

Aberthyn is referred to in the "Llyfr Llandaf", where we get a reference to the Brethren of Aberthyn. After that history is silent until 1445 when members of a White family (of whom nothing further is known) dated deeds from Aberberthynne.

The subsequent ownership is indicated by the Welsh description of William Thomas, a local legal man who lived there until about 1672. His name appears as William ap Thomas ap Harry ap William ap Gronow. He was probably of the Alltgawrddu branch of the teulu of Einon ap Collwyn.

William Thomas' son, Robert ap William, was known as Robert Williams. Robert and his younger son Roger both died in William Thomas' lifetime. Ty Mawr came into the possession of the descendent of Cecilia, daughter of Robert. These were the Mathews of Castell-y-Mynach. Thence by heiresses the property passed from the Jenkins of Hensol to the Talbots and from them to the Dynevor family, a descendant of whom (Rhys-Wingfield) sold it from the line about 1884.

William ap Thomas and his son Robert lie under the communion table in Llanblethian Church. This place of sepulture indicates their association with the Tithes of Llanblethian. They probably were agents for the Dean and Chapter of Gloucester (in succession to the Abbey of Tewkesbury endowed by these tithes by Fitzhamon) for the tithes of this parish of Llanblethian and Llantwit Major and Penmark. The building (now converted into a house) at the South West corner of the garden of Ty Mawr was the tithe barn.

From about 1770 to 1842 this house was occupied by two successive generations of the Morgan family of Cilfynydd, who were agents to the Talbots of Hensol during that ownership.

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Notes on the above :-

1. The Rev Ewart Lewis, late Vicar of Llanblethian, could find not trace of any record of burial under the communion table.
2. The original sundial on the house porch fell off and was broken during an air raid in the 1939/45 war. This sundial had engraved on it ' R W 1665 '
Wm or Harry's son
3. We have been unable to trace any connection between this house and the Abbey of Tewksbury.
4. There is an Aberthyn in Monmouthshire in the region of Monkswood and Llantarnam Abbey. This was a church possession belonging to the priory of Usk and may well have been confused by Mr Fisher with this village.
5. On the deeds of the house there are marked two ' trout ponds'. One has disappeared completely, that on the left facing the road, but a pond still remains on the other side.