

Mill Cottage, Greenfield Way, Llanblethian

The appearance of the rear of Mill Cottage, and the two stone staircases inside, suggest that it is of some age. It was owned in 1840 by Thomas Lloyd from Rochdale, whose career seems to have been linked with the Entwistles. It was then just one cottage, occupied by William Keen, and in 1852 Thomas Cummins lived here. Between that date and 1861, it was probably subdivided, and the façade, showing that subdivision, possibly dates from this period. Cummins, an Irishman, and Mary Lloyd, a pauper weaver's widow from Penmark, were in the two parts in 1861; Mary's daughter Elizabeth, a school mistress, remained here for at least another ten years. Like many Llanblethian cottages, these had a variety of tenants, but some continuity was shown in the cottage nearer to the Mill between 1881 and 1891, when Joshua Thomas, a Carmarthen-born tailor lived here. Another Thomas, William, - an older, Llanblethian-born labourer - is shown next-door in 1891 and 1895.

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1840	Thomas Lloyd owned; William Keen occupied, cottage and garden	<i>Tithe 312</i>
1852	Thomas Lloyd owned; Thomas Cummins occupied, Llanblethian rates	<i>GRO R13 2/5</i>
1861	Thomas Cummins, 47, labourer, b Wexford, with wife and 2 stepsons	<i>Census 57</i>
	Mary Lloyd, 76, pauper weaver's widow, b Penmark, with daughter Elizabeth Lloyd, 34, b Llanblethian	<i>Census 58</i>
1871	Mary Morgan, 60, mason's widow b Llanblethian with granddaughter Ann Thomas, 16 b Llanblethian	<i>Census 66</i>
	Elizabeth Lloyd, 49, schoolmistress b Ll. and niece Mary Jenkins	<i>Census 67</i>
1874	David Hopkins owned, ? and Richard Jenkins occupied 'By Mill'.	<i>GRO R/UB 5/26</i>
1881	Morine Morgan, 39, labourer's wife, with son and daughter	<i>Census 73</i>
	Joshua Thomas, 27, tailor, with wife Ann, son and daughter	<i>Census 74</i>
1891	Joshua Thomas, 37, tailor b Carmarthen, with wife, 4 sons and a daughter	<i>Census 82</i>
	<i>(He was the nephew of J D Evans, tailor of Cowbridge. He moved to 2 Aubrey Terrace and died 8/12/1897</i>	<i>Info from R J Gresty, Fleet, Hants)</i>
	William Thomas, 55, labourer b Ll. with daughter and son	<i>Census 83</i>
1895	William Thomas and son Evan, a mason, and 2 daughters	
	Dai Davies, saddler	<i>'Llanblethian in 1895' by R Thomas</i>

1910 J Hopkin owned; F Wyatt and James Rogers occupied, 'cottage and garden near Mill'

D/D PRO/VAL/1/46

1940s Mary Jane Wyatt - June Faulkner stayed with her as an evacuee

Sources/references :

GRO = Glamorgan Record Office

PRO = Public Record Office, Kew

D/D = deeds in GRO

Tithe accounts = in GRO