

Sir John Aubrey Bart's Survey of 1788. (Interpreted as written)

LLANTRITHYD PLACE etc.

In Hand.

*The premises consist of a good mansion house, stone built and tiled. On the ground floor there is a vestibule, two parlours, butlers pantry, kitchen, scullery, servants hall, laundry, pantries etc, with good cellering underneath.*

*On the chamber floor a dining room with several good bed chambers.*

*On the attic storey there are also bedchambers for the servants, the rooms in the house are generally lofty and large.*

*Two kitchen gardens, about one acre. Two other gardens, with a large green house with stoves etc and a room oven for seeds or fruit.*

*The gardens are walled and the walls pretty well covered with trees.*

*In the garden there is a canal the sides of which are walled.*

*In the orchard by the sides of the garden there are two canals, the sides of which are walled, this is part planted with choice fruit trees, there are other fish ponds adjoining the premises from which the above canals are supplied with water.*

*The outbuildings consist of a dairy and cheesechamber over a brew house, wash house, malt house, and a cider mill house, one eight stall stable and one other stable for six horses with a granary oven and wain house, slaughter house, a dove house and other necessary buildings.*

Original version of the above text is kept at the Mid Glamorgan Record Office, Mid Glamorgan County Hall, King Edward VII Avenue, Cathays Park, Cardiff.

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Llantrithyd Place.

The premises consist of a good Mansion House, stone built and tiled. On the ground floor there is a vestibule, two parlours, butler's pantry, kitchen, scullery, servants hall, laundry, pantries, etc. with good cellaring underneath.

On the chamber floor a dining room with several good bedchambers.

On the attic storey there are bedchambers for servants. The rooms in the House are in general lofty and large.

Two kitchen gardens about an acre, two other gardens with a large green house with stoves etc. and a room over for seeds or fruit.

The gardens are walled in and the walls pretty well covered with trees. In the garden there is a canal the sides of which are walled.

In the orchard by the side of the garden there are two canals the sides of which are walled. This is part planted with choice Fruit Trees. There are other Fish Ponds adjoining the Premises from which the above canals are supplied with water.

The Out Buildings consist of a Dairy and cheesechamber over, a Brewhouse, Wash house, Malt house and Cider Mill house, one eight stalled stable, one six stalled and one other stable for six horses with a granary over, a Wainhouse, Slaughter house, a Dove house, Ox house and other necessary out buildings.

A Description of Farming Practice at Marcross

The tenants in the manor of Marcross all manage their ploughed lands in a very bad and ridiculous manner. Their custom is to crop the same every year till it is so foul and so poor with all that it will no longer bear corn, then they let it lie uncultivated for 2,3 or 4 years during which time it pays them hardly anything. Then they break it up give it a summer's fallow and manure it with lime or dung and persue the same method of cropping every year as long as they can get anything like a crop from it. Their letting their lands lie for 2 or 3 years I don't object to but then it should be made clean, well manured and laid down with grass seeds in manner before mentioned, in that case produce while it so rests from corn would pay the Occupiers equal to crops of corn or grain. But a great deal of this is good turnip land and might if properly managed turn to a good account to the farmer if that course of husbandry was persued.