

Llanquian, Stalling Down near Cowbridge

Manor of Llanquian - earliest known settlement is Iron Age multivallate fort. Motte and Bailey (Norman?) with some stonework - "Llanquian Castle"
The mediaeval manor probably included Llanquian adjoining what is now called Hollybush, and Llanquian Isaf and Pant Wilkin and Stalling Down.
St James's chapel within present farm buildings – 'The medieval chapel of St James, Llanquian, is incorporated in a long range of farm buildings lining the south side of a small field on the west side of the Nerber castle. Slight earthworks in the field presumably mark the site of a vanished settlement of which the chapel alone stands above ground. This chapel, known to have been dedicated to St. James, is represented by the central unit of the farm buildings and is now a hay store, though until recently it has served as a dwelling with additional post-medieval accommodation added at each end. Here the E-W alignment and the sawn-off stumps of two arch-braced roof-trusses are again indicative of a chapel, surely the recorded Chapel of St James which is said to have been replaced on its abandonment by the enlarged south aisle of Cowbridge'. – *Article in Morgannwg Vol XXII 1978 by CJ Spurgeon & HJ Thomas*

Main family records re Llanquian/Hollybush are Edmondes papers in Glamorgan Record Office.

- 1482 Lease for 8 yrs of mess in Welsh St Donats and 3 acres of land within fee of Lancovian in parish of Llanblethian, John Herbert alias Raglan and other Raglans, to Howell ap Gwynllyn ap Howell *D/D Fonmon 2646*
- 1586 Grant of a tenement in Llb or Llanquian, previously leased to Roger Seys, Edward Williams of St Hilary, gent, to Roger Seys of Boverton *D/D Fonmon 798*
- 1701/2 Between Richard Seys of Boverton esq. and Ann William, daughter of John William, alias John William Sweeting of Brything (Aberthin), yeo. – 99 year lease of messuage in Llanquian, yearly rent 50 shillings. *D/DF 800*
- 1705/6 Jenkin Williams of Llanquian, son and heir of Dorothy Carne by her former husband; refers to Margaret Williams of Bonvilston, widow, intended wife of Jenkin Williams (refers to land called Corland Rew) *D/D Ed 86 Williams memorial in Llanquian aisle of Holy Cross church, Cowbridge. Great landowner at east end of Cowbridge.*
- 1719 Jenkin Williams of Llanquian gent and wife Margaret (Garland Rew occ by Lewis Griffith) *D/D Ed 89*
- 1737 Wife Margaret had died. Will of Jenkin Williams shows estate devised to Maddocks (of Llandaff) and Rumsey (Trelleck) for payment of debts *D/D Ed 90, 91*

1738	Ref to David Williams of Llanquean, gent	<i>D/D Ed 93</i>
1739	Ref to land called Corland Rew, manor of Llanquian	<i>D/D Ed 97</i>
1739	Morgan Williams of Llanquian, gent, to son Jenkin Williams of Cowbridge, gent. David Williams is youngest son of Morgan Williams. Cites will of previous Jenkin Williams, who left estate to the use of his sister Mary Mathews (widow of Humphrey Mathews), and then to David Williams	<i>D/D Ed 94</i>
1739	Refers to Lancovian, otherwise Lanquean. David Williams of Llanq, gent (devisee and nephew of Jenkin Williams of Llanquian, decd) to brother Jenkin Williams of Cowbridge (includes burial and sitting place in Cowbridge parish church east aisle &c and Garland Rew	<i>D/D Ed 95,96</i>
1747	Ref to Manor of Llanquian, formerly occ Chas Bassett	<i>D/D Ed 107-9</i>
1747	Jenkin Williams of Cowb gent and wife Catherine, and bro David of Cowb, gent (had inherited manor of Llanquian &c from uncle Jenkin Wms) to Thomas Edmondess, 99 yr lease	<i>D/D Ed 110,1</i>
1780	Mrs Williams for Llanquian, occupied by Benjamin Ballard £3.18s.10d	<i>LTA</i>
1784	Anne David of Upper Llanquian, £2. 3s	<i>Llanblethian tithe</i>
1784	Mrs Williams owned; Anne David occupied	<i>LTA</i>
1785	Benjamin Ballard £1.2s.6d and Evan Jacop of Llanquian £1.5s.0d	<i>Llb tithe</i>
1787	B Ballard occupied	<i>LTA</i>
1796	George Milward, Llanquian £1.1s.6d William Jones, Llanquian £2.15s.0d	<i>LTA</i>
1797	William Jones, Llanquian	<i>Tithe</i>
1789	Benjamin Ballard £2.2s.0d Thomas John £1.1s.0d	<i>LTA</i>
c1800	Llanquian Ucha, Williams, gent, o; Wm Butler, occ	<i>Gloucester tithes</i>

1810 Reference to David Williams of Llanquian whose mother was granddaughter of Revd David Nicholl, vicar of Llantwit Major. He was lord of Llanquian, known as King David - a very big burly man. Buried inside the tower of Llanblethian church. Had to be re-buried when a stove was installed - coffin left half in and half out of crypt for some time, with accompanying smell.

WAHF Bk 18, p81 and Bk 36, p12

1812 David Williams owned; Joan Butler occupied £3.18s.10d *LTA*

1815 David Williams owned; Thos Butler and others occupied £3.18s.6d *LTA*

1821 David Williams, o, Wm John, occ - Llanquian Ucha, £3.18.10 *LTA*

1821 Margaret, daughter of Thos and Mary Hopkin of Llanquian, farmer
Llb parish records

1822 Child born to Richard and Jane Sant, farmer, Llanquian *Llb parish records*

1825 Child born to Sant of Llanquian, farmer *Llb parish records*

1829-31 Mr Wm Lewis, o, Wm John, occ, £3.18.10 *LTA*

1833 Baptism of Francis, son of Francis R Newman McGowran of Llanquian
St Hilary parish records

1838 Wm John of Llanquian, farmer *Aberthin 82*

1840 Williams, gent, o, Wm Butler, occ *Tithe*

1844 Death of Margaret John of Llanquian aged 37 *Welsh St Donats parish records*

1845 Daughter born to William and Anne Lewis, gent of Llanquian *Llb parish records*

1849 William Lewis of Llanquian *Reg. of electors*

Probably from this time, the main farmhouse is Hollybush : residents here are of cottage (1)

1851 Edward Thomas, 23, farm lab, born Cowbridge
wife Mary, 31, b Llanblethian
daughter Sarah, 4, and son John, 2 *Census # 98*

- 1855 Ref to grave of William Thomas Lewis of Llanquian, d 1855, aged 53 (ca Hollybush).
He was known as Lewis of Aberthin; place to the left of his grave for his illegitimate son 'begotten in the body of his cousin' who lived with him in his bachelor days at Trebettin. *WAHF, bk27, p65*
- 1859 David Lewis of Nolton Villa, Bridgend and John Lewis of St George in the East, London *Reg of electors for Llanquian*
- 1861 Wm Hopkin, 42, labourer, born Welsh St Donats
wife Cicil, 42, b Colwinstone
dau Ann, 18, servant, b Welsh St Donats *Census #161*
Daniel Wood, 38, labourer, b Ireland
with wife, 3 sons, 1 dau *Census #163*
(both the above are labelled 'Llanquian' and stand either side of Hollybush)
- 1862 Burial of Evan Roberts aged 14 months *Welsh St Donats parish records*
- 1864 Evan Roberts of Llanquian – burial *Welsh St Donats parish records*
- 1865 Moiety of land - David Lewis of Nolton Villa, Bridgend
- John Lewis of St Geo in the East, London *Electoral Reg*
- 1871 (After Hollybush)
John Donovan, 36, farm lab, b Cork + w, 3 daus +2 sons *Census #101*
Michael Hayes, 32, do +w + 2daus *#102*
John Murphy, 28, do + w + 2 sons + dau *#103*
- 1875 Ann Roberts of Llanquian – burial *Welsh St Donats parish records*
- 1878 John Matthews of Hollybush-Llanquian Farm *Reg of electors*
- 1881 Thomas Lawrence, 44, labourer, b Llanblethian
wife, Ann, 49, + son Thomas + daus Emily, 10,
and Mary Ann, 7 *Census #110*
- 1886 Death of Thos Morgan of Llanquian aged 67 *Llandow parish records*
- 1890 James and Robert Lane - joint occ of land and tenements, Hollybush and Llanquian *Electoral Reg*
- 1896 James and Robert Lane, as 1890
Wm Thomas. Llanquian Farm *Electoral Reg*

1913, February Llanquian/Hollybush, freehold farm, sold as part of estate of Revd David Lewis, occ Mr James Llewellyn - 275 acres at annual rent of £250.
Farm house – built of stone with slate roof ; porch, entrance hall, large drawing room, parlour, two sitting rooms, kitchen, large pantry and 6 good bedrooms.
Excellent dairy with concrete floor on north wall.

Farm buildings – two ranges of buildings, built of stone with corrugated iron roof containing implement shed, small stable, wagon shed, large cart shed, poultry house, 4 roomed cottage and garden, also stock yard, large kitchen garden and large iron rainwater tank.

Surrounding the farmhouse cowhouse to tie 14, 2 calf sheds, 2 stables (one with 5 stalls, one with 2) and 2 further calf sheds, large barn with loft and men's sleeping room over, granary over stable divided into 3 rooms, coal house, 2 fowl houses, 3 pigs' cots, stock yard with pool, well-stocked orchard and kitchen garden.

Additionally, excellent stone building for young stock with ties for 10 in field no. 388, large open shed with slate roof and large stock yard with pool in corner of field 391. Owners of Pant Wilkin will pay an easement of 2s6d a year for right of way over field 323. (Map shows Vachells owning Pant Wilkin, Lady Glyn Llanquian Fach, and the Aubrey estate bordered Llanquian estate on east (adj. highway).

Sale docs GD/LA/15/21,2

1924 Hollybush/Llanquian being sold by Mr Owen Williams
Edward Roberts, farmer purchased.

Sale docs

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Sources/abbreviations :

WAHF = WAH Fisher (his notes are held in Cardiff library)

GRO = Glamorgan Record Office

D/D = deeds in Gro

LTA = land tax assessments (GRO)

Register of electors = in GRO