

St Quentins, Llanblethian

St Quentin's House is situated on the corner of Castle Hill and St Quentin's Hill. Its rather drab facade to the street is almost devoid of windows. However, hidden behind high stone walls is the south face, overlooking a series of terraces in the garden, and enjoying views over lower Llanblethian and the hillside beyond. Built with stone taken from St Quentin's Castle, the house would appear to have started as a much smaller building than that of today, being gradually added to over the years. A surviving 17th century frieze and early Georgian window frames are evidence of some of the construction stages. There is a vaulted cellar with two entrances in the form of circular staircases.

The house has had a rich history, illustrated by its various owners and residents. The earliest record of occupants is 1820, when Captain Hugh Eccles, a one-armed survivor of the Peninsular war, lived here with his young family. Two of his children were baptised in Llanblethian church. After moving to Bath, the family emigrated to Canada in 1835, where sons Henry and William became prominent lawyers.

In 1825, Captain William Royds, one of the Rochdale families who were to play a great part in the life of Llanblethian in the nineteenth century, was installed in the house. When he married Georgiana Peel (niece of Sir Robert Peel MP, whose name gave early policemen the nickname 'Peelers') at Clifton that same year, he was described as 'Captain Royds of Llanblethian', but though he continued to own the house he did not reside here long. By 1828 it had been let to one of the Peel family, and then became the home of the Revd Rees Howell, vicar of Llancafarn and curate of Cowbridge. When he died in 1830, his baby son was only a few days old and was christened over his father's coffin. His widow, Harriet Anne, was the daughter of William Williams, the headmaster of Cowbridge Grammar School. In 1836, a letter stated "Rumour is very busy marrying Mrs Howell to the clergyman of this parish - she is looking very well and gay", and indeed in 1838 Harriet Howell married the Revd Thomas Edmondes, Rector of Cowbridge and Llanblethian, and three sons were born to the couple. After several years in *St Quentin's*, following the death of the father of Thomas (Major Thomas Edmondes), the family moved to live in Old Hall in Cowbridge.

Thomas Edmondes went on to become the 'uncrowned king' of Cowbridge. He remained Rector for about 50 years, and was an alderman and a burgess, as were his two of his sons and his step-son. Of his three sons born whilst he lived in *St Quentin's*, Charles became Archdeacon of St David's and principal of Lampeter College, Frederic became Archdeacon of Llandaff, but refused the post of Bishop, and Francis entered the army.

In 1851, John Samuel, an 80 year old landowner born in Penmark, was the tenant here, living with his niece and a servant. The death of Lt-Col William Royds in 1858 (he left the property in the hands of trustees) saw a change of occupants. His son, Frederick Charles Alton Royds (born in Clemenstone, Llandow in 1827) then lived in *St Quentin's* with his wife Frances, but in January 1863, when hunting with the Duke of Beaufort's Hunt at Tetbury in Gloucestershire, he was thrown from his horse and killed. He had been Lieutenant of the Cowbridge Rifle Corps where "the entire command of the corps devolved upon him. So well did he perform those duties that he was universally loved by the men under his command. His urbanity of temper and general bearing towards his men so won their admiration and esteem that it was unanimously determined by them, according to time-honoured custom, to proceed to church to pay the last tribute of respect to their departed man wearing a badge of black crepe around his left arm, and preceded by their brass band marched to the Parish Church, where a very affecting and impressive sermon was preached by the Revd Thomas Edmondes, the respected vicar.....The same sad solemn spectacle was re-enacted in the afternoon, at Llanblethian Church, where a very appropriate sermon was preached by the Revd John Evans,

who drew a beautiful picture of the deceased in his capacity of soldier, magistrate, Christian and gentleman”.

By the mid-1860s Titus Lewis had moved to the house with his family of three sons and three daughters. Previously, Titus Lewis had owned a draper's shop in Carmarthen, but the business had failed and he became a commercial traveller. However, he is better remembered as a Welsh poet. He translated a great number of English hymns into Welsh, and several of his poems were published, including 'The Soldier's Wife, a Tale of Inkerman'. The National Library of Wales at Aberystwyth holds a large collection of his work. By the 1871 census, one of the Lewis boys was an Oxford graduate, and the other an undergraduate at Lampeter. Titus died in 1887, but his widow Catherine stayed on in the house until she was succeeded by Richard Mathias and his wife, three children and two servants. Mathias was in charge of the building of the Cowbridge railway extension to Aberthaw.

In 1894, Harold Bird was living in *St Quentin's*; he was the District Surveyor for Cowbridge and took over the ironmonger's shop, which eventually became a noted lawn-mower business, in the town. A number of annual tenants followed Bird. In 1918, the Revd William Franklen Evans retired after 28 years as a loved and respected headmaster of Cowbridge Grammar School, and came to live in the house, a somewhat exhausted man after years of struggle with the authorities regarding the well-being of the school. He died in 1929.

Annie and Stanley Philpot were the next occupants. He was a landscape architect and was probably responsible for laying out the garden in its present form. Both died in 1943 and have the tallest tombstone in Llanblethian churchyard.

Following the death of her husband, Blanche Homfray came from Penlline Castle to live in *St Quentin's* with her Yorkshire terrier called 'John Peel'. Her son-in-law was Johnny Clay, the Glamorgan and England cricketer. When she died in 1947, the house was purchased by Francis and Ronald Walters, two brothers who owned several shoe shops in the area. They sold *St Quentin's* to Sir David and Lady Joan Llewellyn. He was the Member of Parliament for Cardiff North, and Under-Secretary for Welsh Affairs at the Home Office. For 27 years he also wrote a weekly horse racing column in 'Sporting Life' under the pseudonym of 'Jack Logan'. Sir David, a Conservative MP, sided with a Labour MP, George Thomas (later to become Speaker of the House of Commons) in objecting to actions of the Welsh Nationalists. The inhabitants of Llanblethian woke one morning to find the garden walls of *St Quentin's* daubed with Welsh graffiti. Lady Joan is the niece of Blanche Homfray. Between 1942 and 1946, she was in charge of the War Cabinet Cipher Office, and accompanied Winston Churchill to conferences in Marrakech and Quebec.

It was during the Llewellyn's time in the house that a number of famous people came to stay - the Bishop of Exeter, the authors Naomi Jacob, Pamela Frankau and Stephen Potter, the painter Claude Harrison, JPL Thomas (Lord Cilcennin), General Alexander, the actor Boris Karloff, the Duke of Bedford and Raine Lewisham (Countess of Dartmouth, Countess Spencer etc.). Perhaps the most famous guest, however, was Mrs Pandit who later, as Mrs Nehru, became Prime Minister of India. She stayed in the house in 1957 whilst her attendant, Gurbachan Singh, slept across the lane in *Thimble Cottage*, which the Llewellyns had built for their gardener. Singh was responsible for Mrs Pandit's safety. It was the beginning of a tradition whereby she always chose Sikhs to protect her. Sadly, it was Sikh members of her bodyguard who assassinated her.

From 'Llanblethian Buildings and People' 2001

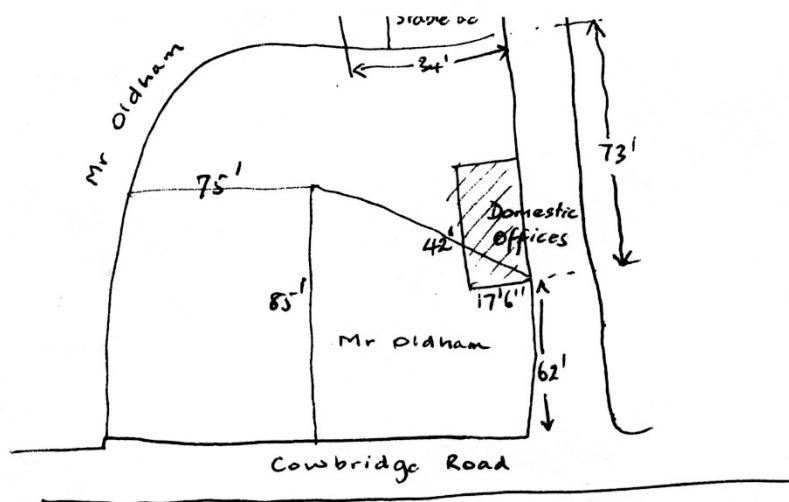
1795, 6/11	Fine, Williams to Jenkins	<i>Schedule of deeds</i>
1806, 1 and 2/5	Lease and release – David Williams to John Jenkins (other part of St Qs)	<i>Schedule of deeds</i>
1812, 24 and 25/1	Lease and release from Thomas Wyndham to John Jenkins, premises in Llanblethian (Cae'r Castell)	<i>Schedule of deeds</i>
1816, 1 and 2/7	Lease and conveyance, John Jenkins to Hugh Eccles	<i>Parcel no. 9, deeds</i>
1820 and 1821	Baptisms of son and daughter to Hugh and Martha Eliza Eccles, gent	<i>Llb. parish recds.</i>
1823	Capt Eccles, house and land, 6d	<i>LTA</i>
1824, 29/4	Lease, John Jenkins and wife to William Royds and JG Royds for one year (Cae'r Castell)	<i>Schedule of deeds</i>
1824, 8/4	Lease for a year, Eccles to Royds	<i>Parcel no. 9, deeds</i>
1824, 9/4	<p>Conveyance, Hugh Eccles and wife Martha Elizabeth to William and JG Royds 'All that messuage or dwelling house and garden, outhouses and buildings as said Hugh Eccles for some years past has enjoyed and as he erected the same dwelling house on a parcel of land or garden which he purchased of John Jenkins of Llanblethian yeoman, and which John Jenkins conveyed to Hugh Eccles 1 and 2 July 1816, in which the land was described as thus :</p> <p>All that parcel in Llanblethian which abuts on the north a road leading from Llanblethian castle to Llanblethian mill, on the east a road from the castle to Llanblethian bridge, and on the south and west land belonging to the parishioners of the parish of Llanblethian. Measurements of said parcel ; 134 ft from N to S on East side, 116 ft from N to S on West side, 60 ft width from E to W on North side, 52 ft from E to W on South side.'</p> <p><i>Parcel. No. 9, deeds</i></p>	
1824, 30/4	Conveyance as above (Cae'r Castell)	<i>Schedule of deeds</i>
1824	Fine from Jenkins and wife to Royds (Cae'r Castell)	<i>Schedule of deeds</i>
1824	Fine, Eccles and wife to Royds	<i>Deeds</i>
1825	Capt Royds, owned and occ, house and land, 6d	<i>LTA</i>
1825	Captain Royds of Llanblethian married Georgiana Peel at Clifton	<i>Cambrian, 10/12/1825</i>
1828-9	Llanblethian Churchwardens a/cs show 'Recd of Mr Peel for croft by his house, and for croft by castle £2. 6s. 6d	<i>P/13 CW/B Llanblethian</i>
1830	Llb Churchwardens A/cs: recd of Mr Bradley (landagent) for croft adj Capt Royds, £2. 6s. 6d	<i>P/13 CW/B Llanblethian</i>

- 1830 Birth of a son to Revd Rees Howell at St Quentin's Cottage
Cambrian, 31/7/1830
- 1831 Capt Royds, owned 2 houses, both valued at 6d: this
occ Mrs Howell, (and the other occ John David and others) *LTA*
- 1831-2 Llŷ Churchwardens a/cs: recd of Capt Royds for.....
(Cae Plwyf, the Croft, etc) £2. 6s. 6d *P/13 CW/B Llanblethian*
- 1836 "Rumour is very busy in marrying Mrs Howells to the clergyman
of this parish - she is looking very well and gay" - Letter from
Mrs Ann Thomas of Hill House to Mrs Jones of Bath *D/D MBN 780*
- 1838 Marriage of Harriet, widow of Revd Rees Howell, vicar of
Llancarfan, with Revd Thomas Edmondes *Edmondes family papers*
- 1838 Son born to Thomas Edmondes at Llanblethian *Cambrian, 15/12/1838*
- 1840 William Royds and Poors Land, o, Rev T Edmondes, occ *Tithe#309*
- 1849 William Rhyds of Cheltenham, freehold house and land near
Llanblethian Castle *Electoral Reg*
- 1851 ?John Samuel, prop. of land, 80 and niece and servant *Census#75*
- 1858 Death of William Royds, 20/12/1858 ; his will appointed trustees
for his estate *Deeds*
- 1860 Capt Royds rent... £2. 6s. 6d *P/13 CW/B LLb*
- 1861 Frederick C A Royds, 34, gent, fundholder, b Llandow
(son of William Royds) *Census#83*
- 1863 'Poor Royds of St Quintins - fell off his horse dead in
Gloucestershire. No-one with him at the moment' *FW Edmondes diary*
" The late Lieut FC Alton Royds. It has never been our province (says a
correspondent) to chronicle an event which has thrown such a deep gloom
over this town and neighbourhood, as that which has just occurred, by the
unexpected and much lamented death of FC Alton Royds Esq., of St
Quentin's Cottage, near this town. The deceased gentleman had been
staying with some friends at Tetbury, Gloucestershire, and while returning
home from hunting with the Duke of Beaufort's hounds, about two miles
from the town of Tetbury, he was thrown from his horse and killed; his
remains being interred at Tetbury Church on Thursday last. The deceased
gentleman was the Lieutenant of the Cowbridge Rifle Corps, and at the time
of his decease, in consequence of the resignation of Captain Boteler and
Ensign Royds, the entire command of the corps devolved upon him. So
well did he perform those duties that he was universally loved by the men
under his command. His urbanity of temper and general bearing towards

his men so won their admiration and esteem that it was unanimously determined by them, according to time-honoured custom, to proceed to church to pay the last tribute of respect to their departed officer. Accordingly on Sunday last, the members of the Corps met at the Town hall, each man wearing a badge of black crape around his left arm, and preceded by their brass band marched to the Parish Church, where a very affecting and impressive sermon was preached by the Rev Thomas Edmondes, the respected vicar....The same sad solemn spectacle was re-enacted in the afternoon, at Llanblethian Church, where a very appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev John Evans, who drew a beautiful picture of the deceased in his capacity of soldier, magistrate, Christian and gentleman. The deceased gentleman was the son of the late Lieut.-Col Royds, and leaves a wife and aged mother, with many sorrowing friends, to mourn his untimely loss
Cambrian, 23/1/1863

1865, 26/4 Counterpart lease, W Oldham etc to Titus Lewis *Schedule of deeds*

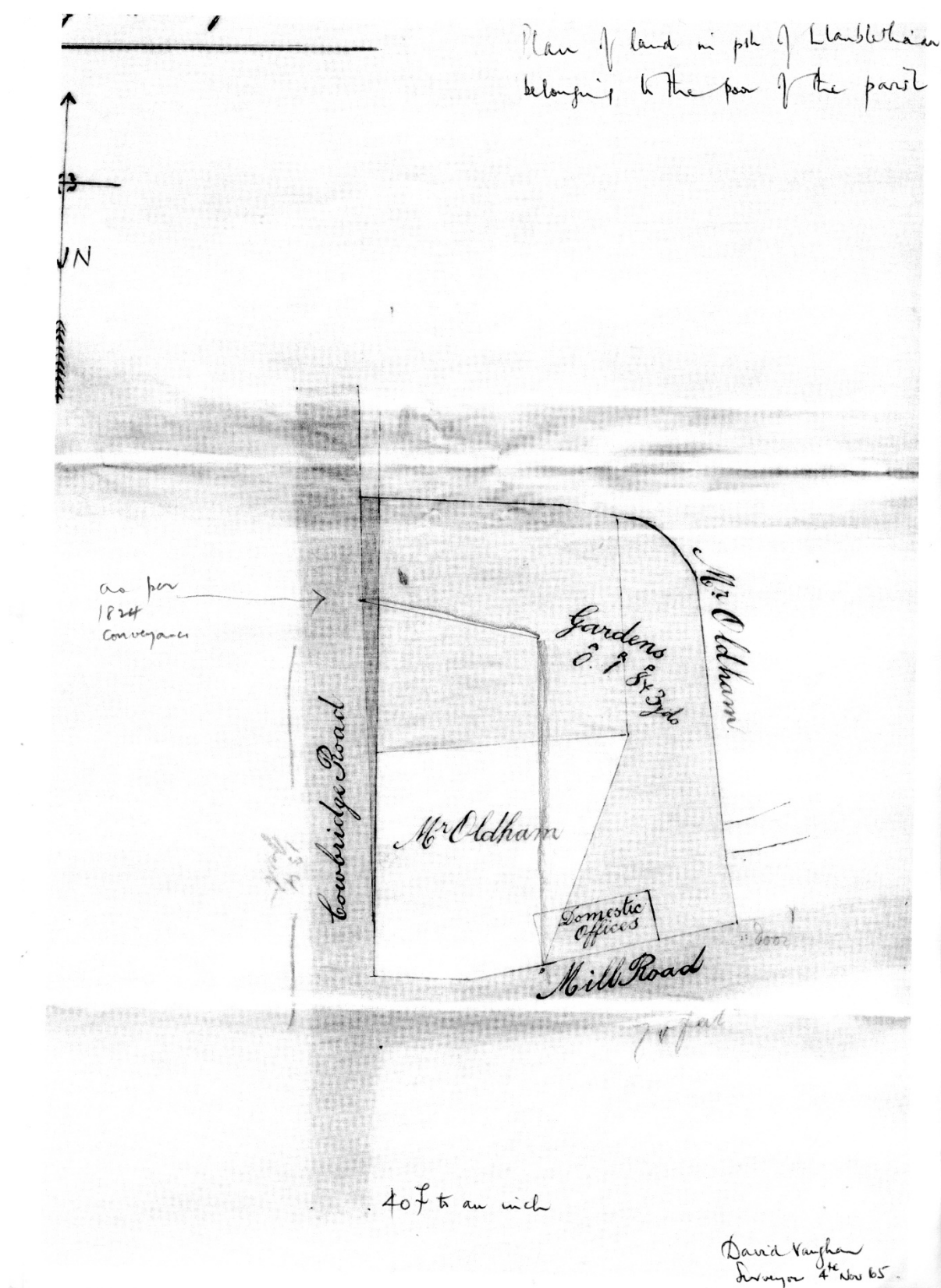
1865 'Received from Mr Oldham re garden of St Q's £2 6s 6d'
 Llanblethian Churchwardens Accounts *P/13 CW/B Llanblethian*
 (Adelaide Royds, daughter of William and Georgiana, m John Oldham
 in 1859; Alice Victoria Royds, her sister, married William Oldham
 in 1863 *Burkes Landed Gentry, 1894*
 1863: Marriage of Wm Oldham, bachelor, of Llb, son of James
 Oldham, Esq, to Alicia Vittoria Royds, spinster of Llb, daughter of
 Wm Royds, Lt-Col in the Army (witnesses included Lawrence Peel)
Llb Church records)



Poor's Land part of No 309 on Title Map.
 Area 1r 1r 8p, Value £130.

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1865.



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Mr Titus Lewis

Slaters

- 1871 Titus Lewis, 49, commercial traveller and landowner, FSA,
+ wife + 2 sons + 3 daughters + servant *Census#80*
- 1872 Marriage of Hannah Elizabeth, daughter of Titus Lewis, to Fred. Ernest
Richardson, gent, of Llb *Llb church records*
- 1872, 28/6 'Yesterday the wedding was celebrated of Mr Frederick Ernest Richardson of
Llanstephan with Miss Harriet Elizabeth Lewis, eldest daughter of Mr Titus Lewis FSA of St
Quintins Cottage, Llanblethian.....The wedding pair, amidst the congratulations of the
assemble, the firing of canons, guns etc, were driven to St Quintins Cottage, the residence of
Mr Titus Lewis, where a magnificent dejeuner, including all the delicacies of the season, was
served. The wedding presents included a brilliant collection of articles of bijouterie and
vertu.' *Central Glamorgan Gazette*
- 1874 Titus Lewis occupied; Mr Oldham owned (also owned 'South Prospect', St Qs
Terrace and Caer Castell) *Glam County Rate 75*
- 1877 'Titus Lewis decorated the font of Llb church, and the Misses Lewis
also involved in the decorations for Christmas'
Newspaper cutting, Jan 1878 in David Jones' scrapbook
- 1881 Titus Lewis, 59, general commission agent, b.Llanelli
+ wife + 2s + 2 d + serv. *Census#82*
- 1883 Miss Eleanor Lewis of St Qs, Llanblethian, married Geo J Clow RN
at the Cathedral, Spanish Town, Jamaica. Revd Titus Davies
Lewis, RN officiated *Cambrian Journal, Nov 30*
- 1884 Titus Lewis *Kelly's*
- 1885 'Rev JH Lewis, son of Titus Lewis, came as curate' *FW Edmondes diary*
- 1887 Titus Lewis, abode Cowbridge, buried September 13th 1887 in the parish of
Llanstephan, aged 65 years
- 1890 Sale of St Quentin's *Western Mail*
- 1890 Draft assignment of lease – Herbert Edward Bradley of Wootten-under-Edge,
Glos., bank manager to Frank Mathews of Glan Ely, gent 'St Quintins Cottage and adjoining
land in Llanblethian'. Also accounts leading to above assignment, correspondence, accounts
and inventory of household furniture relating to sale of St Q's 1890, 1892 (1 file and 1
bundle) *Mathews family of Glan Ely D/D P1 939*
- 1891 Richard Mathias, 29, railway contractor, + wife + 3 d
+ visitor + 2 servs. *Census*
- 1894 Honor Alice Williams (for whom Nathaniel Bird acted in *loco parentis*)
Deed re Broadway Cottage

1895	Harold Bird, district surveyor	<i>Kelly's</i>
1898	<p>'23 June: Rev John Owen Evans inducted to living of Llanblethian and Cowbridge</p> <p>3 Nov: called at St Quintins to ask after Mrs Evans - she came home on Tuesday, much better'</p>	<i>FW Edmondes Diary</i>
ca 1899	<p>'...I learnt where the Vicar in 1899 lived (<i>from the parish magazine of that date</i>). I had always believed it was then in Dynevor House but I find it was in fact in St Quintins. At least he entertained the Church Lads' Brigade there to tea on the lawn....'</p> <p><i>Rev Stanley Mogford, Parish Magazine no. 184 August 1970</i></p>	
1901	<p>Correspondence, Miller, Peel, Hughes, Rutherford & Co. solicitors of Liverpool to Gwyn & Gwyn – 'Mr CG Moule has been collecting the Llb. property (rent) for 40 (sic) years since 1871 when the two Mrs Oldhams (Mrs William and Mrs John Oldham) last went to New Zealand'.</p>	
1901, 26/11	<p>Lot 1. Freehold residence called St Quintins, with lawn, garden and outbuildings adj., now occupied by George E Morris Esq.</p>	
1902	<p>Property in occupation of George E Morris as yearly tenant, conveyed to Wm Thomas of Court Farm, Llansannor</p>	
Deeds		
1906	Frederick Morris	<i>Kelly's</i>
1913-15	Mr E W Nell	<i>Gwyn & Gwyn accounts</i>
1915	J G H Bird	“ “ “

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Mr and Mrs Robert Lougher of St Quentins celebrating their golden wedding; Mr L is the 10th and last surviving son of the late Mr Wlm Lougher of Treguff and was born at Great Hse St Fagans in 1841. Mrs L was Miss Eliz. Hopkins of Llanveithin

?Gazette cutting of 13/4/1920
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VALE GOLDEN WEDDING.

Bridegroom's Interesting Recollections.

Mr and Mrs Robert Lougher, of St. Quentin, Llanbleddian, near Cowbridge, celebrate to-day their golden wedding, having been married on the 13th April, 1870. Both come of good old Vale of Glamorgan stock, and Mr Lougher is the descendant of an ancient family who were established as important landowners in Glamorganshire centuries ago, one of whom was lord of the manor at Porthcawl back in the 17th century, the well-known Lock's Common—a modern corruption of Lougher's Common—being named after him. Mr Lougher is the tenth and last

Mr Robert Lougher is the tenth and last surviving son of the late Mr William Lougher of Tregaff, Llancarvan, a well-known Vale of Glamorgan agriculturist, and was born at the Great House, St. Fagans, in 1841, being one of 13 children, his parents' household numbering 24 persons. Mrs Lougher was Miss Elizabeth Hopkins, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs David Hopkins, of Llanveithin.



Mr and Mrs ROBERT LOUGHER.

Mr Robert Lougher was for a long period surveyor to the old Cowbridge Highway Board. He was well known among the hunting fraternity, hunting with the Llanwonno and Ystrad pack. He was one of the founders of the old "Welsh Derby," a classic Welsh hunt race-meeting, which was for years held annually on the top of Llanwonno mountain. This "Welsh Derby" originated in a match between Mr Robert Lougher's horse and that of a hunting friend.

Some years ago Mr Lougher was a member of the Caerphilly Urban Council. He well remembers the time when ploughing in the Vale was done with teams of oxen, and he has ploughed with oxen himself, and still can sing the Vale ploughman's song with which his father used to cheer him when working the land.

the oxen were humoured at their work. He saw the first steam engine travelling on the South Wales Railway from Cardiff through St. Fagans. Among his most interesting personal reminiscences are those concerning Dai'r Cantwr, a gifted farm servant, who composed ballads that were sung in the farm houses of the Vale and at fairs, and who, owing to his activities as a Chartist, was transported to Botany Bay.

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Mr and Mrs Robert Lougher have two daughters and three sons. One daughter, Mrs Maud Gwyn, is the wife of Mr Vivian Gwyn, solicitor, Cowbridge, clerk to the Cowbridge Bench; the other—formerly Miss Gwen Lougher—is married and living in South Africa. The sons are Mr Fred Lougher, contractor, Llangeinor; Mr W. Lougher, Osgoreu Vale, and Mr Ivor Lougher, Barry. There are nine grandchildren.

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Wm. Langley -
L. Langley
(formerly of
St. Andrews)

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1920 Rev William Franklen Evans *Kelly's*

1925 Rev W F Evans - subscribing to J S Corbett's papers: *'Notes on Lordship of Glam'.*

1919 – 1930 'Reference was made by the Rector at the Service of Dedication of the two new windows in the church made up of glass from the old Grammar School building to the late Rev. W F Evans of St Quintins..... The Rev. WF Evans was a much loved and respected Headmaster and a gentleman. He was the last of the clergymen Headmasters, for all appointed to the school from 1608 until his years of office were over, were all in Holy Orders. He came in 1890 and was to have retired in 1914 but the War came and he carried on with a much depleted and part-time staff – the curate, the Rev. DN Davies, taught (I forget what) and Mr JP Marks, the Church organist, taught French. The Headmaster himself taught Latin and I think Greek, though his great loves seems to have been Natural history in which he graduated with a First Class Honours Degree at Oxford. But above all he impressed character, courteousness, and civility on us "80" (I believe) boarders and day boys. He insisted that all of us, irrespective of denomination, attended a short service of matins on Saints' days. We liked Saints' days because we then had a half day off.

The Rev. WF Evans finally retired in December 1919 and went to live in St Quintins* where he died in 1929**. I remember visiting him about 1925 and it was a privilege to be with him. There are few of us who remember him now but those of us who do remember him with affection and deep respect.

W.S.D. (Parish magazine September 1979)

(* he took with him Harry Evans, Grammar School gardener, as his servant – *Ralph Williams*)

(** his will mentions his housekeeper, Miss Carder, and gardener, Harry Evans.)

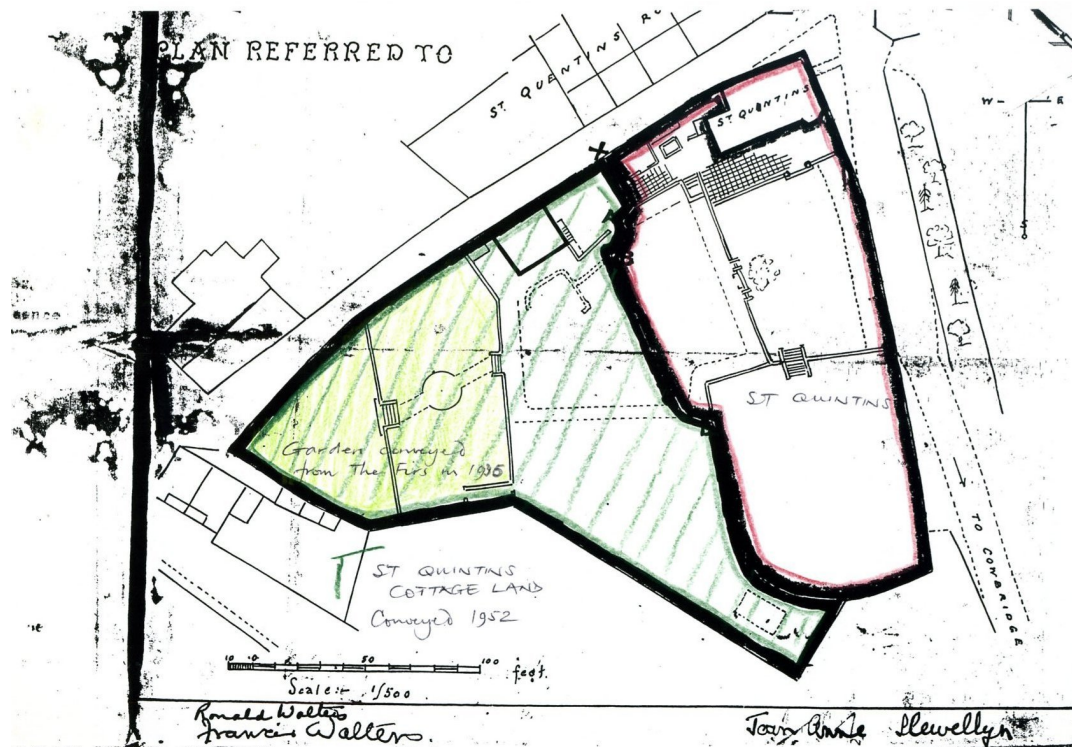
1926 Rev William Franklen Evans MA *Kelly's*

1929, 1st February Sale of furniture at St Q's by David Watts & Morgan *Glamorgan Gazette*

1942 and 1944 Letters from B Homfray, St Quintins (tel. no: 225) tickets for a dance, and an invitation to tea and to see the garden before it is spoilt by rain. *WAH Fisher Vol. 66*

The maid at Mrs Homfray's, Mary, became a close friend of Rev Stanley Mogford and his wife Joyce in later years. She married Ted Warren who lived in Greenfield, and who was badly wounded at Dunkirk. Mary was described by Rev Mogford in 2006 as 'the loveliest of people, a superb cook, from which I often benefited. She graduated from being Mrs Homfray's maid to being her cook. Ted and Mary moved to Porthcawl, where they have since died. Mrs Homfray vetted Ted Warren before he was allowed to court Mary'.

1952 Land of St Qs subdivided, and St Quentins Cottage built (occupied by Walters) :



Information from deeds:

William Royds, formerly of Bath but late of Sandford Place, Cheltenham, Colonel in HM Army, decd, in his will dated 28/10/1848 appointed Charles Brownell and Lawrence Peel as his trustees

Royds died 20/12/1858; will proved 2/3/1859 in Principal Registry of court of Probate

Charles Brownell died 24/1/1863

Lawrence Peel died 15/5/1866 having appointed Frederic Lawrence Boteler and John Hughes as trustees

In Sept 1871, John Hughes and Richard Formby were trustees

Formby died 5/9/1894

Hughes died 25/6/1894

In 1895, Eliza Hughes and Wm Watson Rutherford were trustees

In 1896, Charles Henry Rutherford and J. Rutherford were trustees

1902: Property (in occ of George E Morris as yearly tenant) conveyed to William Thomas of Court Farm Llansannor

1927: Wm Thomas died, and executors vested property to Mary Ann Thomas as tenant for life.

1928: Occupied by William Franklen Evans as yearly tenant

1929: Conveyed by executors of William Thomas to Annie Elizabeth Philpott of Tunbridge Wells, house formerly in occupation of late WF Evans (who died 1/1/1929).

1935: Garden (the Firs garden) conveyed by George Williams of Brooklyn, farmer to AE Philpott

1940: Conveyance of St Qs and the garden by AE Philpott of St Quintins to Blanche Jessie Homfray of Penllyn Castle

1940: BJ Homfray of St Quintins

1947: Death of BJ Homfray

1947: Conveyance of St Qs and the garden adj on the West to Francis and Ronald Walters

1949 Conversion of garden store to dwelling

1952 Subdivision of property St Qs/St Qs Cottage

Captain Eccles 1776-1858

Resided in Toronto for many years, highly esteemed by all, warmhearted.

Born 1776, he entered the army in 1802 as an ensign in the 61 st Regiment. With Wellington through entire Peninsula campaign, lost an arm in the battlefield, retired and settled in Wales, where he married.

In 1830, Captain Eccles went to Somersetshire, near Bath, and in 1835 emigrated with his family to Canada. Niagara 1835-41, then Toronto.

Took active interest in politics, eg in the reform bill of 1832 etc etc.

Left a widow and a numerous family including Mr Henry Eccles, QC and William Eccles, barrister of St Catherines.

From JH Morgan's 'Sketches of Celebrated Canadians'

Henry Eccles

Born Bath 1817

Called to the bar in Canada 1842

From : F Boase "Modern English Biography"

William Morgan Eccles (baptised 18/6/1820) and **Frances Eccles** (baptised 20/2/1821)

Parents : Hugh and Martha Eccles

in Llanblethian Parish records

Sources/references :

GRO = Glamorgan Record Office

PRO = Public Record Office, Kew

NLW = National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth

Slater's, Kelly's etc = directories in GRO

Register of electors – in GRO

WAH Fisher & David Jones of Wallington = notes in Cardiff Central Library

Llanblethian parish records = in GRO

D/D = deeds in GRO

Glamorgan County Rate = in GRO