

THE BUILDINGS OF MOREFA BORTH

- the Marsh Harbour

Ceredigion



That part of Borth Village on a pebble bank with the sea on one side and the Cors Fochno marsh some reclaimed and the railway on the other. In the distance is the River Dyfi. Photograph Michael Lewis

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LLYS TLADMA

One of a pair of semi-detached houses on the beach side at the southern end of Borth High Street. It was built on the ground of a cottage there in 1829 but gone by 1886.



Llys Tladma in 2009, it is the house on the right.

Llys Tladma is the northernmost house of the pair, and they are set back from the street and neighbouring houses. This is a two storey house under a shallow gable roof. The house is single fronted and has a garage abutting its northern wall. Access to the rear is alongside. The brick of its walls is exposed on the lower half of the front, which has a strong horizontal division as the lower half extends outwards. A very low brick wall protects the front door, but the front is otherwise paved and open to the street. At the rear the house and garage have been extended almost to the boundary of their plot. A pattern has been created by the bars of

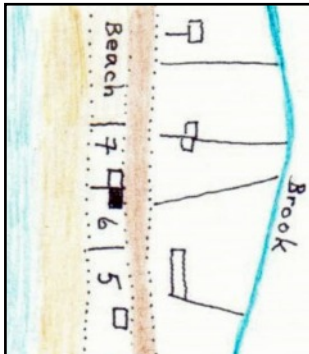


The rear in 2015

the shutters over the upper windows, which would have splendid views of the sea. Like Water's Edge next door some open work stones have been used on the ground floor, perhaps to protect the building from the sea. Boarding is also used for that too. The inscription is Welsh and says 'Remember the Alamo', and the man with the fur hat was possibly Davy Crockett.

The ground on which the house stands is a wide embankment of stones

thrown up by the sea and called 'waste' by the Crown Manor who owned it as it was no good for farming. Enclosures on it had to pay rent to the manor. The road had been there for centuries and became a turnpike road in the 1770s. It led to a ferry from Ynyslas to Aberdovey and was a quick way to North Wales.



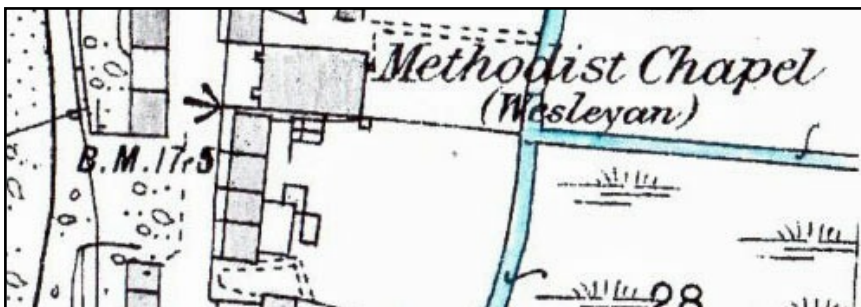
LEFT Richard Jones enclosed the ground on which Llys Tladma is built. On this detail copied from a map of 1829 it is Number 7, and the cottage that he built is where Water's Edge stands, Llys is on his ground on the north of his cottage. Marked in black is the cottage that has survived re-built as Gwyndy. The brook was a source of fresh water for the villagers and was the tail race from the corn mill at Glanlerry (Felinwern, now gone) plus two small streams. There were not many cottages at this time.

(Map and details National Archive LRRO 1/3060)

Richard Jones was a master mariner who died in 1842, and was the master of several wooden sailing vessels and he also owned shares in ships. (Aberystwyth Register of Shipping, Ceredigion Archives).

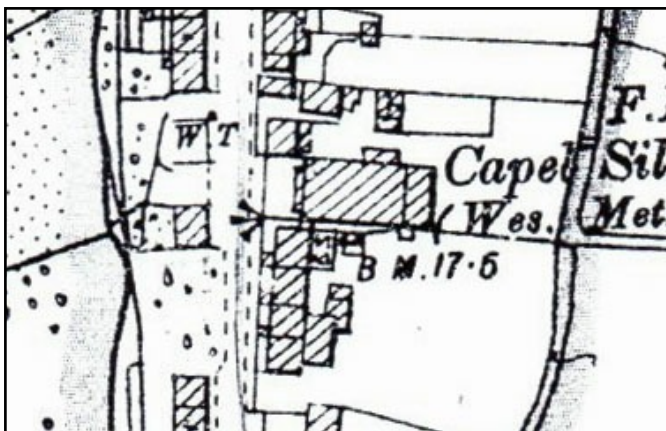


LEFT By 1848 there was a row of cottages, but we do not know who lived in them. The Wesleyan Chapel is marked in purple. It was much smaller then. (Detail from the Tithe Apportionments Map, Llanfihangel Genau'r Glyn, Cyfoeth Township, on-line at CYNEFIN NLW)



LEFT By 1886 Richard Jones's cottage had gone, though the old cottages either side were still there and the Chapel was much bigger. (Detail from the

25 Inch Ordnance Survey Map published in 1888, surveyed in 1886. Cardiganshire NW)



LEFT In 1904 just Gwyndy was there, and to the north of it was unfenced land and an enclosure with a Wireless Telegraph Station (W.T.). However fences had been built to protect the land and cottages from the sea (Detail from the 25 inch Ordnance Survey Map revised in 1904 and published in 1905, Cardiganshire NW).



LEFT The most interesting history we have for the house is from an old photograph. This may show how it was when newly built. The balcony was there, but it had not been enclosed underneath. The row of large windows, and french windows opening on to the balcony are still there, with fine views of the sea. Walls enclosed a stretch of beach behind the houses. Gwynfa is next door, but Anwylan had not yet been built. That is dated about 1925, suggesting these houses were

built before that date.

Family photograph by courtesy of Mrs F. H. B. Renny.

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