

Great House, Aberthin

- 1651 Sale for £38
Anne Deere of Llantwit Major, spinster, and Susan Jenkin of Cowbridge, widow (relict of Philip Jenkin, decd) to William Thomas of Burthin, gent, and grandson Roger Williams
Parcel of land (1 acre) at Burthin
(endorsements include 'Aberthin house') *D/Dyn 173*
- 1658 Date of sundial inscribed 'RW' (= Robert Williams, said by GT Clark to be a barrister, and son of Wm Thomas)
- no date Lease for 99 yrs on lives of Jn Grant, bro Anthony and Alice Hopkin (daughter of Hopkin Evan of St Hilary weaver)
Richard Deere of St Mary Church gent to John Grant of Burthin, yeoman
A mansion house and garden in occ of John Grant and land (1 acre) in Burthin *D/Dyn 174*
- 1661 Death of Robert Williams *Llb parish records*
Robert's son, Roger, had died and so his heirs were Anne (= Thos Mathew of Castell y Mynach) and Gwennlian (=1.Thos Button, 2. Edward Thomas of Llanmihangel, 3. Thomas Lewis)
- 1672/3 Lease for 99 years or lives of Richd William, sister Jane and Edward David Thos Mathew of Castlemynach and wife Cecill, dau of Robert Williams, to Richard William of Aberthin, carpenter
A mansion house and garden and land (1 acre) in Aberthin &c *D/Dyn 200*
- 1715 Lease for life of lessee
Chas Talbot of Castlemynach and wife Cecill to Wm Cornish of Cowbridge, apothecary
House called The Great House at Burthin, with garden, orchard and appurtements *D/Dyn 208*
- 1752 Lease for lives of Thos Mathews of Llandaff, esq, and w. Anne Wm, Lord Talbot to Thos Mathews
The Great House, Aberthin with lands (barn, orchard of 1¼ acre and one field) 3¾ acres, formerly held by Wm Wrexem *D/Dyn 214*
- 1758 Lease William Lord Talbot to Thomas Matthews of Llandaff formerly in occupation of William Wrexem *D/D D 214*
- 1780 Mr Rawlins? Roderick Williams letter to WAH Fisher, 11/11/39; *WAHF34/3a*
1792 John Thomas, occ R. Wms letter to WAH Fisher, 11/11/39; *WAHF34/3a*
- 1813 Thomas Morgan *WAHF, 41/43*
TM was agent to the Hensol estate, into which the Castell y Mynach estate had passed by marriage; he had the house on a lease for lives, the last life dying in 1841
Letter from Patricia Moore
- 1840 Elizabeth Morgan, occ, Lord Dynevor, o *Tithe #726*
- 1850 Richard John, tenant of Lord Dynevor
Abstract of title, Gwyn & Gwyn Box F, bundle 3

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- 1851 Charlotte John, 37, maltster's wife, b Cardiff + 3 dau + 3 sons *Census# 128*
- 1861 Catherine Butler, aged 73, farmer of 17 acres *Census*
- 1871 John Butler, farmer of 28 acres *Census*
- 1874 Mrs Catherine Butler, occ, Rice Wingfield, o, *County Rate # 228*
- 1875 John Butler, Great House, Aberthin *Worralls directory*
- 1881 Catherine Butler, widow, farmer of 13 ac, b Llanblethian, and daughter Catherine 5 + boarder *Census # 119*
- 1884 Mrs Catherine Butler, occ (ho sold by Edward Rhys Wingfield to Wm Thomas farmer and butcher of Aberthin) for £375 *Sale docs*
- 1891 Wm Thomas, 54, farmer and butcher, b Welsh St Donats + wife Catherine 52, b Pentyrch + 2 sons, Wm and David, 22 and 20, b Llanblethian + dau Elizabeth b Welsh St Donats + 2 servants *Census #117*
- 1896 William Thomas *Electoral roll*
- 1900 William Thomas, Hayward of manor of Llanblethian
- 1901 William Thomas, 63, butcher and farmer, b Cowb + wife Kate, 61, b Pentyrch + 2 servants *Census #123*
- 1901 William Thomas died, aged 63; buried at Ystradowen 19 April *Mon. inscription*
- 1902 Catherine Thomas (o and occ) sold ppty to Jenkin Hughes, 30/9 (later she lived at the Cross House near the tree, later Bowen's) *Avril Dart, Cardiff (gt-gd dau of JH)*
- 1911 Jenkin Hughes still living there and farming *Cardiff Times, 30/9/1911*

Notes on William Thomas

Wm Thomas (I) b Bassaleg c 1808, m at Ystradowen Susanna Williams, 28/4/1831
In 1851, aged 43, a butcher/farmer of 13 acres. In 1881, farmed 97 acres at Prisk. They had 8 children between 1833 and 1850.

Wm Thomas (II) was the third child, born Prisk 1838. He married (1) Elizabeth David, 1838-74?

They lived in Aberthin in 1871, probably in a house which has since disappeared (where The Orchard houses are today)

They had 6 children

Mary, b 1861, b WSD (Prisk?)

Susanna, b 1863, b WSD

Thomas, b 1866, WSD, buried Ystradowen

William, b 1869, Llanblethian

David, b 1871, Llanblethian

Elizabeth, b 1874 at Ty isha, WSD (married David Morgan, who worked for his uncles at Ffistla farm, Penllyne, and at Church farm, Ystradowen, and acc to David Morgan himself it

was when driving the milk cart from Church farm to Cowbridge that 'he first cast eyes upon the fair Elizabeth from Great House'

Perhaps Elizabeth the mother died in childbirth, or soon after

Wm (II) married Catherine Evans 29/4/1878 and in 1881 was probably at Sweetings.

In 1884 he bought Great House from the Castell Mynach estate.

WAH Fisher, who lived in Great House much later, said William was a butcher with a stall in Cardiff Market. Mrs Thomas apparently, on finding the panelling in the Long parlour rotten, took it out, and also the carved overmantel, and possibly also destroyed tapestries.

His great-granddaughter was told that William had a stammer.

Notes on Jenkin Hughes

Jenkin and Hannah Hughes, Great House, Aberthin. 1902 - ?

9 children

John m. Nellie 5? Children -Harriet, James, Emlyn, Megan & Millicent; lived Pontycymmer
David William m.

Sarah Anne m. George Wright 2 daughters ?

Elizabeth m. David Hopkins, 4 children Arthur, May, Vera & Hannah. Hannah lived at Great House for a long time looking after Gran & Grampa Hughes

Jenkin m. Amy no children , lived Aberthin

James m. Elizabeth Ann, 4 children, Gwyn, Mathew, Jessie & Betty, lived ??

Robert m. ??(writing illegible) ? children - David James, Penry, Edith, Robert & Mair

Edith m. Oliver Morgan, 2 children Peggy and Mary, lived Ty Mawr Ystradowen (see chs 06231)

Arthur Henry (my maternal grandfather)

Avril Dart, March 2004

"Mr Hughes had land in the Perrogs, the sloping land on the Cowbridge side of Stalling Down, and in Cae Mawr and the Maes meadows behind Cae Lloi, but I can't remember him with cattle. He used to keep huge cart horses and farm implements in his barn on the Llanquian Road."

Mrs W Huish in *Cowbridge & District Remembered, 1900-1950* (CRS 2002)

References : D/Dyn Dynevor papers in Glamorgan Record Office
CRS Cowbridge Record Society
WAH Fisher His notes held in Cardiff Central Library
WSD Welsh St Donats
Llb Llanblethian

