



DUNRAVEN CASTLE

## HISTORY OF THE VALE.

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#### SOME INTERESTING FEATURES OF THE INTERIOR APARTMENTS.

#### THE OAK STAIRCASE & ARTISTIC OLD TAPESTRY.

Relics of the Ben y Gloe, Wrecked on October 15th, 1886.

#### ARTICLE No. 7.

(By T. M. PRICE, Late of Boverton.)

Having outlined and described the exterior and architectural design or plan of Dunraven Castle, with its glorious and charming environment, let us now revert to the interior apartments of the stately mansion, which are full of remarkable features, with numerous valuable trophies, paintings, works of art by many eminent and talented artists, as well as several other remarkable old relics of the past.

From the delightful conservatory, with its magnificent and exquisite display of pretty evergreen ferns, various plants, and choice fragrant flowers, you ascend some stone steps, which lead therefrom to the beautiful spacious saloon or entrance hall. This fine apartment is panelled half-way up the walls, and all around are hung numerous notable and remarkable portraits of

owned by the present noble Earl of Dunraven or the Wyndham-Quin family. Thomas Wyndham, Esq., represented the county of Glamorgan in eight successive Parliaments, and died, as already stated, in 1814.

Another portrait of a younger member of the Wyndham family also adorns the walls of the drawing-room—Mr. Charles Wyndham, eldest son of Thomas Wyndham, Esq., M.P., and Anna Maria Charlotte, his wife, who was killed quite young in the hunting field. The Wyndham memorial monument in the chancel of St. Bride's Major Parish Church, records "he died June 2nd, 1798, aged ten years and two months, and interred beneath the monument in the chancel of the church with several others of the Wyndham family."

The exquisite and valuable furniture of the drawing room at Dunraven Castle is in the Louise Quinze and Queen Anne styles, and of these there are some very fine chaste examples.

#### The Oak Staircase and Artistic Old Tapestry.

The grand old oak staircase occupies a space or cavern on the southern side of the castle, and along the walls which form the gallery at the top are some artistic and interesting pieces of antique tapestry, which were removed and brought many years ago from Llanmihangel Place—a fine old Tudor mansion situated in a peaceful little valley or dingle in the heart of the pretty Vale of Glamorgan, midway on the old country

Dunraven Castle, there are, in all, three large pieces of tapestry, and they are all reputed to be of Welsh origin and design. Both subjects are taken from the Book of Esther in the Old Testament, one being of King Ahasuerus, and the other represents Haman, the son of Hammedatha and Mordecai the Jew. By the way, I can well recollect the sacred cantata, entitled, "Esther the Beautiful Queen," being performed in character about forty-two years ago by a mixed and well-trained choir of voices at the old Town Hall, Llantwit Major, under the tuition and leadership of Mr. Edwin Williams, my old school teacher, who was an accomplished musician and teacher of music and voice culture, as well as headmaster of the Llantwit Major Board Schools in the late seventies and early eighties of last century. Mr. Edwin Williams retired from the teaching profession two years ago, and now lives in retirement at Pontymister, near Risca, Monmouthshire.

The long corridor on the first floor at the top of the old oak staircase at Dunraven Castle, though of somewhat narrow dimensions, is nevertheless effective looking, the grained roof, when viewed from the ends, being particularly graceful and pleasing to the observant eye which admires artistic handiwork.

#### Interesting and Memorable Relics of a Famous Wreck.

An interesting and memorable relic of the past occupies a space on the floor of the extremity of the corridor just mentioned, which has a story attached to it. It is a big ship's bell of that famous ill-fated full-rigged ship, the "Ben y Gloe," of Glasgow, a fine boat of her time, for she was over 2,000 tons burthen. This fine, well-equipped ship, which had only recently been launched at Port Glasgow on the Clyde, was proceeding on her maiden trip, outward bound abroad, heavily laden with coal from Cardiff Docks; and during a terrible gale, on the 15th October, 1886, she was driven ashore during the height of the storm and totally wrecked beneath the lofty rugged cliffs to the west of Nash Lighthouses. This was one of those storms that will be remembered by many. It was one of those cyclones that fortunately so rarely visit our shores, but which, when they do, generally leave in their wake a trail of disaster and calamity on land and sea. Happily the captain and crew of the Ben y Gloe (save one unfortunate young man, the ship's carpenter, bearing the surname of Johnson) were rescued from their perilous position on the ill-fated ship, and in their pitiable plight some members of the crew found shelter and a kindly hospitality at the hands of the venerable and noble Earl of Dunraven, who still treasures and preserves the famous ship's bell as a fitting memorial of the event, which is probably well remembered by some of the older inhabitants of the Vale of Glamorgan to-day. Many interesting relics of the Ben y Gloe may be seen to-day in the neighbourhood of Llantwit Major, etc. Some of the furniture and other relics were purchased by the late Mr. Wm. Davies, King's Head Inn, Llantwit Major, in 1886, and may be seen to-day at the same ancient hostelry, occupied for the past 21 years by my sister-in-law, Mrs. Janet Price, only surviving daughter of the late Mrs. Peggy Deare, the remarkable centenarian, who recently passed away at Llantwit Major.

#### Personal Recollections of Visiting the Scene of the Ill-fated

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## ST. ATHAN VILLAGE & PARISH.

### THE OLD VILLAGE CHURCHYARD AND MEMORIAL MONUMENTS.

Marriages at St. Athan Church (Book 3.)

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AN extraordinary abundance of antiquities and a great variety of romantic, rural, sylvan and seaside scenery, and objects of natural history can render a district interesting to the archaeologist, the lover of natural scenery, and the tourist—then the neighbourhood of St. Athan, Gileston, Abertthaw, and The Leys, set in the midst of charming rural and sylvan scenery, near the shore of the Bristol Channel (or Severn Sea) is justly entitled to distinction in an eminent and remarkable degree. Bristling with the ruins of ancient castles and venerable Parish Churches, with their venerated monuments and memorials that tell a history in stone, historic old mansions and manor houses, quaint old-fashioned farmsteads, and pretty rustic cottages—rich in scenery, famous in song and story, and sometimes beautiful in themselves, with their fragrant flower gardens, the old-world villages and hamlets of the Vale of Glamorgan have a peculiar fascination and abiding attraction for anyone who concerns himself with the past history of the picturesque historical Vale, immortalised as "The Garden of Wales."

#### Marriages at St. Athan Church in 1831.

Each cross (X) indicates the mark of persons unable to write their names.

April 7th, 1831, Jenkin Richards (X), widower, St. Athan, and Margaret Alexander, spinster; three witnesses, William Alexander, Jane Alexander (X), and Lewis Gabriel, all of St. Athan Parish; by Rev. John Robert Cusberd, Rector.

May 9th, Christopher Spencer, farmer, bachelor, and Anne Evans, spinster; Lewis Evans, Jane Lewis, and Lewis Gabriel; by Rev. J. R. Cusberd.

May 14th, Evan Jenkins (X), bachelor, St. Athan, and Jannett Williams (X), spinster; Thos. Williams and Anne Turberville; by Rev. Frederick F. Edwards.

June 18th, 1831, William Hopkin (X), Penmark, bachelor, and Cecil Edwards, spinster; Mary Hopkin (X), Thomas Edwards (X), and Lewis Gabriel; by Rev. J. R. Cusberd, Rector.

Further entries of marriages at St. Athan in continuing articles.

#### Memorial Tombstones and Headstones in St. Athan Churchyard.

On a tomb near the chancel door (the priests' entrance door) is the following inscription:—"Here lyeth the body of Elisabeth Evan, spinster, died 30th March, 1756, aged 20; also John Lewellin, died Feb. 3rd, 1796, aged 66 years."

It should be stated there are no records of burials in the original Church register book between 1750 and 1760, but some of the burials were entered in the Bishop's transcripts, and accurately copied in another register-book by Mrs. Jenkins, The Rectory, St. Athan. The missing pages are said to have been torn out while the register book was in charge of the Churchwarden of that period, or a little later date.

Entering the Churchyard from the western end on the right hand side of the pathway south of the church are some flat tombstones, marking the last resting-place of David, son of Joseph and Margaret Evans, who died at "The Layes" (now spelt Leys), in this parish, July 10th, 1837, aged 28 years; also John, their son, died at Gileston in the adjoining parish, May 10th, 1838, aged 24 years; also Catherine, daughter, died May 1st, 1841, aged 28 years. (Rev. J. R. Cusberd, M.A., Rector).

Some old stone block tombstones (bricked) at west end of churchyard, under the yew trees, record the burials of "Mary, infant daughter of Joseph David, who died Sept. 3rd, 1793; also John, their son, died 10th April, 1802, age undecipherable; and Rachel, wife of Joseph David, died 28th May, 1803, aged 39 years; also Joseph David, died 4th April, 1836, aged 77 years, who died at Cowbridge, according to the entry in the register of burials."

A small headstone near the pathway, south of the church, records: "Morgan David; died Nov. 15th, 1830, aged 91 years." The entry in the register records a Morgan David, buried at St. Athan Oct. 26th, 1829, aged 88 years, who died at Flemingston; but no entry in the register to correspond with the inscription on the headstone.

the parish where he resides. Further references will appear later on to Castleton Manor House, St. Athan.

The inscription on the tombstone of the Lewis family is:—"In memory of Catherine, wife of Lewis Lewis, of Castleton; who died 19th August, 1824, aged 62 years. Rev. J. Deake, Rector. Also Lewis Lewis, died 30th July, 1827, aged 70 years; Rev. John Richards, officiating minister at burial. Wm. Lewis, son of above, buried Nov. 16th, 1827, aged 43 years; Rev. J. Deake, Rector."

Near the old yew tree on the south side of the churchyard is a headstone in memory of John Taylor, son of Philip Taylor, of Selworthy, Somersetshire, who died July 16th, 1817, aged 21 years. The register of burials records his abode at Cornetown, by Ewenny, Bridgend. The following sweet epitaph is inscribed on the memorial headstone:—

"Sweet temper did through all his actions shine;  
His life and converse all divine;  
This gained him here an universal love,  
And ripened him for heavenly joys above."

Another headstone marks the last resting place of other members of the Taylor family in 1837-1860, presumably the same family.

Also of Ann Taylor, who died at Flemingston, buried at St. Athan Dec. 2nd, 1841, aged 9 years.

A saddle-backed tombstone records the burial of Robert Taylor, born at Lurborough, Somersetshire, July 6th, 1798, died at Llanmaes Village Nov. 6th, 1869.

A headstone records the burial of Jane, wife of Griffith Richards, died at St. Athan 10th February, 1833, aged 66 years; Rev. J. R. Cusberd, Rector; and on it is inscribed the following epitaph:—

"My glass is run, my days are spent;  
My life is gone; it was but lent,  
And as I am so must you be;  
Prepare therefore to follow me."

Also in memory of Griffith Richards, who died at St. Athan 2nd July, 1836, aged 66 years.

This tombstone is at the foot of the old yew tree.

References to this family (who were yeomen or farmers at St. Athan, occupying New Barn Farm) will be made in continuing articles.

#### Curious Epitaphs on Tombstones at Minehead and Old Cleeve Parish Churches, and at Ludlow, Shropshire.

By the way, during my travels I have noted from time to time some curiously worded inscriptions on tombstones. Some of them are very quaint, and a few examples in the beautiful old Parish Churchyard at Minehead, which is a popular holiday resort, opposite St. Athan, Gileston, and The Leys, on the Somersetshire coast, are well worth noting.

One dated 1791, in memory of Ann Hole, shows a nice derangement of capital letters:—

"Farewell my Two Poor Children Dear  
In Love I Lived with Them Forty Years,  
When Forty Years was Gone and Past,  
I To the Earth must come at Last."

Another memorial to an old mariner, Captain Benjamin Forrest, will be seen on the east side of the south porch at Minehead Church:

"The Borea's Blasts and Neptune's waves,  
Have tossed me to and fro,  
Yet spite of all by God's decree,  
I anchor here below."

At Old Cleeve Church, about six miles from Minehead, via Dunster and Blue Anchor, and near Washford Railway Station, Somersetshire, is a tombstone to the memory of a blacksmith named "George James, whose calling is made quite clear by the not uncommon lines:—

"My sledge and Hammer lie reclin'd,  
My Bellows, too, have lost their wind,  
My Fires extinct, my Forge decay'd,  
And in the dust my body's laid;  
My coal is burnt, my iron's gone,  
My nails are drove, my work is done."

Another curious epitaph may be seen at the beautiful stately Church of St. Lawrence, Ludlow, Shropshire, which is ranked among the finest Parish Churches in England, and the following is worth quoting from the tomb of John Abington, in the Churchyard, who for forty years drove the Ludlow coach to London—a trusty servant, a careful driver, and an honest man. He died in 1827:—

"His labours done, no more to town  
His onward course he bends;  
His team 'unahut; his whip laid up,  
And have his journey ends."

ington, died 12th July, 1787, aged 53. Also six children." Also another member of the Jenkin family, 1770, and Mary the second wife of Matthew Jenkin, buried 26th July, 1805.

At the west end of the Churchyard, under the trees, is a tombstone in memory of Thos. Barnes, West Farm, Llantwit Major, formerly of St. Athan Parish, died July, 1870, aged 79 years.

Sarah Ann, his wife, died May 3rd, 1882, aged 94 years. The above-mentioned Mr. Thos. Barnes, and Mrs. S. A. Barnes, also occupied West Farm, St. Athan, in the fifties and sixties of last century.

#### The Turberville Family.

There are a few entries in the registers of the Turberville family, from the early part of the 18th century, at St. Athan.

January 27th, 1819, William, son of Thomas Turberville, mason (christened at St. Athan Church).

A headstone in the churchyard, to the left of the south entrance porch, marks the last resting-place of Thomas Turberville, who died at Llanblethian Dec. 17th, 1812, aged 32 years; also Martha, his wife, died Feb. 7th, 1837, aged 62. Also two children, William, aged 2 years, buried Feb. 1830, and Edward, aged 16 years, who died Dec. 18th, 1827, buried Dec. 21st, 1827, and Edward Turberville, aged 79, buried at St. Athan, Dec. 22nd, 1827. Also John Turberville, son of above-named Thomas Turberville, died Sept. 18th, 1844, aged 31 years, buried at St. Athan, 22nd Sept., 1844.

This family does not appear to have resided for a long period at St. Athan. They were presumably a branch of a Turberville family of Llanblethian and Cowbridge. The Turberville family are extinct in St. Athan district for about 80 years, and the surname of Turberville is very seldom found or heard nowadays in the county of Glamorgan, excepting the Turbevills, of Ewenny Priory, who still retain the honoured surname by Royal license. The present owner of the Ewenny Priory Estate is Colonel J. Picton Turberville, J.P., who succeeded to the Ewenny Priory Estate on the death of his brother, Lt.-Colonel Thomas Picton Warlow, who assumed the surname of Turberville. He died in 1891, and was succeeded by the present owner already mentioned, who likewise adopted the surname of Turberville by Royal assent. The letter "e" is sometimes omitted at the end of the name, but the pronunciation is precisely the same in both instances.

The Turberville family are of ancient lineage, and numerous branches were settled in the Vale in the old days. Their pedigree can be traced in several church registers, as they resided in the neighbourhood of Cowbridge, Llanblethian, Llanmaes, Llantwit Major, and at Sutton Manor House, now converted into a farmhouse, near Llandaw, and in the little Church of Holy Trinity at Llandow is a memorial monument to Mary, second wife of Wm. Bruce, Esq., of Llanblethian, and daughter of Edward Turberville, Esq., of Sutton, in Llandow Parish, and afterwards of Ewenny Abbey. She was born at Sutton August, 1706, and died in the year 1769.

Briefly, in passing, there is an interesting story of the Turberville family associated with Coity Castle, by Bridgend, now in ruins for many centuries. A fortress is reputed to have stood there before the Normans came to Glamorgan, and it is said to have been won by a Norman knight, Payne Turberville, not by the sword, but by love! The story goes that instead of besieging the old fortress or castle, he wooed the daughter of the Cymric owner, Morgan ap Mewryg, and finally won both the lady and the fortress.

Jostyn ap Gwrgan, the old Welsh chieftain and feudal lord of Glamorgan, at the end of the eleventh century (circa A.D. 1091), who aided Robert Fitzhamon, the princely Norman knight and his 12 knights and followers, is said to have rewarded his Norman auxiliaries so liberally that the place where they were paid "all in gold pieces" at a common—formerly in the old days an open public ground, situate about three miles to the east of Bridgend on the main county highway leading to the ancient borough of Cowbridge—is appropriately called the "Golden Mile" to this day.

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#### The Present Earl of Dunraven, K.P.

The present Earl of Dunraven and Mountearl, K.P., the fourth of his line, succeeded to the title in the year 1871 (52 years ago), after the death of his revered father. The present venerable Earl—although only 30 years of age at that period—had already played an active and important part in many varied capacities and walks of life. While he was at Oxford University he had served with the Volunteer forces, and subsequently with the Life Guards Regiment. In the year 1867 he acted as a special war correspondent for the London "Daily Telegraph," during the British Abyssinian Expedition, and the Franco-Prussian War (1870-1871) during the memorable Siege of Paris. He was also appointed aide-de-camp to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland in the year 1868, and served his country during the Boer War (Oct. 11th, 1899, to May 31st, 1902).

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By the way, it is interesting to note that Col. Wyndham-Quin, C.B., D.S.O., raised and commanded the Glamorgan Imperial Yeomanry. He was for years commissioned in the famous 16th Lancers Regiment. He also served in the disastrous Transvaal Military Campaign (1880-81), when the British Forces suffered two unfortunate defeats at Lang's Nek, 28th January, 1881, and at the disastrous memorable battle of Majuba Hill, Feb. 27th, 1881. He also served with distinction twenty years later in the South African struggle or the Boer War (1899-1902). This campaign gained him the D.S.O. and a special "mention"; and he also rendered useful military service during the recent great war. In passing, it is of interest to note that Col. Wyndham-Quin also wields a ready pen, and is the author and biographer of Admiral Sir Charles Tyler, who served and fought with Lord Nelson at the great naval Battle of Trafalgar, Oct. 21st, 1805, when the British gained a memorable naval victory, and when Lord Nelson was, unfortunately, fatally wounded. The late Admiral Sir Charles Tyler's home and country mansion was at Cottrell, a delightful picturesque residence, standing in the midst of magnificent and beautiful landscape and sylvan scenery, mid-way, about half a mile off the county main highway (to the right) between St. Nicholas and Bonvilston Village, leading from Cardiff City to Cowbridge. Admiral Sir Charles Tyler died at Cottrell Mansion, Sept. 28th, 1835, in his 76th year, and his memorial monuments, with other members of the Tyler family, may be seen at St. Nicholas Village Parish Church, which I recently explored on a visit. Cottrell is at present the Glamorganshire home of the Mackintosh of Mackintosh. His Scotch ancestral seat is at beautiful Moy Hall, in the county of Inverness. Several streets and prominent thoroughfares in Cardiff City bear family place-names relating to the Mackintosh of Mackintosh, where he owns considerable property or ground leasehold. Among these may be mentioned Mackintosh Place, Inverness Place, and Moy Road, etc., situate in the Roath district, near Roath Park.

Colonel Wyndham-Quin, like his venerable and talented cousin, Lord Dunraven, is also an enthusiastic yachtsman. He married Lady Eva Constance Bourke, a daughter of that ill-fated Earl of Mayo, who, when serving as Governor-General of India was cruelly assassinated, Feb. 8th, 1872, by a native convict while on a tour of the Andaman Islands. Lord Northbrook succeeded him as Viceroy of India, Feb. 22nd, 1872.

#### Lady Eva Wyndham-Quin as Parliamentary Election Campaigner.

Probably many of the older residents of South Glamorgan, including the Vale, can recall with pleasant, vivid

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### THE CASTLE AND ESTATE IN POSSESSION OF THE WYNDHAM FAMILY.

#### TRAGIC FATE OF MAJOR WYNDHAM.

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##### ARTICLE No. 5.

Time in its wake, and other various circumstances inevitably changeth many things; thus, as destiny, and fate ultimately decreed, the fortunes and palmy days of the Wyndham family vanished and finally ended at Dunraven Castle. About the year 1836, we learn from old historical records, Dunraven Castle and Estate came partly into the hands of the Wyndham family, but, according to further historical documentary evidence, we find the Dunraven Estate was finally purchased by Mr. Humphrey Wyndham about the year 1642, and in this ancient family lineage Dunraven Castle and Estate have since remained. Passing on, we learn that the tragic events of the past at Dunraven Castle did not fortunately end with the passing and death of Walter Vaughan, the former possessor of the Estate, as we find it recorded in history that after the Wyndham family came into possession, one of their two— a Major Wyndham—unfortunately, met with a very tragic fate whilst riding on horseback along the lofty precipitous cliffs leading to the Castle. One dark night his horse suddenly slipped on the brink of the high and dangerous cliff, whither, in the gloomy darkness, his faithful hunter had unwittingly directed him—with the tragic result that Major Wyndham was thrown over the horse's head, and his lifeless body was eventually found on the rocky beach below adjacent to Dunraven Castle and Southendown village.

Some five or six generations later, after the Wyndham family had acquired and obtained full possession of the Dunraven Castle and Estate, Mr. Thomas Wyndham of Dunraven Castle and Clearwell Court, Glamorganshire, died, and his daughter and sole heiress, (Williamine, married, in 1810, Mr. Wyndham Henry Quin. As a result of this matrimonial union and marriage the surname of Wyndham was, in the year 1815, adopted by sign manual and probably by Royal assent, and placed before that of Quin; and, in passing, it is interesting to note that the Earldom, or first Earl of Dunraven, was created in the year 1822.

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has been almost incessantly a source of much anxiety and trouble to various eminent Prime Ministers and political parties ever since the Act of Union was passed in 1801.

In passing it is of interest to note that the Union of Great Britain and Ireland was proposed in the Irish Parliament in January, 1799, but rejected by a majority of one; while in the English House of Commons the majority in favour was overwhelming. The measure was ultimately passed with adequate majorities by both Parliaments, and the Union came into force on January 1st, 1801. It is generally well known that a measure of Home Rule has been granted within recent years to this unfortunate country, which has been the cockpit of something smothered and unrest.

Reverting to Lord Dunraven, it is evident the noble lord has inherited and acquired his gifted and talented father's taste and admiration for architecture, archaeology, and literature. As a yachtsman he has also distinguished himself, as he has been on two occasions the central figure of the British Empire's hopes and aspiration, when he made two attempts to win the much-coveted American yachting cup, but unfortunately failed to regain and restore the American cup to the old Mother country. It is, however, interesting to note he won the Kaiser's cup in 1907.

In his younger days he was a keen and enthusiastic golfer, and in former years was a familiar figure, upon the breezy golf links at the Royal Porthcawl Club.

Wyndham Thomas Wyndham-Quin (to give him his full family name), the most noble Earl of Dunraven and Mountearl, K.P., P.C., C.M.G. (U.K., Baron Kerry), the fourth Earl of his lineage, of Kerry House, Putney Vale, London, S.W., also Adare Manor, county of Limerick, Ireland, and Dunraven Castle, Glamorganshire, was born in the year 1841, and is now in his 68th year. In spite of his age, he carries his years rather lightly, and shows comparatively slight indicative signs of advancing years. His highly interesting autobiography was recently published, and is going to be reprinted, owing to the increased demand of the noble lord's numerous personal friends, acquaintances, and admirers of his excellent literary talents and other proficient proclivities.

##### Col. Wyndham-Quin, Presumptive Heir to Estate.

The present presumptive heir to the Dunraven Castle Estate is Colonel Wyndham Henry Wyndham-Quin, C.B., D.S.O., who was born in the year 1867, now in his 60th year, who is well known and esteemed throughout the Vale of Glamorgan, including Porthcawl and Bridgend, etc., particularly as he was the faithful Conservative representative for the South Glamorgan Parliamentary Division from July, 1895, to the General Election of January, 1906, when he was defeated by his then Liberal-Labour opponent, Mr. William Brace, who succeeded in gaining the Parliamentary seat by a majority of 4,418 votes, the figures being—William Brace, 10,914 votes; Col. Wyndham Henry Wyndham-Quin, 6,096.

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aving outlined and described the exterior and architectural design or plan of Dunraven Castle, with its glorious charming environment, let us now turn to the interior apartments of the castle, which are full of remarkable features, with numerous valuable trophies, paintings, works of art many eminent and talented artists, as well as several other remarkable old things of the past.

From the delightful conservatory, with its magnificent and exquisite display of pretty evergreen ferns, various plants, and choice fragrant flowers, you find some stone steps, which lead up from the beautiful spacious porch or entrance hall. This fine apartment is panelled half-way up the walls, and all around are hung numerous notable and remarkable portraits of the Wyndham family, past and present. Among the many interesting trophies are some fine horned heads of moose and some other animals, which have fallen to the venerable and noble Earl of Dunraven's gun in by-gone days, for noble lord was an enthusiastic hunter and sportsman in his younger days.

The interior apartments of Dunraven Castle have been considerably altered many times to time, and the open space formerly occupied by the staircase is now the morning room, which really is an adjunct or addition to the main hall. The morning room is well fitted from the floor to the ceiling, with a pretty balustrading at one end, and his apartment adds considerably to the beauty of the room. Above the fireplace are some more trophies or mementos of ancient pictols, and to the right hand is an old mirror of French origin, and a suit of ancient armour occupies a corner of this apartment.

**Dining Room and Drawing Room.** Occupying the western side of the castle is the spacious dining room and drawing room. Both of these apartments have some large windows, where we may look across the adjacent Atlantic sea bay of Dunraven towards the more-by-Sea and the pretty historic town of Newton Nottage and Porthcawl, now one of the most popular resorts in South Wales generally designed and spoken of as the "Brighton of South Wales." In the dining room of Dunraven Castle are several very interesting old portraits of the Wyndham family in past generations, and other interesting notabilities of a by-gone day.

#### Interesting Features of the Drawing Room at Dunraven Castle.

The drawing room, which adjoins the dining room, is generally considered one of the most beautiful mural decorations of a bluish grey tint, which are all set off and matched by a finely moulded frieze. Many beautiful and valuable portraits and pictures adorn the walls, among them being portraits of the family of Dunraven Castle; also Thomas Wyndham, father of the afore-mentioned Caroline, who lived at Dunraven Castle from 1762 to 1814. He passed away on November 8th, 1814, and was buried at St. Bride's Major Parish Church (which will be dealt with in continuing contributory articles).

#### Thomas Wyndham, Esq., M.P., of Dunraven Castle.

Incidentally, in passing it may be mentioned that Thomas Wyndham, Esq., M.P., the last link of the Wyndhams in the male line at Dunraven Castle, also had another beautiful country residence at Clearwell Court, in Gloucestershire, which, I assume, is still

standing, and situated beneath the monument in the chancel of the church with several others of the Wyndham family."

The exquisite and valuable furniture of the drawing room at Dunraven Castle is in the Louise Quinze and Queen Anne styles, and of these there are some very fine chaste examples.

#### The Oak Staircase and Artistic Old Tapestry.

The grand old oak staircase occupies a space or cavern on the southern side of the castle, and along the walls which form the gallery at the top are some artistic and interesting pieces of antique tapestry, which were removed and brought many years ago from Llanmihangel Place—a fine old Tudor mansion situated in a peaceful little valley or dingle in the heart of the pretty Vale of Glamorgan, midway on the old country parish by-way between the ancient agricultural borough of Cowbridge and historical Llantwit Major.

#### Llanmihangel Place, a Former Home of the Wyndham Family.

It is interesting to note in passing that Llanmihangel was in former generations the old home of the Wyndham family of Dunraven Castle. Llanmihangel (or Llanfihangel) means the "Church of the Three Angels," and near this ancient Tudor manor house, or within a stone's throw from the south front of this historic gabled old mansion is the little parish church dedicated to the "Archangel or Three Angels," and in the side of the old water well adjoining the churchyard there is still to be seen a rude stone with the remains of three figures sculptured on it—doubtless in all probability connected with the nomenclature.

In this small and secluded little Parish Church, dating back many ages, rest the ashes of three Dukes and one Duchess, who were former owners of the property, from whom it descended to Caroline, the sole surviving heiress of Thomas Wyndham, Esq., M.P., of Dunraven Castle, who married the Hon. Wyndham-Quin, of Adare, in the county of Limerick, Ireland.

#### Intermarriage of Edwins and Wyndham Families.

Perhaps it will be interesting to point out how the Edwins and the Wyndham families inter-married. Briefly, in 1684 Sir Humphrey Edwin, of London, purchased and acquired Llanmihangel Place, now forming part of the Dunraven Estate, from Sir Robert Thomas, Bart., M.P. for Cardiff, 1678-1681. Sir Humphrey Wyndham, into whose hands Llanmihangel passed, was a Londoner, who had married a Glamorganshire lady, and who, as a result of this matrimonial union had been particularly and naturally desirous of obtaining a desirable country residence in the county of Glamorgan. Sir Humphrey was an influential man of many parts, and was Lord Mayor of London in 1697. He died at Llanmihangel Place, and monuments to his memory, and to that of some of his immediate descendants may still be seen in the chancel of the quaint and ancient little church which stands quite near the old manor house. Two or three generations later the male line of the Edwin family became extinct, and Ann, the daughter and heiress of Samuel Edwin, of Llanmihangel Place, became the second wife of John Wyndham, of Dunraven Castle. Thus about the middle of the eighteenth century Llanmihangel Place and lands adjoining passed into the hands of the family, who still own it.

#### Artistic Old Tapestry at Dunraven Castle.

Referring to the artistic old tapestry removed from Llanmihangel Place to

the noble Earl of who still treasures and the famous ship's bell as a reminder of the event, which is remembered by some of the tenants of the Vale of Glamorgan. Many interesting relics of the past may be seen to-day in the neighbourhood of Llantwit Major of the furniture and other purchased by the late Mr. V. King's Head Inn, Llantwit 1886, and may be seen to some ancient hostelry, occupied past 21 years by my sister-in-law Janet Price, only surviving the late Mrs. Peggy Deare, an able centenarian, who received away at Llantwit Major.

#### Personal Recollections of Venerable and Noble Earl of Glamorgan, Scene of the Ill-fated Battle of Llantwit Major.

My time and space are greatly limited, so just a brief allusion to personal recollections of a memorable scene of the wreck of the Llantwit Major, near Marcross Combe Lighthouses in October 1886, on a calm and pleasant October afternoon, immediately following the ship wreck. I can well remember from Boverton Village, via Llantwit Major, past Dimlands mansion, a pretty village of St. Donata, Marcross, accompanied by Mr. Lloyd, J.P., now of West Hill, Llantwit Major, who then resided in a respected maternal uncle, Mr. Thomas, J.P., at Boverton, my elder brother, the late Mr. Price, also formed one of the party. We stabled the horse at the Shoe Inn at Marcross. I collected quite a large number of conveyances and pedestrians, and tracks for Marcross, the scene of this memorable wreck. The old Horse Shoe Inn, a thatched old-fashioned, typewritten inn, then occupied by late Mr. Bartholomew Jenkins, also a very quaint old-fashioned character, and he did the trade on this particular Inn was "open tap" for all bonafide customers and others who desired refreshments, but I don't recall if any demand for tea, a general call and demand for brewed ale and whiskey, and advocates of temperance culture amongst the lively, many gathered together at the old Inn at Marcross.

The late Mr. Bartholomew was a tenant of this old Inn for many years, and by all appears to have piled up a fortune in this peaceful and rural village by the sea. Since he removed to Swansea, a large licensed house, and there some years ago. I have interesting memories of Mr. Jenkins some convivial lively stories that remind me of the past old happy days; but time forbids me at the moment, so I serve them for a future day.

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# HISTORY OF THE VALE

## DUNRAVEN CASTLE.

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Time in its wake, and other various circumstances inevitably changeth all things; thus, as destiny and fate ultimately decreed, the fortunes and my days of the Vaughan family vanished and finally ended at Dunraven Castle. About the year 1636, we learn from old historical records, Dunraven Castle and Estate came partly into the hands of the Wyndham family, but, according to further historical documentary evidence, we find the Dunraven Castle was finally purchased by Mr. Humphrey Wyndham about the year 1636, and in this ancient family lineage Dunraven Castle and Estate have since remained. Passing on, we learn that the tragic events of the past at Dunraven Castle did not fortunately end with the passing and death of Walter Vaughan, the former possessor of the estate, as we find it recorded in history that after the Wyndham family came into possession, one of their race—a Major Wyndham—unfortunately met with a very tragic fate whilst riding on a seahorse along the lofty precipitous cliffs leading to the Castle. One dark night his horse suddenly slipped on the brink of the high and dangerous cliff, either, in the gloomy darkness, his faithful master had unwittingly selected him—with the tragic result that Major Wyndham was thrown overboard, his head, and his lifeless body eventually found on the rocky shore below adjacent to Dunraven Castle and Southerndown village. Some five or six generations later, when the Wyndham family had acceded and obtained full possession of Dunraven Castle and Estate, Mr. Thomas Wyndham, of Dunraven Castle, 1 Clearwell Court, Gloucestershire, died, and his daughter and sole heiress, Anne, married, in 1810, Mr. Wyndham Henry Quin. As a result of this matrimonial union and marriage the name of Wyndham was, in the year 1815, adopted by sign manual and probate by Royal assent, and placed before that of Quin; and, in passing, it is interesting to note that the Earldom, or that of Earl of Dunraven, was created in the year 1822.

#### The Wyndham-Quin Family.

It is interesting to note that the Quins (now Wyndham-Quins) are among the few families in the Irish Peerage who can lay indisputable claim to Celtic ancestry, and, according to historical records and Debrett's "Peerage and Gentry," etc., they were firmly seated in the very early days in the County of Wick, Ireland, where they were sole possessors of a Baronetcy and valuable estates, and one of the most treasured possessions of the most noble Earl of Dunraven and Mountearl, K.P., is a very interesting letter written by Thady Quin during the reign of King James II. (35-83).

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