

John family of Verlands, Marlborough and Caercady.

David John was probably farming at Llanharan - moved to Pentre in the Rhondda - started John's Pentre Brewery, which was later taken over by Bass.

On his death, Catherine John moved to the Verlands, Cowbridge with her bachelor son Thomas. She died Jan 30 1899 aged 71; buried at Llanharan.
Tom John later married Mollie Llewellyn of Cowbridge.

William John, eldest son of David and Catherine, farmed Marlborough Grange.
Married twice; son of David and Catherine John married at Welsh St Donats

David John of Caercady, d Jan 2 1890, aged 56 (or possibly 58), as a result of a hunting accident. Buried at Llanharan
first marriage was David John, became a doctor, in the Army, then in practice in Bridgend.
David was brought up at Caercady, by grandparents; poss buried at Llanharan.
Second marriage was to Mary Mordecai. William and Mary were at Marlborough 1908 - 1926. Had one daughter who became a horse trainer at Lambourn. She trained the winning horse in the Schweppes Cup. 'A bit of a lass'. Married.

Subject: Local History
Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2003 20:37:11 +0100
From: [REDACTED]
To: <jeffalden@cowbridge.co.uk>
Cc:

Dear Mr Alden

My Mothers family (the Johns) comes from Marlborough Grange, outside of Cowbridge and I am trying to trace any information on them and their relationship to the Morgan and Mordicai families in the area. And for any information on the house itself.

I wondered if any of your books may be able to enlighten me further.

I look forward to hearing from.

Yours sincerely

Danny Molony

Willie John The Brewery at M. Grange

Subject: Re: Johns of Cowbridge
Date: Mon, 1 Sep 2003 19:25:46 +0100
From: [REDACTED]
To: <jeff.alden@talk21.com>
Cc:

Dear Jeff

Many many thanks for your time and your e-mail, it is much appreciated
Firstly I would be very interested in obtaining a copy of the two books you mention. please let me know how you would like payment and to whom.
Secondly all and any information would be gratefully recieved especially anything on any living relatives in the area today or anything else on the family tree front.

I went to Marlborough Grange a couple of years ago on the off chance and introduced myself to the farmer who currently lives there. He has the deeds to the house going back over several generations and I have been meaning to go back and make some copies. I had possibly thought to do this in the next few weeks and wondered if you would like to meet up for a chat and a pint.

Yours in thanks

Danny
C.D.Molony

[REDACTED]

----- Original Message -----

F [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, September 01, 2003 10:58 AM

Subject: Johns of Cowbridge

Dear Danny,

Our book 'Llanblethian Buildings and People' contains a few pages including two photos on Marlborough grange, but only a short note on the Johns when they were there. The 'Reminiscences of Cowbridge' book contains two separate references to the Johns of the Verlands - Tom John was probably a brother to the Marlborough John. These cost £6 each, post paid from me at 1 Mill Park, Cowbridge, CF71 7BG. If you want me to dig out more information, get in touch

The Daughter was Catherine Alice Anne (Nan) John Married firstly Charles Alexander (Ken) Kennedy (Auctioner and Gentleman Farmer) from welsh borders, 2 children, Daniel who died young and then Catherine Stella (my Mother).she was then divorced. married secondley Charles Birch of Clare Park, Surrey, 2 children William Birch and Rosie Birch, she then divorced him. Lived with Uncle Pat can't remember his surname, one child Bridget. Left Pat and re-married Ken Kennedy, he then died in the late eighties. She trained Ra Nova to win the Schweppes for Freddie Star.

My mother also said that the family had a quarry somewhere.

My mother was brought up by Nan and David John in between divorces!! David was cremated. Nan died in the nineties.

Hoping to be in Cowbridge area the weekend of the 25th of Oct if your around it would be great to meet up.

Danny

----- Original Message -----

From: <jeff.alden@talk21.com>

Sent: Friday, October 10, 2003 2:42 PM

Subject: Cowbridge Johns

>

> Danny,

> Have today visited the 96-year-old last of the Johns, and have gathered all her memories of the family - see attachment. The best description of Marlborough Grange, with photos, is in Llanblethian Buildings and people. Best wishes

> Jeff

>