

The History of Porth-y-green House



Information from Colwyn Treharne-Jones of Watts & Morgan Sept. 1997

House built by Mansell Edwards, Butcher with a shop in Eastgate. (This is incorrect)
His son Roy now lives at 1 Slade Close tel 774316
Mrs Lambert is Roy Edward's sister.

Prior to the Dunlops the house was owned by the Roberts.
Mary Roberts runs a cake decorating shop in Wool Barn.

The land by Quintains is owned by Boland.
Keith Evans was the architect who drew up plans for 7 houses on this land.

Information from Roy Edwards April 1998 approx.

Roy Edward's grandfather, Evan Edwards, rented Porth-y-green from the Bute Estate. (His great grandfather farmed at Beaupre.) The farm consisted of the field down to the river and across the river plus all the land down to Castle Cottage plus the Castle and the surrounding land. There was a slaughterhouse by Town Mill.

Roy lived with his grandparents in Porth-y-green House for a short time as a child over 70 years ago. Roy's father Mansell Edwards lived above the Butcher's shop, now the Antiques shop next to JB Builders. The shop was closed in 1981/82.

75 Eastgate

When Roy's grandparents died Mansell moved to Porth-y-green and Roy lived above the shop. In 1943 Mansell bought the farm from the Bute Estate.

In 1974 Nancy Lambert, Roy's sister, who had lived at Porth-y-green with her father, inherited the house. It was valued at that time by Watts & Morgan at £15,000.

At some time between 1943 and 1974 all the land was sold to Boland although it is thought the farming land was bought on behalf of Dunlop of Bridgend.

Nancy Lambert and her husband moved to Coyl-y-Mara?, Cae Rex in about 1986.

The age of the house is unknown but all except the current study existed 70 years ago (1918). The layout is basically unchanged except that the shower room was the bathroom and the current bathroom is new. On the wall facing Constitution Hill only the window at the top of the stairs is original. The ground floor window was put in by Mansell Edwards and the window above it by the Roberts or the Dunlops.

Originally none of the walls were rendered. The limited rendering is new.

The existing kitchen was used to salt pork and there was a bread oven in the alcove.

The outhouse was used to slaughter cattle.

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The end room of the stable block was a stable. The rest was a cowshed. At the end of the stable block there was a pigsty now demolished.

The front garden effectively went all the way down to Castle Cottage and contained fruit trees. There was a hedge from the house to the gate which was just before the existing wall.

Information from Jeff Alden Aug1998 approx.

Tithe Map ca 1844 shows the Owner as Reverend William Williams and the Occupier as William Thomas.

William Thomas also occupied other fields so may have been a farmer or smallholder.

1851 Census shows the Occupier as William Davies a retired maltster.

The Ordnance Survey Map published 1899 (Surveyed 1887, revised 1897) shows Porth-y-green House in its present form.

The Ordnance Survey Map based on an 1877 survey shows the house without the porch and with a less extensive stable block.

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Information from 1840 Tithe, inspected at the Glamorgan Record Office, shows the following:

Owner – John Thomas

Occupier – William Evans

Plot No.	Name	State of cultivation	Area
318	Hill Acre	Pasture	1/2/30
319	Middle Field	Meadow	3/1/16
320	Castle Yard		1/0/30
321	Castle Acre	Meadow	1/2/8
322	Meadow	Meadow	1/3/20
323	Field under house	Meadow	3/0/28
324	House and garden		0/0/32

Plot numbers are those shown on associated To the Map.

Areas are in Acres/Roods/Perches

324 is what is now called Porth-y-green House.

320 is the Castle.

318 is behind the castle down to the river.

The other plots are the land bounded by Constitution Hill, the river and Castle Hill.

Owner – The Reverend William Williams

Occupier – The Reverend William Williams

Plot No.	Name	State of cultivation	Area
340	Porth y Green	Meadow	2/1/38
341	Plantation	Plantation	0/0/17
342	Plantation	Plantation	0/0/25

These plots are on the East side of Constitution Hill, now built upon, but at the time there were no buildings on this land.

Owner – John Williams of Newton

Occupier – William Thomas

Plot No.	Name	State of cultivation	Area
333	Field near the Castle		4/0/10

This is the land to the South of Love Lane on which Porth-y-green Close is now built and includes the land recently incorporated into the back garden of Porth-y-green House.

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Owner – Executors of Blackwell

Occupier – Edward Williams

Plot No.	Name	State of cultivation	Area
327	Garden and field	Meadow	0/3/26

This is the land from Porth-y-green to Castle Cottage, a small part of which is now part of Porth-y-green House land.

Glamorgan Land Tax Assessments not helpful as names of properties are not shown.