the son of Robert Hughes, the Castle Street Watchmaker. Arthur died here in 1970, and Florence in 1971.

1939 Register

2 Bodwen Villas Hill Street

Arthur H Hughes	14 Jul 1883	M	Jeweller
Florence C Hughes	15 Nov 1886	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties

3 Bodwen Villas, Norwood



The earliest confirmed occupants were Albert Dennis Roberts and his wife Sarah Elizabeth ("Bessie"). Albert was the son of David Robert in No 1, and as a joiner he worked for his father. Albert and Bessie later moved to Bryn Castell by 1916 when his father applied for temporary exemption from call up. Albert died there 1923, and Bessie in 1928

1911 Census

3 Bodwen Villa

Albert Dennis Roberts	Head	m	26(1885)	Joiner	Llangollen
Bessie Roberts	Wife	m	25(1886)		Baschurch
Cecil Tudor Roberts	Son	s	6m(1910)		Llangollen
Ethel Annie Edwards	Serv	s	14(1897)		Glyncieriog

22nd September 1916

David Roberts, Bodwen Villa, Llangollen, applied for exemption for Albert Dennis Roberts, Bryncastell, Llangollen, on the grounds of domestic difficulties, and temporary exemption was granted for three months.

Subsequently No 3 was occupied by Henry Jones, who had been a police sergeant in Llangollen from 1914. Henry and his family were here in 1939, by which time he had retired. However when the war broke out he was recalled to the service.

1939 Register

3 Bodwen Villas Hill Street

Henry Jones	03 Mar 1877	M	Police Sergeant (Retired)
Kate E Jones	22 May 1878	M	Domestic Duties At Home
Mildred Jones	17 Feb 1905	S	Fruit & Fish Shop Clerk
Edith K Jones	12-Mar-1900	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties

In the late 1940's Leonard Carroll, a bank clerk, and his wife Dorothy (nee Evans) were living here, but by 1950 they had moved to Pengwern,

Sept 1949

August 28th.-David Michael, s. of Leonard & Dorothy Carroll, Bodwen Villas, Llangollen.

2nd December 1975

DEATH - JONES - On November-15th at H.M. Stanley Hospital, St. Asaph, Lily, daughter of the late Sergeant Jones of 3 Bodwen Villas, Llangollen. Cremation took place at Colwyn Bay.

March 2010

SEEKING INFORMATION ON EDITH KEZIAH JONES

My Grandfather Henry Jones, was the Police Sergeant in Llangollen from 1914 until his retirement in 1937. During that period the family resided at the Police Station with wife Kate and six children. At the outbreak of the Second World War, he was recalled to the Police Force as a Reservist, and served until 1946.

At this time the family was residing at 3, Bodwen Villas, Grapes Hill, Llangollen. The children were, Henry, Edith Keziah, Mildred, Reginald, Douglas and Lilian. My concern is with Edith Keziah. On the 1911 Census she was aged eleven years, and that is the last known record of her whereabouts. If any of your readers have any information which might shed some light as to what could have happened to Edith Keziah, I should be grateful if they would contact me on 01978 355835 or at rodcnjones25@yahoo.co.uk.

Darryl Jones

4 Bodwen Villas, Hillandale



1901 Census

142 Maesfryn

Alfred George	Head	m	28(1873)	Solicitor's clerk	Oxton
Mary E George	Wife	m	25(1876)		Llangollen

1911 Census

4 Bodwen Villa

Alfred George	Head	m	38(1873)	Law Clerk	Oxton
Mary Eleanor George	Wife	m	35(1876)		Llangollen

Alfred died here in March 1930. His widow Mary moved to Princess Street

John Trevor Ellis and Elizabeth Florence (nee Davies) were here by the early 1930's

1939 Register

Hillandale

John T Ellis	19 Jun 1893	M	Rating & Valuation Officer
Elizabeth F Ellis	14 Aug 1891	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties

This record is officially closed.

In the early 1950's Catherine Williams, the widow of Jonathan Williams of Acrefair, died here aged 88.

Fron Cemetery

D 12 163

Jonathan Williams, retired clay miner, Springfield Villa, Acrefair, d 19/11/1934, bu 22/11/1934, age 67

Catherine Williams, widow of Jonathan Williams, Hillandale, d 30/01/1951, bu 02/02/1951, age 88

Hillandale, Hill Street, Llangollen, Denbighshire LL20 8EU

Terraced

£119,500 21-Sep-05 Freehold

Wynnstay Villa/Hill Crest



In 1898 Joshua Richards, a postman, Joshua Richards living in Church Street married Margaret Barnett in Toxteth Park. Margaret was the daughter of Robert Barnett who had a maritime background. By 1900 Robert Barnett and his family had moved to Wynnstay Villa, Joshua and Margaret moved in with them.

13th April 1900

April 5th, at Wynnstay Villa, Llangollen, the wife of Mr. Joshua Richards, of a son.

1901 Census Wynnstay Villa, Hill Street

Robert Barnett	Head	M	54(1847)	Retired Mariner	Liverpool
Mary Barnett	Wife	M	53(1848)		Liverpool
Joshua Richards	Sil	M	31(1870)	Postman	Llangollen
Margaret Richards	Dau	M	27(1874)		Liverpool
Robert B Richards	Gson	S	11m(1900)		Llangollen
Sarah Wynne	Serv	S	21(1880)	Gen Serv	Glynceriog

4th October 1901

Sept. 30th, the wife of Mr. Joshua Richards, Wynnstay Villa, Hill-street, Llangollen, of a son.

In 1908 Robert died.

10th April 1908

April 3rd, a Wynnstay Villa, Llangollen, age 62 Mr. Robert Barnett, for many years in the service of the Mersey Dock Board.

In memoriam.

THE LATE MR. R BARNETT

The death took place on Friday last, at Wynnstay Villa, Llangollen, at the age of 62 years, of Mr. R. Barnett, an old and highly respected resident of the town. The deceased had been in health for several weeks, and, a week prior to his demise, appears to have contracted a chill which resulted in an attack of acute pneumonia to which he succumbed. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, the interment being made in St John's Churchyard. A short service was held at the house, the Rev. J. Reid, English Baptist officiating. The service at the churchyard was conducted by the Rev L D Jenkins, vicar, and the Rev. J. Reid, a large number attending to pay a last tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased. The principal mourners were Mrs. Barnett (widow), Mr & Mrs. Richards and three boys (daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren), Mr. Cardwell, Mr. F Cardwell, Mrs. Berry, Mr. S. Davies, Mr. Jordan, Mr.

and Mrs. Redman, Mr. W.G. Dodd, Captain Davies, Rev. W, Foulkes, Mr. E.M. Parry, Rev. Moses Roberts, Mr. Humphrey Jones, Mr. J. H. Davies Mr M. H. Roberts, Mr. Ivor Rowlands, Mr. R. Darlington, Mr. A. H. Edwards, &c. Many beautiful wreaths were laid upon the grave, being sent, amongst others, by Mother, Maggie and Jos; "Sister and Nephew;" Robbie and Bertie "To Dear Uncle," from Bob and Fred Mr. and Mrs. Sam Davies, Liverpool; "Annie, Maggie, Arthur and Walter" (nieces and nephews) Mr and Mrs. Humphreys, Bache Mill, "From all at Princess-street;" "Members of the Abbey-road Church and Congregation;" His Niece and Nephews;" Mr. and Mrs. Redman. The funeral arrangements were admirably carried out by Messrs J. Roberts & Sons, undertakers, Market- street, Llangollen.

1911 Census Wynnstay Villa

Joshua Richards	Head	m	41(1870)	Postman G P O	Llangollen
Margaret Richards	Wife	m	38(1873)		Liverpool
Robert Barnett Richards	Son	s	10(1901)	School	Llangollen
Abert J Barnett Richards	Son	s	9(1902)	School	Llangollen
Mary Elizabeth Barnett Richards	Dau	s	1(1910)		Llangollen

Mary Barnett	Head	w	65(1846)	Private Means	Liverpool
Mary Jane Austin	Serv	s	18(1893)		Glyn Ceiriog

Joshua Richards died here in 1914. Robert's widow later moved the Birkenhead where she died in 1925

3rd July 1914

June 27th, aged 44, Mr. Joshua Richards, Wynnstay Villa, Llangollen.



Grave of Robert Barnett in St John's



The earliest mention of Hillcrest is in 1919, when Harvey Birch, chairman of the UDC had moved here from Cherry Tree on 1st November 1919. Harvey Birch died 24th September 1935, his widow and family later moved to The Hawthorns on Abbey Rd.

By 1939 the inhabitants were the Foulds Family. Joseph Ewart Foulds was born in Aberystwyth in 1905. He was an agent for Prudential Insurance. They later moved to Leamington Spa where Joseph died in 1952.

1939 Register

<i>Joseph E Foulds</i>	<i>M 24 Sep 1905</i>	<i>Assistant Superintendent Prudential Assurance</i>
<i>Bertha Foulds</i>	<i>M 06 Jun 1909</i>	<i>Unpaid Domestic Duties</i>
<i>Leah Foulds</i>	<i>Wid 28 Apr 1873</i>	<i>Unpaid Domestic Duties</i>
<i>Mary L Franfield (Foulds)</i>	<i>S 29 Jul 1900</i>	<i>Governess</i>

A later occupant was Ieuan W Hughes, but nowadays Hillcrest is a Guest House.

1 & 2 Glan Aber



These two houses were built at the same time, there do not seem to be any references to them before 1904 when Annie Jones, the wife of David Jones, a carter died at Glanaber. The houses were originally rented out, but it is not always clear which one was which, but the freehold of both of them was advertised in 1914, when they were occupied by a Miss Gee and John Willaume Tanqueray (who had lived in Arfryn previously),

3rd April 1914

LLANGOLLEN.

Freehold Villas, Houses and Land,

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION BY

MESSRS. JONES & SON, at the Royal Hotel, Llangollen,

On TUESDAY, 21st APRIL, 1914, At 3 30 p.m.,

subject to conditions.

2 FREEHOLD VILLAS called "GLANABER," Plas Newydd Avenue, in the occupation of J. W. Tanqueray, Esq., and Miss Gee.

For further particulars apply to the Auctioneers, Wrexham and Llangollen, or to, MINSHALL & Co., Solicitors, Llangollen.

24th April 1914

Lot 2 comprised the two freehold villas called "Glanaber," Plas Newydd Avenue, in the occupation of Mr. J. W. Tanqueray, and Miss Gee. For these the first offer was £400, and gradually £500, was reached, at which price the Rev. W. Jackson, Arfryn, became the purchaser of the property.

1 Glan Aber



In 1901 Thomas Morris, a slate cutter, and his wife Mary were living in No 1 Oak Street. Before 1905 Thomas Morris had become an insurance agent and the family had moved initially to Aberadda, and by 1910 to Glan Aber. On 19th October Mary (or Polly as she was known) gave birth to a second daughter Mary Morfydd Foulkes Morris, their first daughter Margaret Oliver Morris having died after 8 hours in 1902. Unfortunately, about a week later on 28th October Mary died. Thomas and his daughter moved to Pengwern to live with his in-laws, The family of Edward Foulkes.

26th March 1909

Mr. THOMAS MORRIS, Glanaber, Llangollen, agent for Prudential.

Fron Cemetery

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Mary Morris, wife of Thomas Morris, Glanaber, Hill Street, d 28/10/1910, bu 01/11/1910, age 40

14th October 1910

TO BE LET, No. 1, GLANABER, Plas Newydd Avenue — pleasantly-situated, semi- detached villa, complete with bath (hot and cold-water arrangements). Apply to FRED. EVANS, Moss Bank, Llangollen. [20208]

16th April 1915

April 11th, aged 70, at Glanaber, Plas Newydd-avenue, Llangollen, Mr. John Jones, farmer, formerly of Penlan Farm.

11th February 1916

WAR BREVITIES. Up to noon yesterday (Thursday) the following additions had been made to the names of those attesting in Class B under Lord Derby's enlistment scheme:-William Owen, Glanaber, Llangollen;

Fron Cemetery

B 1 7

Jane Roberts, Wife of Wm. Roberts, Glanaber, Llangollen, d 25/03/1920, bu 29/03/1920, age 73

William Roberts, Retired weaver, Glanaber, Llangollen, d 21/03/1930, bu 25/03/1930, age 84

1939 Register

1 Glan Aber

Daniel Davies

14 Dec 1877 M

Station Master G W R Retired

Mary L Davies 6 May 1875 W Unpaid Domestic Duties

On the death of her parents at Tower Farm in the 1950's Dilys Jones moved here with Mabel Morris, a former family retainer. Mabel died in 1965, and in 1969 Dilys married Iorwerth Roberts, and went to live with him at Isgaer on Birch Hill.

16th April 1974

THE LATE MRS DILYS ROBERTS (1903 1974)

Mrs. Roberts was the only daughter of the Late Mr. & Mrs. Robert (Herbert) Jones Tower Farm. She was predeceased by her only brother, Mr. Harry Jones some years ago.

Mr. & Mrs Jones retired from farming in 1948 and went to reside at nearby Heulfre, with them went their daughter and Miss Mabel Morris, a valued family retainer. On the death of her parents, Miss Dilys Jones moved to Glanaber Hill St., where she cared devotedly for Miss Morris until her death in 1965 (bu 19/6/1965). It was in the same year that Mr. Iorwerth Roberts lost his first wife; and he and Miss Dilys Jones were married in 1969. Her happiness with him was short-lived for Mr Roberts died only eleven months later. Finding Isgaer too lonely Mrs. Roberts moved to Greenfield Terrace so as to be nearer her cousin, Miss Gwyneth Jones and to her close friends; but her health continued to deteriorate until to the grief of her relatives and friends she passed away in Llangollen Hospital on the morning of Sunday, April 7th.

The funeral took place on Wednesday April 10th when the Rev. J K Hughes conducted the service in Llantysilio Church, with Mr Jocelyn Wilson at the organ.

Mr Hughes had previously conducted a brief service at which several near relatives were present on the previous evening when the body was received into the church.

Interment was in the grave of her parents, in the churchyard,

The bearers were: Frank Jones, Eric Jones Donald Jones, Geoffrey Jones, Gareth Jones and John Evans (cousins).

The family mourners were Miss Gwyneth Jones (cousin) who also represented Mrs. Mary Jones of Mostyn (niece); Mr Gwyn Neale, who also represented Mrs Llinos Neale (step-daughter); Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Gittins, Mr. Norman Evans who also represented Mrs. Ida Evans, Fair View; Mrs. Baden Jones, Mrs. Josephine Jones, Mrs Vonda Jones, Mrs Williams, Llanrhaerdr Y M and Mr. Gareth Williams (cousins); Rev Percy Thomas, representing Mrs. Eluned Thomas, and Mr. Gwyn Thomas, Mr. Cyril Richards representing , Mrs E C Richards (sister-in-law); Mr. Dewi Rhys, Ruthin representing Mrs, Olwen Jones, Cardiff (sister-in-law); Miss Florrie Evans and Mrs Nellis Roberts (friends).

Mrs. Ethel Gibbons, Sale; Mr. Sam Jones; Mr. Dennis Janes and Hr. J Howel Edwards, Tan-y-Castell, (cousins) were unable to attend.

The Rev. Edgar Williams, and other friends from Rehoboth were present as also representatives of the International Eisteddfod; Pentredwr WI and many friends and neighbours.

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From 1969 to 1987 the occupant was Edward Thomas Owen Roberts. Edward had been born in Froncysyllte in 1898. He had worked on the railways, and in 1939 he been station master at Drayton in Hayes. On his retirement he moved here around 1960 with his wife Mabel Dora. He was involved with the Baptist Chapel, and also worked for the eisteddfod. He died Glanaber 7th January 1978, and was cremated at Pentre bychan 11th January 1978.

7th March 1961

Mrs Edward Thomas Owen Roberts, Glanaber

11th January 1978

MR. EDWARD (Ted) T. ROBERTS

We were shocked to hear of the death, early on Sunday morning, of Mr Ted Roberts, Glanaber, Llangollen, which occurred in a Wrexham Hospital after an illness of only some ten days duration. A hardworking official of the Eisteddfod and the Baptist Chapel, Mr. Roberts will be sadly missed in the town. The funeral will be today (Wednesday) 11th January, 1.30 p.m. at the Castle Street, Baptist Chapel and 2.30 p.m. at Pentrebychan.

Our deep and sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Roberts at this sad time.

13th December 1978

MRS MABEL ROBERTS of Nazareth House, Wrexham (late of Glanaber) wishes to thank all her friends who have visited her and sent greetings cards since she came to reside at Nazareth House.

She also wishes THEM ALL a Happy Christmas as she will be unable this year to write Christmas cards, but hopes to be able to make contact with them in the New Year. And she expresses the hope that it may be a happy and healthy New Year for all her friends in Llangollen.

*Nazareth House, 2 Hillbury Road,
Wrexham. 4th December, 1978.*

2 Glan Aber



In March 1904 Annie Jones, the wife of David Jones, a carter died at Glanaber. David later moved to Princess Street, where he died a year later

Fron Cemetery

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Annie Jones, wife of David Jones, Glanaber, Llangollen, d 26/03/1904, bu 30/04/1904, age 43

David Jones, Carter, Princess Street, Llangollen, d 25/03/1905, bu 29/03/1905, age 51

In 1907 Arthur Evan Davies, a carpenter/joiner of Maesyrychain married Annie Jones at Hebron Chapel, and by 1911 they were living at No 2 Glan Aber. Subsequently Arthur's business expanded, and by 1939 he was described as a building contractor, living in Wrexham.

1911 Census

2 Glanaber

<i>Arthur Evan Davies</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>30(1881)</i>	<i>Joiner</i>	<i>Llantysilio</i>
<i>Annie Davies</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>27(1884)</i>		<i>Llantysilio</i>

William Jackson was a Wesleyan Minister, originally from Tickton in Yorkshire. In the beginning of 1914 he and his wife, Florence Mary had moved here to Llangollen, where he was to serve as Minister at the English Methodist Church. Initially they lived at Arvryn. In April of that year William bought 1 & 2 Glanaber for £500. Florence died here in 1931, and William in 1939. In the 1939 Register the occupants were Lizzie and Mary J Jackson, both widows who could have been sisters-in-law of William. In 1948 Florence died, and the property was advertised for auction.

A AX8 10/X42

Florence Mary Jackson, Wife, Glanaber, d 08/05/1931, bu 12/05/1931, age 75

Revd William Jackson, Retired minister, Glanaber, d 18/02/1939, bu 03/03/1939, age 86

Hilda Jackson d 14th March 1946 aged 65

1939 Register

2 Glan Aber

<i>Lizzie Jackson</i>	<i>01 Jul 1864</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Private Means</i>
<i>Mary J Jackson</i>	<i>13 Mar 1871</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Unpaid Domestic Duties</i>
<i>Alice M Davies</i>	<i>18 Apr 1903</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Unpaid Domestic Duties</i>
<i>Sarah J Davies</i>	<i>16 Feb 1900</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Shop Assistant Arts & Craft</i>

The record for this person is officially closed.

JACKSON Lizzie of 2 Glanaber High-street Llangollen Denbighshire widow died 18 September 1948 Probate **Liverpool** 10 March to Joseph Bennett dentist. Effects £2188 0s. 10d.

Fron Cemetery

A AX5 1/X14

Lizzie Jackson, Widow, 2 Glanaber, Llangollen, d 08/09/1948, bu 18/09/1948, age 84
19th October 1948

THURSDAY NEXT, OCT. 21,

A. AVERY & SON

AUCTIONEERS, LLANGOLLEN,

beg to announce their instructions from the Exor of the late Mrs. Jackson, No.2 Glanaber, Llangollen, to sell by Auction - the whole of the CHOICE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS at their BERWYN ST.

SALEROOM, to commence at 1.30.

TERMS - CASH.

On view Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, 18th, 19 th& 20th., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m

In 1956 W E Swift, a painter and decorated was at this address.

27th March 1956

W. E SWIFT

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PAINTER & DECORATOR

PERSONAL ATTENTION

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