

Deere and Cornish families

WILL OF JOANE DEER alias JENKINS, of Welsh St. Donats 1674, LL/1674/101/W

[Llanquian branch]

Joane left quite a vast legacy, much of it in gold. She and her late husband were farmers by the contents of the will. She also had sums of money out at mortgage, and money at interest by bond on several persons. The legacies are given in Roman numerals which I have tried to duplicate as best I can, but probably inaccurately. This will should help sort out quite a few individuals. There is some damage on the RHS of the sheet, but nothing that can't be guessed at.

BROTHER WILLIAM DEERE, who had two sons
SISTER? DEERE
NIECE CISSILL DEERE
NIECE ANNE DEERE 'that liveth with me'
NEPHEW EDWARD DEERE [joint Overseer]
GT. NEPHEW EDWARD DEERE, son of Edward [joint Executor]
NEPHEW RICHARD DEERE
NIECE ANN LEWIS
NEPHEW ANTHONY POWELL
NEPHEW GRIFFITH GIBBON [joint Overseer]
GT. NEPHEW JENKIN GIBBON, son of GRIFFITH GIBBON
OTHERS ?MORRICE WILLIAMS and his wife
DAVID LEWIS and his wife

In the name of God Amen, I Joane Deere alias Jenkin of Welsh St. Donats in the county of Glamorgan, widow, being sick in body, but of good and perfect memory (thanks be to God] doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following. **First** I bequeath my soule unto Almighty God my maker and redeemer, and my body to the ?.....

Item I give and bequeath unto the church of Welsh St. Donats 2^{ll}

Item I give unto the [K]athedrall Church of Landaffe L⁸

Item I give unto the ?ringers at Lantwitt L⁸

Item I give unto my brother William Deere his ?to sonnes? XX⁸ peece? in gold.

Item I give unto Cissill Deere my niece 10¹¹

Item I give unto my brother and his wife XX¹¹ a peece in gold

Item I give unto **?Morrice Williams** and his wife XX¹¹ in gold

Item I give unto **David Lewis and his wife** XX¹¹⁸? in gold

Item I give unto **my niece Ann Lewis** 10^{ll}

Item I give unto **Anthony Powell my nephew** 1^{ll}

Item I give unto **Griffith Gibbon's to? sonnes** 1^{ll} a peece

Item I give unto **Joane Deere** 1^{ll}

Item I give unto **my sister Deere** XX¹¹⁸ in gold

Item I give unto **my nephew Edward Deere** XX¹¹⁸ in gold

Item I give unto **my nephew Richard Deere** XX¹¹^{ll} in gold

Item I give unto **Edward Deere's four children** 1^{ll} a peece

Item I give unto **Griffith Gibbon and his wife** XX¹¹⁸ in gold a peece

Item I give unto **my niece Anne Deere that liveth with me** 20^{ll}, 1 bedstead? and appurtenances and one chest that standeth in the hall.

Item I give unto **my man servant and maid servant** 1^{ll} a peece and I doe hereby nominate and appoint my **nephews Edward Deere, the sonne of Edward Deere of Lanquian, and Jenkin Gibbon the sonne of Griffith Gibbon** to be the sole Executors. The rest of my goods cattle and chattles to be equally divided and I do nominate **Edward Deere my nephew and Griffith Gibbon my nephew** to be overseers of this my will. Dated the first day of August in the yeare of our Lord God 1671.

Will was dated 1st August 1671, and proved 20th January 1674

Joane Deere made her mark

Witnesses: Richard ?David - signed

Morgan William [mark]

William Morgan [mark]

INVENTORY - appraisers David Richard, John ?Howett, Lewis Jenkin, William ?Christopher

A lengthy inventory of goods, livestock and crops, farm implements totalling £35.15.00. She also had money out at mortgage. One name I can't make out, but Thomas William of Llanblethian £72, Anne Richard of Llanblethian £13. She also had money out at interest, 'by bond out on several persons' of £35

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DEERES OF TRALLWN, LLANILID.

These findings are the result of combined efforts of Pat Nicholson of County Durham, a descendent of the Llantwit Major Deeres, and myself, descendant of the Penmark Deeres.

Marriages at Llanilid:

02 Feb.	1736	ANN DEERE of Llanilid to Charles Morgan of Penllyn
28 June	1752	WILLIAM DEERE of St. Athan to Elizabeth Brown of Coychurch
01 Aug.	1754	JOHN DEERE, yeoman of St. Athan to Margaret Rees of Llanilid
04 Jan.	1821	MARGARET DEERE [when aged about 64] of Llanilid to Edward Spencer of Llanilid

Baptisms at Llanilid:

5 Dec.	1753	WILLIAM, son of WILLIAM & ELIZABETH [Wm. was of St. Athan]
10 June	1755	JOHN, son of MR. JOHN DEERE & wife MARGARET [buried 30 Dec.1800]
25 Mar.	1757	MORGAN & MARGARET, twins, of John & Margaret as above
11 April	1759	ANN d. of John & Margaret as above [she died single aged 75]
2 June	1761	CHRISTOPHER, son of John & M., as above [buried 3 March 1768]

Burials:

18 July	1744	SUSANNA DEERE
12 Sept.	1781	MR. JOHN DEERE OF TRALLWN
24 Nov.	1799	MELISSA MARGARET DEERE, d. of Rev. Morgan Deere & wife Mary Anne
27 Dec.	1799	WILLIAM REES DEERE, son of Rev. Morgan Deere and wife Mary Anne
30 Dec.	1799	MARY ANNE, d. of Rev. Morgan Deere and wife Mary Anne
20 Dec.	1800	MARGARET DEERE [grandmother]
30 Dec.	1800	JOHN, son of Mr. John Deere
13 Aug.	1829	EDWARD SPENCER ESQUIRE aged 78
.....	1838	MARGARET SPENCER, MRS. [nee Deere] aged 81. [Margaret administered her
her		father's will, which has no mention of his son/s]

MARRIAGE BONDS, DEERE FAMILY, OTHER CONNECTIONS TO LLANILID

WILLIAM DEERE bachelor, Yeoman of St. Athan, 1752 at Llanilid, St. Mary Hill or Penlline, to Elizabeth Brown

JOHN DEERE bachelor, Yeoman of Colwinston, 1747 at Llanillid, Llangeinor or St. Brides Major, to Elizabeth Thomas

DEERES OF TRALLWN

JOHN DEERE of St. Athan married MARGARET REES 1754, [baptised 20 May 1723] Llanilid [east of Bridgend, Glamorgan], daughter of MR. MORGAN REES and wife MARGARET of Trallwn.

John's sister ANN DEERE married John Thomas of Garth & Bristol - a descendant of the Deeres of Wenvoe - at St. Athan in 1758.

They were two of the children of WILLIAM DEERE and his wife MARY ROBERTS of St. Athan. William Deere's will was proved 1740, and his widow later married Thomas Sweet at St. Athan in 1747.

FROM WILL OF JOHN DEERE OF TRALLWN, MADE IN 1780

He had died September 1781, and his daughter Margaret Spencer was granted administration at Llandaff in 1823.

WIFE un-named [MARGARET REES, died 1800]

DAUGHTERS MARGARET DEERE [later Spencer, of Oldcastle, Glamorgan]
ANNE DEERE [spinster]

LAND Trallwn, Llanilid - Leasehold
Pant Llwd Fach, Llansannor
St. Athan [freehold] - several premises, under mortgage?
St. Mary Church - Leasehold

WITNESSES WILL. REES
JNO. PORTREY
DAVID WILLIAM
[all signed]

OTHER NAMES BENJAMIN ROBERTS, Apothecary of St. Athan

JOHN DEERE and wife MARGARET REES were parents of **Rev. Morgan Deere and others.**

Rev. Morgan Deere and wife buried three children in little over a month at Llanilid in 1799, there must have been an epidemic of some sort. None of his 7 known children were baptised at Llanilid. From 1785 to 1789 Rev. Morgan Deere was rector of St. Georges, and in 1799 of Llanilid. He also appears on the web site of St. Brides-super-Ely as rector 1785.

WILL OF REV. MORGAN DEERE [1757 - 1821]

SON OF JOHN DEERE and wife MARGARET [Rees] OF TRALLWN

WIFE MARY ANN
DAUGHTER HARRIET? ELIZABETH DEERE
SONS RICHARD TUCK DEERE
JOHN MORGAN RUDOLPH DEERE, Solicitor of Cowbridge
JOSIAH EYLES DEERE

LANDS St. Athan

Llanblethian
Llyaworney
Penylan, Coychurch
Cayasaint?, Coychurch

REV. MORGAN DEERE

He and his wife Mary Ann [nee **TUCK ?**] had lost three of their children in what appears to have been an epidemic Nov. - Dec. 1799, and these three are buried at Llanilid, but were not baptised there. They had four surviving children at the time of Rev. Morgan's death in 1821, Didmarton, Glos.

These were **JOHN MORGAN RUDOLPH DEERE**, **JOSIAH EYLES DEERE**, **RICHARD TUCK DEERE** and **HARRIET ELIZABETH DEERE**.

JOHN MORGAN RUDOLPH DEERE, Gentleman of Llanilid, son of Rev. Morgan Deere and Mary Anne, accused of assault [including wounding, but not malicious wounding] at Llanharan 12th March 1813, against William Morgan of Llangeler, Carmarthenshire. J.M.R.D. appears to have died at Clifton between June and August 1843, but enquiries have not found a burial there. He was one of three sons named in Rev. Morgan Deere's will, along with a sister Harriet Elizabeth Deere. John M. R. Deere was a solicitor of Cowbridge at the time of their father's death 1821 in Gloucestershire. From this, coupled with G. T. Clark's mention and the David Jones of Wallington notes I found at Cardiff Central Library, I believe he is the John Deere of Cowbridge said to have used a seal [3 buck's heads erased, not asses' heads per Clark] 1819 Cowbridge. A John Deere also appears on the Militia Lists of this time for Cowbridge.

John Morgan Rudolph Deere married SIDONE CLOTILDE DE MARIE DE TAYAC on 2nd May 1842 in All Souls, Saint Marylebone, London. There are a number of baptisms & deaths in London of possible descendants, some with French-sounding Christian names, but they were not married long before J. M. R. Deere died. Given his approx. age, it is possible he had been married before?

JOSIAH EYLES DEERE, son of Rev. Morgan Deere and Mary Anne. There is a cadet of this name, British Army, mentioned in records at British Library. He married MARIA SOPHIA GRIFFITHS on 7th November 1846 at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Westminster. Haven't found anything definite on his burial, but there is a Joseph Eagles Deere buried 1847 at Medway, which may be a misprint in the Free BMD list.

HARRIET ELIZABETH DEERE daughter of Rev. Morgan Deere and Mary Anne. No further details found.

RICHARD TUCK DEERE, son of Rev. Morgan Deere and Mary Anne. He appears on the 1845 Electoral Rolls of Glamorgan and having lands at Llanillid and Waterstown, Glamorgan, and was then of Chippenham, Wiltshire. His wife's name was CHARLOTTE and they had two sons, JOHN MORGAN DEERE baptised 17 Nov., 1824 [died aged 79, Paddington, 1904?] at Southbroom St. James, Wiltshire, plus RICHARD TUCK HOPKINS DEERE, see below. Richard Tuck Deere [the father] died / was buried at Kensington between October and December 1863.

JOHN MORGAN DEERE [son of Richard Tuck Deere] and family in 1881 were living at 6 College Street, Islington.

John Morgan Deere was born in Devizes, Wilts. and was aged 57, a solicitor.

His wife Louisa A. Deere was aged 42 and born in Scotland.

Their 5 year old son ERNEST F. DEERE was aged 5 and born in Uxbridge, Middlesex.

The family were taking in boarders, of which there were five, plus a general servant.

JOHN MORGAN DEERE and family were living at 1 Durham Terrace, Paddington, 1901 census. He was aged 76, a retired solicitor, born in Devizes, Wilts. His wife was Louisa A. Deere, aged 62, born Cromarty.

Their 26 year old unmarried son ERNEST F. DEERE was living with them, born Hammersmith London, occupation clerk to cigarette makers. There is a baptism of Ernest Frederick Deere in Fulham in 1876, January to March
In 1901 the family were still taking in boarders.

RICHARD TUCK HOPKINS DEERE/DEARE, [son of Richard Tuck Deere] was born in Alworth, Wiltshire c. 1835.

MARRIAGE: RICHARD TUCK HOPKINS DEARE/DEERE married JANE ANN RUSSELL 21 September 1864 at St. John The Evangelist, London. The records of this church are held at Guildhall Library, Aldermanbury, London. EC2P 2EJ

Hammersmith records are held by the Hammersmith & Fulham Archives and Local History Centre, 191 Talgarth Road, London. W6 8BJ

He [aged 46] and his family were living at Sketty Road, Swansea, 1881 Census, his occupation described as Coal Exporter, see Census entry and other details following. In 1901 the family were at Ealing, London.

MINING

I think the source of the coal business was probably Llanilid, which was extensively mined - open cast. Extract from "A Topographical Dictionary of Wales" Samuel Lewis, 1833:

'The land is all enclosed, and by far the greatest part is in a state of good cultivation. Coal abounds in the parish, and in the northern part of it have been discovered some strata, which are about to be worked.'

The area appears now to have been restored, all looked green and very picturesque [apart from the wind farm on the hill] when I visited recently.

LOCATIONS

I have located Pant-y-Llwydd on map but Pant-y-Llwydd Fach no longer exists. TRALLWN is now the St. Mary Hill Golf Club and Hotel [Best Western] - I have taken some photographs, also of Llanilid Church.

CASE AT DIDMARTON 1811 - REV. MORGAN DEERE [1757 - 1821]

First Page

Churchwarden of Didmarton versus Morgan Deere
Dec. 28th 1811

This is to certify that on Tuesday the thirty first day of December 1811 I did personally cite the Rev'd Morgan Deere of Didmarton and that I delivered to him a copy of this citation at the same time.

Witness my hand this 2nd day of Jan 1812

2nd Page

Edward Cooke Master of Arts Vicar General in Spiritual of the Right Reverend Father in God George Isaac by divine permission Lord Bishop of the diocese of Gloucester, and of his Episcopal Consistory, Official Principal lawfully constituted to our beloved in Christ John Avery our literate and sworn Mandatory, and also to all and singular Clerks and literate persons in and throughout the whole Diocese of Gloucester Greeting we command and strictly injoin ye jointly and severally, that ye some or one of ye forthwith peremptorily cite or cause to be cited The Reverend Morgan Deere, Clerk of the parish of Didmarton in the County and Diocese of Gloucester that he be and appear before us our Surrogate or other competent judge in his behalf, in the Cathedral Church of Gloucester, and the Bishop's Consistorial place there, on Thursday the ninth day of January next ensuing the date hereof at the usual hour for hearing Causes there, then and there to answer Stiles Rich the church warden of the parish of Didmarton aforesaid, in certain cause of subtraction of Church rate. And further to do, and receive in this behalf, as justice shall require under pain of the Law and contempt thereof. And what ye do in the premises do ye certify to us our Surrogate or other Competent Judge, in this behalf, together with these premises, at the time, and place, aforesaid. Given under the seal of our office this twenty eighth Day do December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven.

Signed: Tho Gardener

I have enquired at Didmarton Parish web site as to the outcome, with no reply, but I think we can take it that the matter was sorted out, as Rev. Deere was still there at his death in 1821.

FROM 1881 CENSUS SWANSEA, with additional information found re. baptisms, marriages, deaths.

Dwelling:

57 Sketty Road (Bryn Villa)

Census Place: Swansea Town, Glamorgan, Wales

Source: FHL Film 1342292 PRO Ref RG11 Piece 5362 Folio 130 Page 32

Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace			
			Richard T.H. DEARE	M	46	M
			Alworth, Wiltshire, England			Rel:
						Head
						Occ

:Coal Exporter

			Jane A. DEARE	M	47	F
			St Pancras, Middlesex, England			
			Died Brentford 1917, aged 84			
			nee JANE ANN RUSSELL			
						Rel:
						Wife
						Occ:
						Wife

Harriet J. DEARE U 15 F
Hammersmith, Middlesex, England
Birth/baptism Kensington 1865
Harriet Jane Deere

Rel:
Daur
Occ:
Scholar

Charlotte A. DEARE U 13 F
Hammersmith, Middlesex, England
Birth/baptism Kensington 1867
Agnes Charlotte Deere

Rel:
Daur
Occ:
Scholar

Richard K Alix DEARE 12 M
Hammersmith, Middlesex, England
Birth/baptism Kensington 1869
Richard Alexander Deere
Died Brentford 1942, 73, Richard H. A. Deere

Rel:
Son
Occ:
Scholar

Elizabeth M. DEARE 10 F
Hammersmith, Middlesex, England
Birth/baptism Kensington 1870
Elizabeth Madeline Deere

Rel:
Daur
Occ:
Scholar

Charles C. DEARE 8 M
Hammersmith, Middlesex, England
Birth/baptism Camberwell 1873
Charles Campbell Deere
Died Brentford 1919 aged 46

Rel:
Son
Occ:
Scholar

Emily J. HOOD U 26 F
Somerset, England

Bath,
Rel:
Govern

ess

Occ:
Tear

Governess

Susanna CHICK U 21 F
Cardiff, Glamorgan, Wales

Rel:
Serv
Occ:
Domest

ic Servant Housemaid

Esther RUSSEL U 21 F
Swansea, Glamorgan, Wales

Rel:
Serv
Occ:
Domest

ic Servant Cook

DAVID JONES OF WALLINGTON

I copied some notes at Cardiff Central Library some time ago, of correspondence between David Jones and a Charles Mason, who appears to have been interested in the DEERE and ROBERTS families and their possible connection. This is when I first became aware of the Tuck-Deere name. These as below, and I have drawn a copy of the Tuck-Deere arms which appear in the notes, and headstone inscriptions of the family of EDWARD DEERE of St. Athan, 1720's. From the dates and addresses, it is likely that Charles Mason had contact with the descendants of Rev. Morgan Deere in London.

EXTRACTS FROM DAVID JONES OF WALLINGTON'S NOTES ON THE DEERE AND ROBERTS FAMILIES OF ST. ATHAN [manuscript notebook at Cardiff Central Library]

The writing is not easy to read and I have indicated where I couldn't make it out.

It seems David Jones of Wallington was doing a bit of research on behalf of a CHARLES MASON who wrote to him from a number of addresses in the 1880s. The notebook is fragile and I was not allowed to photocopy, but I feel the original could be carefully photocopied and distributed, then put away somewhere safe.

'The Deere family of St. Athan had 27? [or 57] acres of land in the Parish [St. Athan] in 1839, which was sold by Richard Deere to Mr. Rayer [father of Revd. Henry Rayer who was rector of St. Athan, who died and is buried 22 December 1853 aged 30]. *The Rayers bought large amounts of land in the area, which was sold 20thC.*

He died after he contracted typhoid fever at the Cowbridge Race Ball.'

David Jones then goes on to list entries from the Parish register, which from the notes appear to have been in a terrible state, with burials and baptisms mixed in together. Therefore I am noting only the very early ones which may not appear in the GFHS booklet, plus the children of Edward Deere who are named on the headstone drawn by David Jones.

DEERE BURIALS AT ST. ATHAN

Catherine Deere on the last day of September, 1663
Margaret, wife of Methusalem Deere 2nd October 1684
Sarah Deere 4th September 1694
John, son of Edward Deere 27 October 1720
John, son of Edward Deere, 27 October 1721
Wenllian Griffith, alias Deere, widow, 1st July 1723
Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Deere 19th November 1723

David Jones has attempted to put together a few of the families, but I will omit this, as from what he says there may be errors, and it is unlikely to be as accurate as what we have today. He also lists Deere wills of St. Athan - Joan 1735 [admin], John 1768?, John 1736, Mathewsalem 1677, William 1740 [admin.]

There is a drawing of yet another version of the Deere coat of arms, with crest and motto, which I have drawn up. At least the colours agree with what we know - i.e.. sa - sable - black, and ar = argent = silver. The coat of arms is divided into two, left and right, and the '3 bucks heads' which I would take to be the Deere's arms, are labelled as those of Tuck? [not easy to read], while the other half, consisting of 3 upturned crescents at the top half, with a chunky zig-zag in the bottom half, is labelled as Deere. The motto 'DDUW A DDIGON' I have seen on other local coats of arms and I think means 'God is sufficient' or similar. The crest is a stag complete with antlers, and again I think is not unusual in what I have seen of the local heraldry. However I have made enquiries in the past which have drawn a blank as far as an authenticated coat of arms for the Glamorgan Deeres is concerned, though I believe one is included in the Dynevor heraldic roll.

David Jones notes that the copy of the arms was "Given me by C. Mason Esq. 5 Dec. 1888".

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Letter from John Deer of St. Nicholas, Glamorgan to Howell Harris, preacher, [Calvinists]

february ye 2 1735

Mr. Harris I had ye pleasure last night to read Mr. Wittfilds Journal and the remarks upon it: and it surprises me very much to think how can any man be against it: for it seems to me that we have great reason to praise god for his mercy towards us in sending us such men in excellent spirit to unfold us ye mysteries of Religion: I mean ye Delivery of ?..... godliness: if we have not ye word we Perish for ye want of it: and if we have it we do perish doubly for the content of it: O that men would consider the terror of ye Lord and be persuaded and that they would learn so much wisdom not to aim the mercies of god against themselves: the word is given as a means to direct us in our way to happiness but he who stumbles and quarrels at ye means will fall short of it: from whom otherwise he might have been delivered.

I hope your last journey among us have left some impression upon ye hearts of a great many people. They do come daily to my house for if ye books that you promised to send down: our company do increase daily and we have our meetings at our house once if not twice a week: we do long for to see you among us and we pray to god that

he would be pleased in his providence to direct you this way again: be so kind as to send ye books as soon as you can: John Yeoman is out of order or else he would come up with the carrier: we do long for to hear from Mr. Griffith Jones and to hear something about ye free school. Having no more to add but we do join all in our love to you which is all from your loving friend and servant.

John Deer

Pray be so kind as to send me a letter

I have corrected some of the spelling, but left in most of his punctuation, which consists of colons. John Deer was buried at St. Nicholas parish church 9 February 1743.

Quite a bit of info. available on Internet for Howell Harris, George Whitfield and Griffith Jones.

St. Nicholas Parish Register contains the following entries for the family of John Yeoman.

*Baptisms Ann, daughter of John and Ann Yeoman 15 May 1743
 Mary, daughter of John and Ann Yeoman 15 May 1743*

*Burials Mary, daughter of John, 1744
 Ann, 1746
 John, 1751*

Pierce Cornish references

Burgage Rents ca 1744

1. PC Esq, for the Hopyard and 5 burgages
18. PC Esq, for ½ burgage called Council Tut
27. PC Esq, 1½ b The Kings Head
30. PC Esq, for The Town House 1 b
35. PC Esq, for ¾ b in the tenure of Elizabeth William and David John
87. PC Esq, for 1 burgage The Barn
119. Mrs Anne Cornish, ½ b in the tenure of Evan Morgan
123. PC Esq, 2 bs in the tenure of Thomas Robert
127. PC Esq, ¾ b in the tenure of Alexander William
135. PC Esq, ½ b in the tenure of Phil. Walton
151. PC Esq, ½ b in the tenure of Mary Gilcot
167. PC Esq, 10 bs The Parrocks

Pierce Cornish was one of the three children of William Cornish, a Cowbridge apothecary, and his wife Anne, nee Deere. His two sisters were Mary, who died young, and Ann, later named as a 'lunatic'.

Anne Deere had been involved in a breach of promise case at Llandaff Consistory Court, brought by the intended groom, Edward Powell of St Nicholas – that after kissing her passionately in public she had failed to turn up at the church on the day arranged. She stated to the court that her mother and friends had prevented her from attending. Anne was in fact a wealthy woman, and so it has been suggested that Powell was a fortune hunter and was stalled by Anne's family.

The Deere family had lived in Llanquian Isaf in Aberthin; Anne's father was Pierce Deere, a Cowbridge shopkeeper and alderman, who had married Mary Aubrey, daughter of Richard Aubrey, a Cowbridge mercer. The marriage settlement for this and earlier marriages brought a considerable amount of property to the family; Mary Deere(Aubrey)'s marriage to Dr James Allen of Gileston, after the death of her first husband, Pierce Deere, was another source of wealth.

Succession through the Aubrey line went to Mary Aubrey's niece, who in 1723 died childless, separated from her husband Edward Portrey of Boverton – and her property went to Pierce Cornish. Both his parents died by 1726; by 1744 Pierce was Deputy Lieutenant of Glamorgan, and a man of some property. He died in 1756, unmarried and with a rather complicated will, which had to be sorted out in the Court of Chancery. His heir, John Willson, a Bath saddler, was declared bankrupt in 1767, leading to further problems, with all of the estate having to be sold.

The Cornish/Aubrey/Deere papers contain a great deal of information about the transactions.

Memorials in Holy Cross church : William Deere died 23 April 1795 aged 74
Elizabeth, his wife, died 2 May 1800 aged 76
Evan, their son, died 1 August 1821 aged 64.

DEERE

[REDACTED]

14 February 2003

Cowbridge Record Society,
1 Mill Park,
COWBRIDGE,
Vale of Glamorgan. CF71 7BG

Dear Mr. Alden,

DEERE FAMILY

A distant cousin and myself are still ploughing on with our research on the family and have studied quite a few more wills. Among the copies obtained by my cousin are some Chancery wills for Rev. John Deere, Susanna Deere [sister of Hester Salmon] Penlline Court, and a couple of wills for the Trallwn branch, Llanilid. A few bits of interest to yourself, and we intend to write up some notes for depositing with Glam FHS eventually.

Rev. John Deere's will was made in 1765, and the Royal Oak [left to him by his uncle John Deere of St. Mary Church] he left to his nephew Edward Thomas, a son of his late sister, Joan. The Royal Oak at the time was occupied by a John Thomas, possibly another relative, though this is not stated.

Rev. Morgan Deere of Trallwn, Llanilid branch [proved 1823]. We have amassed quite a bit of information on this branch, down to 20th century, and including one of Rev. Morgan Deere's sons, Richard Tuck Deere. He was of Wiltshire when his name appeared in Glamorgan Electoral Rolls 1845 and his descendants were later of Swansea 1881 and Kensington. ?

Another of Rev. Morgan Deere's sons was John Morgan Rudolphe Deere, solicitor of Cowbridge at the time of his father's death. John M. R. appears to have been buried at Clifton in 1843. I have some details of an affray/GBH case he was involved in, as the accused!

I will send you a copy of our work when completed, and in meantime send you notes on some 'Cuckoo Mill Strays' connected with the Cowbridge area.

Best wishes,

Wendy Lawday

WENDY LAWDAY

DEERES - CUCKOO MILL STRAYS

WILLIAM DEERE - baptised 8 May 1785 Penmark on the same day as Evan following.

1. William, the son of Morgan Deere 1st and his first wife Catherine, died in 1822 aged 37 and was buried at Penmark from Hensol [which is in the Pendoylan / Ystradowen area]. A William Deere of Pendoylan appears in the Militia Lists for 1820, 21, Cowbridge Hundred.

2. Ystradowen - a bastardy case 1805 for the child of Elizabeth John of Ystradowen, The father was named as William Dear, miller, of Pendoylan. He probably lived at Warren Mill, Pendoylan. Glam RO think this may have been part of the Aubrey estate at that time. * TO INVESTIGA

The Parish Register Ystradowen confirms baptism 22 September 1805, aged 19 days, of William the son of William and Elizabeth Deere, but makes no mention of illegitimacy, so perhaps they married, though two further illegitimate children were born to an Elizabeth John 1808 and 1812, not fathered by William Deere.

Then we have a William Deere of Pendoylan married Elizabeth Claxson in 1810 at St. Nicholas Parish Church.

3. The little boy baptised in 1805 Ystradowen went on to marry and have a family of his own. William Deere married Catherine Howell at Llanblethian 1830, both of parish.

From the 1851 census she was born in Llanblethian, but her age doesn't tally with 1841, and there is a baptism for Catherine, 4 days old, daughter of Edward and Jane Howell of Llanblethian August 17 1806, which fits in with the 1851 census.

WILLIAM DEERE married CATHERINE HOWELL 4/08/1830

Bachelor and spinster. Bride, Groom and witnesses all signed with X.
Witnesses - David and Jane Howell

Baptised at Llansannor in 1834 two sons of William and Catherine Deere [Edward and William]. William was a labourer living at Trebettyn, Llansannor.

From the 1841 Census for Tynewydd, Merthyr Tydfil:

William Deere	aged 35	Labourer	born c. 1806
Catherine, wife	aged 30??		born c. 1811??
Mary, daughter	aged 12		born c. 1829
William, son	aged 9		born c. 1832
Edward, son	aged 7		born c. 1834
Morgan, son	aged 1		born c. 1840

From the 1851 Census for Pentwyn:

William Deere	aged 46	born Llanblethian
Catherine	aged 45	born Llanblethian
William	aged 20	born Llanblethian

Son Edward was at Maesmafan farm, valleys, aged 17 and a servant, born Llanblethian.

Son Morgan was Twyn-y-Garth, valleys, aged 10, a servant, born Llanwonno.

EVAN DEERE - Baptised Penmark 8 May 1785, the illegitimate son of John Deere by Mary Williams. [William [1] above, son of Margan and Catherine, was baptised on the same day]

1. This raises the question of which John Deere was his father, as the old man [John Deere Jnr.] was still alive at this time, and a widower. I have not established whether his eldest son John had survived, or was buried at St. Nicholas in 1743. At any rate, the child was given the Christian name of a deceased son of John Deere Jnr. and wife Mary, who had died in 1763. (EVAN)

Evan seems to have been in Pendoylan with William [1] above in the 1820s, as he also appears in the Militia List, and married there 1816.:

EVAN DEERE married JUAN MORGAN 25/05/1816 BP

Both signed with marks, Evan with 3 vertical lines crossed through horizontally.

Witnesses - Anne Phillips and Mary George

2. This couple had a child baptised at Llanblethian as follows:

Mary Deere, daughter of Evan, a miller, and Juan, baptised 19 March 1817.

Possibly Juan died in 1817 as a Joan Deere was buried there 12 July.

No further entries at Llanblethian for them, and I cannot find them in Glamorgan 1841

There was a Mary, niece, at Cuckoo Mill in the later censuses, said to have been born Cowbridge c. 1821, but this age does not fit this daughter of Evan and Juan.

In case you don't have it I enclose Margery's will. It is interesting that she left Crossways [which was mortgaged] to her son John. As you can see there were disputes following the will, but from other sources it seems Crossways went to the Bassetts via Rev. Henry Jones, husband of a Mary Deere, who seems to have been rather disreputable, if this is the same man mentioned by William Thomas and I. M. Thomas in her St. Hilary book!

I also have a transcript copy [sent by another researcher] of the Canterbury will of Humphrey Deere of Faversham, Kent, 1771, a son of Margery and her husband Edward. Humphrey's son Edward must be the man mentioned later in the John Diaries in connection with property at Llanblethian.

John, son of Margery, may be the man who married Mary Rees nee Curre, widow, but I've not looked into this.

Best wishes,
WENDY

An Isaac Redwood, Feltmaker of Cowbridge, is mentioned as appraiser and witness in the will of William Deere of St. Athan 1740.

I have discovered some of my family [John and Robert Deer[e], brothers of our ancestor Morgan Deere, at Llanelli 1760s onwards, supporters of Wesley, who visited them and preached on one occasion from their doorstep. As a result, I borrowed a book on Wesley's visits to Wales, and found they were stoned by people of Cowbridge on an early visit, but later had a better reception there.

There is also mention of John Deer of St. Nicholas, Calvinist minister [probably 1740s] who I think must be an ancestor.

Best wishes,
WENDY

WILL OF MARGERY DEERE OF CROSSWAYS LLANBLETHIAN 1782 - LL/1782/35
Daughter of Edward Deere The Elder of Rhoose [will 1723] and Gt. Granddaughter of William [1677]

Margery married EDWARD DEERE of Crossways, son of Edward [Will 1727 above]. She was sister to Mathew Deere of Ash Hall [Will 1770] which her descendants inherited from Mathew.

BROTHER	MATHEW DEERE deceased
SONS	JOHN DEERE HUMPHREY DEERE deceased
DAUGHTERS	POSTHUMA DEERE - Sole Executrix ELIZABETH DEERE
GRANDCHILDREN	EDWARD, MARY and CATHERINE DEERE, children of Humphrey deceased DOUGLAS and CATHERINE CHURCH
SON IN LAW	REV. WILLIAM CHURCH [husband of Catherine - Kitty - Deere]
NEPHEW	MATHEW PERCIVAL
OTHERS	JOHN FRANKLEN ESQ. of Llanmihangel

In the Name of God Amen I Margery Deere of the parish of Lanblethian in the County of Glamorgan widow being in good health and of Sound and Disposing Mind Memory and Understanding praise be to God Do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following.

I give and devise unto **my Son John Deere** All that Customary hold Messuage commonly called Crossways with all the Lands Tenements Hereditaments and premises thereunto belonging as well Freehold, Customary hold situate lying and being in the Lordship and parish of Lanblethian in the said County, and all my Estate Right and Title thereto **to have and to hold** all and singular my said Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments with their and every of their Appurtenances unto my said **Son John Deere** his Heirs and Assigns for ever **Subject** to the payment of the mortgage money now due and chargeable thereon.

Also I give and Devise unto **John Franklen** of Llanmihangle in the said County Esquire and **my Son in Law the Reverend William Church** of Bampton near Whitney in the County of Oxford, Clerk and to the Survivor of them and the Heirs Executors and Administrators of such Survivor **All** and singular my full Moiety or equal part or share [into two equal parts to be Divided] of all and singular the Freehold Customary hold and Copyhold Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever with their and every of their Appurtenances situate lying and being in the County of Glamorgan in as large and ample manner as the same lately Descended and came to Me as co-heir with **my Nephew Mathew Percival**, to **my late Brother Mathew Deere Esquire** Deceased and all my Estate Right and Title thereto **to have and to hold** all and singular my said full Moiety or equal part or share of the said Messuages Lands tenements and Hereditaments with their and every of their Appurtenances unto the said **John Franklen** and **William Church** their Heirs and Assigns to such uses and upon such Trusts and to and for such Intents and purposes as are herein after by me mentioned and expressed of and concerning the same, that is to say, **that** they the said **John Franklen** and **William Church** or the Survivor of them and their Heirs Executors or Administrators of such Survivor shall and Do with all convenient speed after my Decease by Sale of my said Moiety of the said Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments so to them Divided as aforesaid and out of the monies arising from such Sale [after payment of such Incumbrances affecting the same] pay and satisfy all the several Legacies and Bequests by me herein after given and Bequeathed at the several and respective times herein after by me Limited and Appointed for payment thereof [that is to say]

I Give and Bequeath unto **my Daughter Posthuma Deere** the sum of Eight Hundred Pounds.
I also Give and Bequeath unto **my Daughter Elizabeth Deere** the sun of Four Hundred Pounds

I also Give and Bequeath unto **my Grandson Edward Deere** the sum of Two Hundred Pounds.
I also Give and Bequeath unto **my Grand Daughter Catherine Deere** the sum of Two Hundred Pounds
I also Give and Bequeath unto **my Grand Daughter Mary Deere** the sum of Three Hundred Pounds,
being the three children of **my late Son Humphrey Deere** Deceased.

I also Give and Bequeath unto **my Grandson Douglas Church** and **my Grand Daughter Catherine Church**, two of the Children of the said William Church by **my Daughter Catherine** the sum of One Hundred Pounds each.

All which said Legacies and Bequests I hereby Order and Direct to be paid the several and respective Legatees above named by the said John Franklen and William Church and the Survivor of them and the Executors and Administrators of such Survivor out of the monies arising from the Sale of Moiety of the said last mentioned Messuages Lands tenements and Hereditaments so to them Divided In Trust as aforesaid, within three months next after such Sale shall be perfected,

And my further Will is, that in Case the money arising from such Sale to my said Moiety of the said Messuages Lands tenements and Hereditaments shall prove insufficient [after the payment of the Incumbrances affecting the same] to Answer and pay the several Legatees above named their respective full Legacies at the time and in the manner herein before Directed and Appointed for payment thereof as aforesaid **then** and in which Case but not otherwise I do hereby Order Direct and Appoint that such Deficiency so Happening from the Sale of my said Moiety of the said estate Shall be Borne Sustained and Allowed by all and every of the said legatees and that in equal proportions of their respective Legacies any thing in this my Will contained to the contrary Notwithstanding **and** my further Will and meaning is that my said trustees their Executors and Administrators and every of them be Indemnified and saved harmless from all Costs Charges Troubles Expenses and Damages which shall or may happen to them by reason of this Trust or anything relating thereto by and out of the Rents and Profits of my said Moiety of the said Messuages Lands tenements and Hereditaments so to them Devised In Trust as aforesaid and that each of them his Heirs Executors and Administrators bee Answerable for his own receipt Act and Deed and not for the receipt Act or Deed of the other of them and his Executors and Administrators.

And further I Give and bequeath unto **my said daughter Posthuma Deere** all and singular my Goods Chattles and Personal Estate of what kind or nature soever it be, subject to the payment of my just debts and funeral Expenses.

And I doe hereby Nominate and Appoint **my said Daughter Posthuma Deere** Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by Me heretofore made and Declaring this to be my last.

In witness whereof I the above named **Margery Deere** have to this my last Will and Testament Set me Hand and Seal this Thirteenth Day of September in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty One.

Margery Deere signed her name.

Witnesses, all signed: Ann Lewis, Thos. Lewis Junr., Thos. Lewis

Unfortunately **Posthuma [Deere] Griffiths**, wife of Jenkin Griffiths died in her mother's lifetime. There are several further sheets attached to the will, but the gist of it is that Elizabeth Deere, Catherine and William Church, John Walters of Llandough-j-Cowbridge and John Franklen are all named in administration documents dated 24th June 1782, Llandaff, with Elizabeth and Catherine stating that Margery's goods chattles and credits amounted to less than One Hundred Pounds. Elizabeth and Catherine were granted administration.

There was a **Chancery case** dated 3rd November 1784 between Anne Bassett, widow, and others [Complainants], and Mathew Deere Percival and others [Defendants] as follows:

At the Examination of Witnesses, at the Execution of a Commission in this case, the paper writing marked with the letter I [the admin. page] was produced and shown to Ann Lewis and Thomas Lewis, and by them severally Deposed, unto the fourth Interrogatory on the behalf of the Complainants by and before us [signed by Will: Rees and Tho: Thomas]

Attached to a copy of the will, there is a further [deleted] passage dated 20th November 1785 mentioning a dispute between Anne Bassett, widow, and other complainants, and Mathew Deere Percival and other defendants,

Then another [undeleted] passage on the same page, and dated 25th March 1790 confirming receipt of the original will, as follows:

*Received March 25th 1790 of Mr. Edw. Pearson Regr. of the Consistory Court of Landaff the Original Will of Mrs. Margery Deere late of the parish of Lanblethian in the County of Glamorgan Widow, and of which the foregoing is a true copy in order to be attended with at the **assizes** to be held at Cardiff on the said 25th day of March Instant which I promise to return fair and unaltered.*

The same from Complainants and Defendants as above.

Signed Thos. James