

Warren & Morgan families of Glebe, Greenfield & Cusop, Llanblethian

- the 'Jim Warren' collection

In about 2013, Jim Warren of Porthcawl gave to the archive a collection of his families' photographs & documents, some original and some copies. His family lived in the three Llanblethian houses of Glebe, Greenfield & Cusop in the early to mid 20th century, and he has early childhood memories of the village. He spoke of an outbreak of anthrax at Llanblethian Farm, for example, across the road from Greenfield where he was living at the time (ca 1940), and saw a big pit dug there to bury the infected animals.

Jim's paternal grandparents were James and Mabel Edith Warren. They were living in Pembroke Dock in 1916 when their son, Edward (Ted) was born, but they soon moved to Glebe Cottage, Llanblethian. Mabel, formerly Evans, was originally from Llanblethian (born 1885), and her cousin Emily Morgan (nee Lloyd), to whom she was very close, was then living there.

Edward (Ted) Warren, born 1916, grew up in Glebe Cottage, Llanblethian, and later in Greenfield. In WW2, he served in the Royal Artillery's British Expeditionary Force, going out to France on 2nd April 1940. He was very badly wounded two months later at Dunkirk, where he had to wait for a week on the beach with a medical certificate tied around his neck explaining his injuries. He was returned home in a hospital ship and spent thirteen months in Whitchurch Hospital, Cardiff. For four years, he was completely blind, but then regained some sight in one eye, and stayed for a time at the St Dunstan's rehabilitation centre for blind veterans.

On the 25th March 1944, he married Mary Adams. She had been working for the Homfray family at Penllyn castle, but moved from there with Blanche Homfray to St Quentin's House, just up Castle Hill from Greenfield. It was whilst living there that she met Ted Warren, who by then was living in Greenfield with his mother. (His father, James or Jim, died in 1943.) The baby son of Ted & Mary, Jim Warren (*donor of this collection*), was born in Greenfield in 1946 and lived there for the first four years of his life.

Emily Morgan, nee Lloyd (Mabel Warren's cousin), had married Captain Thomas Morgan, a master mariner, and for a time they lived in Glanthaw, 1 High Street, Cowbridge, but then moved into Cusop at the top of Broadway Hill, Llanblethian. They had four children – Irene, Aubrey, Vera & Cyril, the latter being born in 1912. Captain Morgan died in Cusop in 1944. Aubrey Lloyd Morgan was killed during WW1 in October 1916, and his name is on the Llanblethian war memorial. Irene died in the 1920s. Vera Morgan never married, and was the last of the Morgan family to live in Cusop, dying there in 1975 (*see chs 04128*).

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Victoriana for sale

THE contents of a Victorian house in the Vale of Glamorgan went under the auctioneer's hammer today in one of the most important sales of its kind in the area for many years.

More than 800 lots will be cleared during the auction which continues tomorrow. The sale is expected to fetch at least £10,000.

It has taken auctioneer Mr. Gareth Baxter-Jones and his staff 10 days to collect the items and sort them out ready for the sale. Right: Mr. Baxter-Jones inspects a 18th-century salt-glazed teapot, one of the items which filled two rooms in Kings Road, Canton. All the items came from

the same house in Llanblethian.

The house had been the home of the same family for many generations — some of the items date back as far as the 1700's.

Mr. Baxter-Jones said, "It's the most important here since before World War II. We have not had so much come from one house for years.

"It was staggering when we first saw everything in the house. When you walked through the front door it was like stepping back into the Victorian era," said Mr. Baxter-Jones.

"There were no modern services in the house. The lady who lived there was still using the oil lamps for lighting. It was only a four-bedroomed house, but they had obviously been quite a wealthy family at one time," he said.



Chs 04128 Cusop sale, 1975

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