

Edmondson family - notes compiled by Emma Edmondson 1916

1. **John Edmondson** of Llantrithyd; born about 1688 or before, died 1761; buried at St Hilary, 14th August 1761.

Married 1st Eleanor who was buried 26 March 1720, aged 40, in Llantrithyd Church.  
2nd Elizabeth, died 1759, 10 Jan, buried then in Llantrithyd Ch.

He and Eleanor had 3 children:

1. Jane b Feb 1714, bapt April 20, 1715 at Llantrithyd; buried Feb 11 1725, aged 11
  2. **Thomas**, b 1715; baptised March 11th 1715 (described as only son and heir of John when he was 12 yrs of age)
  3. John, bapt Nov 29th 1718, and died
- Elizabeth had at least 1 child - Frances, d 15.4.1744, aged 4mths.

John Edmondson was steward and agent etc at Llantrithyd to Sir John Aubrey, Bart, of Boarstall, Bucks and Oxfordshire, and of The Place, Llantrithyd. John was there in 1709 judging from his signature - probably succeeded Mr Jenkin Lyson as agent who died 7th June 1705 aged 56 and was buried at Llantrithyd or St Hilary. *at Llantrithyd*  
1750 - July 20th, or Jan. Ty yn y Caeau purchase, lease of Jennet Bates and others.

2. **Thomas Edmondson** 1715 - 1790; of Llantrithyd and Cowbridge, and in 1738 as of Isleworth, Middlesex and 1779 of Millbrook, Southampton. Born 1715; will dated 13 Jan 1789, proved 27 Feb 1790.

Born 8 March 1715, bapt at Llantrithyd 11 March 1715. Married on Fri, Sept 21, 1738 Mary Thomas of Llangynwyd, dau of Rd Morgan Thomas, and his wife Tabatha, nee Jones. She was 25 and he 22½. She died Feb 18 1798, aged 86, at Bridgend, Coity parish, at the home of Dr Edmund Saunders, where she lived, and whose wife was Frances nee Edmondson (her granddaughter). *John's Mary Thomas' origin I think of Sker*

Their children were

1. **John**, b 20 July 1739. Bapt Llantrithyd July 25; became Lieut and Capt in HM First Regt Foot Guards (Eventually became the Grenadier Guards). Retired 1763. *Mary owned the hill property (Dunnet)*
2. **Thomas**, born 1 Oct 1742, bapt at Llantrithyd Oct 22 1742. Entered HM 1st Regt Foot Guards 1758. Lieut Col in 1762. Retired 1778. *or Jennet Kelly 1776 died Feb 17 or Llantrithyd*
3. Frances, b 27 Oct 1744; died March 15 1744, aged 4 mths. Buried in Llantrithyd Church.

Thomas was agent and lawyer to Sir John Aubrey. He built (or rebuilt) the garden front, for his son John and his wife, of the home at Cowbridge where he lived consisting of that and the one adjoining until it was divided. Laid out grounds, planted, etc. Took a great interest in the town and came to live. Improved the town - found tenants for 40 empty houses. Lent money £100 to Robin Thomas to start him as new landlord at The Bear. Rebuilt the Spread Eagle inn with cockpit. Made malt at malthouse, which he sold to public houses.

William Davies of Cowbridge, gent, by his will dated 7 Feb 1742, left to Thomas Edmondson of Llantrithyd, gent, "all my f/h house or malthouse in...Cowbridge, etc.." Also leaves to John and Thomas Edmondson, my beloved kinsmen, £300 and all my customary hold estates, houses and lands, etc.

1748, William Davies was chaplain to HM Ship Colchester

1747-54, Thomas was MP for Cardiff and contributory boroughs *or 1741-7. X*

1753 was undersheriff acting for Thomas Morris (or Rous), Esq

1750 he bought Ty yn y Caeau 20 Jan 1750

1755 Miss Aubrey - Margaret Aubrey lived at Thos Edmondess' at Cowbridge. She paid him on 16 Oct 1755, £150 for 1½ years board for herself and maid, due at the time.

1791 Stumpy field let for £9 to W Bowen of the Three Tuns Inn.

1779 Writes May 29 from London to Miss Aubrey. Had left the country about 20 years on account of ill health, gout, rheumatism, wife's passionate temper and Miss Aubrey's ungrateful treatment and never returned leaving most of my papers in Cowbridge which have been tossed about without any care or preservation by my imprudent son. Troubles, disappointment. I am so impaired in health and mind, so disturbed especially since the death of my son. You kept from me for seven years the amounts your father honoured me with (£30) and malt bills and money due on Gibbon affair. ( (£60 a year for life was to be my portion) ?)

1750 Thos released from being agent to Aubrey estates by Miss Aubrey, Denham Jepson and his wife, Frances nee Aubrey. (Jepson of Mallow, Co Cork).

1757 "Mr Thos Edmondess senr of Cowbridge desires to be discharged from being an agent, gives notice to tenants." Frances Jepson and Margaret Aubrey.

1738 Feb 7: will of Sir John Aubrey of Boarstall, Bucks, made on the marriage of his son Thomas Aubrey with Martha Carter - lands etc in Glam and land settled after decease of Thomas failing issue, to daughters Frances and Margaret for ever equally. To eldest son John, annuity of £60; to dau Mary one other annuity of £60 and also give unto Thos Edmondess of Llantrithyd, gent, £30 yearly, quarterly

1753 Thomas agitated for removal of the west gate; Lord Windsor being mayor, objected, but Nov 1753, gate dangerous and removed

1754 Thos Edmondess to take down Westgate at his own expense and apply stone to his own use.

(Tabatha Jones was sister and heir of Evan Jones of Llanwonno. She and her husband Morgan Thomas had Mary Thomas of Llangynwyd who married Sept 21, 1738 Thomas Edmondess, and brought the hilly property into the family. She used to sing. When her husband Thomas left and lived abroad she went to live at St Hilary in the Cottage I believe (*Manor House in pencil*) and was known as Madam Edmondess - she was very fond of flowers, and made a pretty garden in front of the house which Llewellyn Traherne did away with, and made a ha-ha near the house to separate it from the field, after his marriage to her son John's daughter Charlotte

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"The Maid of Skyer". Mary Thomas was the original of "Fair Mary Thomas of Skyer" before she married Thomas Edmondess.

Their two sons John and Thomas and they seem to have been very happy and affectionate.

1750 from Thomas Edmondess' diary

"Jacky and Tommy went to Mr Elon's school 14th May 1750 (aged 11 and 8)

Aug 14th paid Mr Elon \$1.1s for the children's quarter

Jany 14th ditto 1 quarter £1.1s

Mr Edmondess and the children went to Tom Williams the Barber 30th May 1750

1753

"Be it remembered Robin Loughor began to shave Mr Edmondess"

"Paid Robert Lougher his quarter for shaving Mr Edmondess also Mr Jacky and Mr Tommy"

NB Jacky aged 14 and Tommy aged 11)

1789 His will was made at Millbrook Hants, 30 Jan 1789 - all real estate to son Thomas Edmondess

3. **John Edmondess** 1739 -1778

Born 20 July 1739. Baptized July 25th, 1739 at Llantrithyd

Married 1. 28th Aug 1759, Charlotte Dive, who d. 7th Feb 1770, aged 28 or 30.  
2. Margaret Deere of Hilton Colwinston, 1771. She died 24th April 1838, aged 89, buried at Cowbridge.

He died at Cowbridge 3rd March, 1778, buried at St Hilary.

By his marriage with Charlotte Dive he had 2 daughters

1. Anna Maria, born 8th Dec 1760, in St James's parish, Westminster; d 28th Oct 1797, spinster, aged 37

2. Charlotte, b 26 May 1766 at Cowbridge; d 23 Nov 1796, aged 30. She married Llewellyn Traherne, their lawyer and trustee. Buried at St Hilary.

By his second marriage with Margaret Deere in 1771, he had

3. Margaret, b1 June 1772; d 12 Aug 1845, aged 73, unmarried, at Cowbridge

4. Frances "Fanny", b 18 Sept 1774, m 13 Jan 1796 Edward Saunders, surgeon, Bridgend without the consent of his trustees. They had John Edmondess Saunders b 6 Feb 1797 and Edmund Saunders b 3 Dec 1798.

5. Thomas b 13 Sept 1775 at Cowbridge; m 1801 Mary Davies of Cwm, Carms, dau of Major Morgan Gwynne Davies. Mary died 1845

6. Caroline b 1778, bapt 29 June; m John Syer 6 July 1801 (a soldier)

Charlotte Dive and he were married in St Georges Ch, Hanover Sq, Aug 28, 1759. He had bought the St Hilary property - Manor House, etc, and Beaupre - and settled it on his wife Charlotte Dive and so it went to her daughters with her own money which is said to have been £8000 or £18000. She came from Yorkshire, or Staffordshire, from Ranton. The estate of Ranton, Staffs had been settled on Mrs Dive. Mrs Traherne got £2000 a year from Mrs Dive, her grandmother.

Charlotte became sole heiress of St Hilary and her husband sold Beaupre after her death to

David Jones who cut down on that property in the first year enough timber to pay for it. (Having no heir he left it to the Bassets to whom it originally belonged). She and Mr Ll. Traherne had 4 children

- John Montgomery (Revd)
- Charlotte Frances (unmarried)
- Maria Eleanor, m Wm Bruce Knight, Dean of Llandaff. He d 1845 - no issue
- Louisa, d unmarried at the Cottage, St Hilary

Revd JM Traherne m Charlotte Louisa Talbot of Margam Abbey. She died at Coedriglan, no issue, Mch 12 1880. JMT bought his sister's share of St Hilary and left the whole property to Llewellyn Basset Saunderson, who rented the manor house and lands to various people, Col H Tyler, Gen Rice Nicholl, and when Mr Saunderson, who lived in Ireland, died in 1913 it was sold to various people - the Manor House to Charles Allen so the Nicholls were obliged to leave and went to live at Winchester.

John, b 20 July 1739. Entered the army, probably 1755; became Lieut and Capt (1760) in HM First Regt Foot Guards (Eventually became the Grenadier Guards). Retired 1763.

1774 He was High Sheriff, and Thos Thomas Cardiff was his under sheriff

1774 He took the prize for the best crop of turnips at the Glamorgan Agricultural Show at Cowbridge, one of the first crops of turnips grown in the county.

1763 When he retired from the Army he probably then took up law, and lived at Cowbridge in this house. His two eldest daughters went to live at Llandough Castle with their uncle Col Thomas Edmondess, and while it was being painted they went to live in The Cottage on the bank on the right side of the road at the bottom of the hill (It was from there Charlotte married Ll Traherne) going from Cowbridge. When the Col died in 1793, Anna Maria went to live at The Cottage, St Hilary.

1774 John Edmondess mortgaged property to Thos Williams of Glog, Llanwonno.

1777 Mortgage from John Edmondess and his wife Margaret to John Williams for £1000 and interest.

1777 The restoration of Cowbridge Church

John Edmondess and Thomas Williams BD, gentlemen, were churchwardens; Thomas Evans, clerk

reseat decayed seats and pews

block up east window south side

ditto east window north side

ditto east window in chancel

NB Thomas Williams, BD portrait hangs on wall was the master of Cowbridge School.

1772 Thos E the elder granted a lease to his son John of all the ppty in Cowbridge and in the hills on his payment of £400 a year to his father Thomas, described as of Isleworth in the county of Middlesex\*

*on his death,*

1778 Margaret Edmondess of St Hilary sold by auction to Col Edmondess a lease of tithe and rectorial property at St Hilary for the sum of £147

1777 Mansion in C and Butts fields were sold by trustees for John Edmondess of C, to Thos Edmondess Lieut. Col in 1st Regt Foot Guards for £1700, June 12th

\*Aunt Lou's comments: this and other causes impoverished him, but he was a very good man, very hospitable, and so popular in the county that when he was High Sheriff in 1774, 24 friends sent javelin men instead of 12 which was the usual number. Lord Vernon was an intimate friend of his, and left Hilton Farm to Mrs Edmondess and her daughter for their lives. The former was a beautiful and very clever woman - her father Deerp farmed Hilton and his brother her uncle had a living near there. "My grandfather met her at Mrs Carnes of Nash - they were very fond of her and she spent much of her time with them. The Carnes were one of the best families in Glam Miss Roper a friend of theirs said to me 'Other people have good eyes or fair complexion, but your grandmother had everything, eyes, hair, teeth, nose and figure'. She had a remarkable memory, and had read a great deal.

*John's mother nee Deere and her daughter Margaret 'Aunt Ma' went to live in the house beyond the bridge, south side of the street; afterwards over/near archway by Llewelin's the Chemists (now 1916).*

Mrs Edmondess, Col Thomas's widow, was going to be married to Lord Dormer, who would have been her 4th husband, when she died. He was so old and stiff that when he proposed to her he fell on his knees, and she was obliged to ring the bell for the footman to help him up. Old Oliver was an old servant of the family, who lived with Col Edmondess, and lived after the Col's death in a cottage at Cowbridge, much respected by all the family, and took a great part in the management of my father's household. My grandmother had a very sweet voice and even in my remembrance sang many bits of pretty old songs. My grandfather must have been musical as I have many songs and some concerted music of his.

"Aunt Lou" ie Louisa Maria, b 1816, d 1887 at Cowbridge, furnished this following:

When Col and Mrs Edmondess lived in the Birdcage Walk they had a servant named Orlando, a foreigner. Col Edmondess was away and his wife feeling rather sleepy did not go out to a

party that evening, but had some sherry and water and went to bed. Hearing a noise she dropped the nightbolt. The next morning Orlando was found bleeding and bound in his pantry, and a basket of plate which he said he had prevented the thieves carrying off.

The Bow Street officer came and found the glass of the window had fallen outside, and a cobweb which must have been broken if the attack had been made outside was whole. He examined Orlando's wounds, and finding them very slight they went to his house and found a large silver salver doubled up in the boiler, and other plate.

He was convicted and confessed he meant to murder Mrs Edmondson for the sake of her diamonds which were very valuable, and in her bedroom: but her dropping the night bolt made him change his mind - the Revd JM Traherne had the dagger which Orlando used to wound himself with, and gave it to Lord Bute - This story is mentioned in the Annual Register.

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3A Thos Edmondson Col 1742 - 1793

1775 Lease of Llandough Castle 99 yrs, 3 lives, from 2 Sept 1776. Yearly rent £80 (farms, lands, etc) to build and improve - make fishpond. From Thomas Mansel Talbot - John, Margaret and Thomas's lives. He built the drawing room with room above, with rounded end. Planted 'cluster pine' trees, ie Corsican pines.

1788 bridge for poor built, and 1788, Silver Medal of Gen. By Soc.

4 Thomas "Major", b 13 Sept 1775 at Cowbridge, 5th child of John. M 1801 Mary eldest dau of Major Morgan Gwynne Davies of Cwm or Coomb, Carms. She was b 8 June 1776, and d 17 April 1847 at Cowbridge of heart disease. Thomas d 12 Sept 1845 at Cowbridge, was buried in the church chancel.

They had 5 sons and 5 daus:

1. Mary Harriet, b 26 Oct 1803; d 4 Sept 1833
  2. John, b 1804, d 1820. drowned in Hensol pool when skating
  3. Thomas, b 1806, m 1838 Harriet Anne Howell, widow of Revd Reece Howell and dau of Revd Dr Wm Williams, who died 1885. He died 1892.
  4. Caroline Susanna, b 1807, m 1828 Henry Drury **Harness**\* RE; d 1838 at Woolwich after birth of youngest son. They had 2 sons and 2 daus. When she died her husband asked her sister Louisa to go and live there and keep house for him, which she did. When he went abroad to India, the children came to Cowbridge with Aunts Cha and Lou.
  5. William, b 1809, m Eliza Mary Bates, dau of Dr Bates, Cowbridge. He died 1855  
Their 3 chn who died early were  
    Thomas Bates E, b 1835 or 8  
    Wyndham B E, b 1837, died at Calcutta  
    Mary Theresa Bates E, b 1839, d 1840
- They lived at Hill House, Llanblethian. His office in church St, Cowbridge. He had been articled to Wm Berrington, Swansea, and lodged with Mrs Payne at £30 a year and board. He was a clerk at Brecon with Mr Maybury, I think.
6. Oliver, b 1810, d 1841. M Elizabeth, no issue. He was a doctor and practised at Gloucester.
  7. Lydia, b 1812, d aged 5 months
  8. Charlotte Lydia, "Cha", b 1813, d 1888 at Cowbridge
  9. Charles b 1816, d aged 4mths. 5'
  10. Louisa Maria, b 1816, d 1887 at Cowbridge

\* Henry Drury **Harness** was a distinguished officer in the RE and became Major-General Sir Henry D Harness KGB. He was b 1804, and d 1883 at Basingstoke. Their daughter Mary Charlotte "Marnie" was the only one married - to Hugo Harper the HM of Cowbridge School who succeeded Dr Williams, father to Mrs Edmondess. He rebuilt the school and buildings - went to Sherborne as HM, where their 6 chn were born (3s, 3d). CGE went with him from Cowbridge to Sherborne.

**Thomas 1775 - 1845**

Being reduced in income they retired into the "next house", west end of house, and let the larger house to Councelor Nichol. (In pencil, 'Or did they go the next house on the death of his father? 1805, rent paid by Mr Nicholl for house').

184? He was allowed by Mr Talbot to give up Llandough without repairs on condition of not waiting for the expiration of the 99 yrs or 3 lives lease (which happened soon after).

1828 19th Feb EP Richards wrote to Major Edmondess saying "Lord Bute has signified to me his intention of appointing you constable of the Castle of Llanblethian in the room of the late Mr Nicholl. I hope you may enjoy it for many years. His Lordship writes that the appointment is to be at once prepared by Mr Taynton."

1798 John, Marquis of Bute, &c appoints Capt Thos Edmondess to be second Major in the battalion of the Royal Glamorgan Militia.

1801 TE to be Major.

He was sent to Ireland with his regt to quell a rebellion in Ireland and rode away from Cowbridge with his wife on a pillion behind with the baby in her arms, and the manservant rode behind them with the cradle behind him. This wld be 1803 or 4 with Mary the eldest child .

His wife was Mary, 1st child of Morgan Gwynne Davies. (Mary, b June 8 1776, m 1801, d 1847).

**Thomas Revd Canon Edmondess, 1806-1892**

Thomas b at Cowbridge 30 June 1806; m 1838; d 2 June 1892. He was the 3rd child of Major Thomas Edmondess; ed CGS and Jesus C, Oxford. BA 1829; MA 1832. Ordained deacon to Llanblethian 1829. Given living of Ashley, Newmarket, Cambs by Lord Bute in 1832, and allowed to exchange it for Llanblethian with Cowbridge and Welsh St Donats 1844 which he held until 1885 when he resigned. He was first curate of Cowbridge and under master to his father-in-law.

He married 27 Feb 1837 (var. 8) Harriet Anne Howell, b 24 Oct 1804, dau of Dr Wm Williams DD, Preb of Llandaff and HM of Cowbridge School and widow of Revd Rees Howell MA Oxon. Married from her brother Charles Williams' home at Ruthin. She had one son, Robt Williams Howell b 27 July 1830 at St Quintins Cottage, Llanblethian - he d 23 Aug 1880 at Anglesea, aged 50, unmarried. His father Rees Howell was a tall handsome man and very nice and good. He died of consumption at his brother's in Swansea, the celebrated Dr Howell's, very shortly after Robert was born. She with the infant and Mary Hugh the nurse drove from Llŷ to Swansea a few weeks after his birth to see him, hearing how ill he had become. Robert was educated at Cowbridge and Jesus. He was tall, very curly hair, blue eyes, kind and good natured. Extremely clever and odd.

Mr and Mrs Thos Edmondson lived at St Qs Cottage, Llb where she lived when first married. They remained there till his mother's death in 1847 when they came to live in this house.

1845: freeman of the borough of Cowbridge (inherited).

1849-50: Cowbridge Church - to be reseated, gallery to be retained west end with choir and organ. Pews equal size in each side - door to be opened in south aisle at a cost of £1450.

Heating screens to be much lighter. Revd Thos Edmondson, Vicar, John Pritchard, architect. (When first the Revd TE went to Ashton s.o. asked the clerk what the new vicar was like and he answered "an active quicktive sort of a chap" (which he certainly was always in every way, he would run upstairs taking several steps at a time and I have seen him run down 2 or 3 steps at a time).

He played a good game of tennis on the lawn here after he was 80 with his son CGE and granddau Disey and grandson Charley, and as the boy appeared slack thinking it was going to be no game he said "Play up Sir" which amused us all.

He and Harriet Anne had 3 sons born at Llanblethian and 1 daughter b at Cowbridge, who inherited remarkable ability from both their parents - and good looks.

He was a very distinguished looking man, tall, looking taller than he was - high shouldered with rather a stoop when old, Very bright blue eyes, sandy or red hair - hooked nose, good fresh complexion, wonderfully good long sight, but very deaf. Very active in mind and body - quick and clever, interested in everything. Just, sensible, careful and generous.

Was a delicate infant, and not a strong man. Had 2 or 3 serious illnesses.

Mrs Edmondson died 7 yrs before him. She was born at C in the Old School 24 Oct 1804, and died Nov 17 1885 at Cowbridge of apoplexy, having been particularly well and brilliant entertaining the Bishop and Mrs Lewis who were staying in this house. only having left in the morning and she died that evening. She had been in the town in her wheeled chair buying stuff for a frock for little Dorothy Haines - came into the kitchen to tell the maids to buy some sprats for supper as a man was selling them in the street and they liked them. Came through the dining room and said something to Mr Edmondson, and went into the drawing room where Mary was writing. Tea came in and Mary handed her a cup but she did not take it. Mary put her to lie down on the sofa and went over for Dr Phillips who came at once. Seeing her state, said to put her to bed. A maid was sent to borrow the Stockwood's carrying chair and it was brought quickly through the stable yard and she was carried in it upstairs. She never regained consciousness and died about 9pm.

My uncle John Homfray described her as "a very pretty young woman with beautiful curling brown hair, bright complexion with hazel eyes". She knew everything and would explain well in beautiful easy language. She knew Latin and Greek.

When first Bishop Richard Lewis came to Cowbridge someone remarked to him that it was an interesting place he answered 'Mr and Mrs Edmondson are the most interesting things there'.

Mr Edmondson one day jumped from a coach on to the roof of the Town Hall which stood in the middle of the street by the 'Duke of Wellington' and where the new garage is now (1916). There was not room for waggons to pass between it and the houses on the south side.

They were a very devoted pair. She had a hard anxious time nursing him and bring up the family and living with great care to make both ends meet, and nobly holding on to the property at considerable sacrifice for their children all through their early years till they were educated and started in life. They brought them up very well and had the satisfaction of seeing them following their example and the property improve so that their last years were easy for them. When her brother Charles died in 18.. and left her money, it was given to pay off the remainder of the mortgage on Dduallt and to dower Mary Haines, the only daughter.

From Frederic William Edmondson his 2nd son I have the following:  
"My mother's family.

Thomas Wms BD, HM of Cowbridge School and vicar of St Domats married Elizabeth Jones of Bridgend, Aug 2, 1764 in Coity Church. They were the parents of Elizabeth Williams, my mother's mother - also of 2. Jane - Francis Taynton's mother, 3 Charlotte, Dr Malkin's wife and Sir Benjamin Heath Malkin's mother, Herbert Malkin's grandmother; 4 John Williams a clergyman, grandfather of Alice Reade and Ma Williams.

Elizabeth Williams m Wm Wms DD, my mother's father and had several children: William (old uncle Wm), John, Charles 'The Principal', Thomas, a midshipman drowned in Plymouth Sound, and Harriet Anne, my mother.

Thomas Williams BD had a brother Jenkin Wms of whom there is a nice small portrait, and a bad oil painting of the man with hands/bands is Thomas Williams BD

I have a note in my mother's handwriting (Marg. note: Wm Wms, father to Mrs Edmondson, who came straight from Oxford to Cowbridge to be headmaster of Cowbridge at the age of 22). Born Jan 14 1765, went to Dolgelly school July 20 1774; went to Ruthin school July 20 1778, entered Oxford Dec 12 1784, went to Cowbridge Sept 20 1787.

...I find in a note book of F Taynton's: "My grandmother Williams, Miss Jones, her father a clergyman - her mother's name Richards from Llanishen - his wife a Jenkins of Stembridge, ie Elizabeth Jones of Bridgend. Margaret or Mary Richards died in 1703 of Pentre Coch, Mon, aged 63 - her daughter married Dr Richards, Old Castle, Bridgend; died about 1720, aged abt 40. He died abt the same time, aged abt 60. he became a merchant instead of a doctor, and was in those days remarkable for having sent his daughters to be educated at Bath. They had 1 son, Michael, and eight daughters

One daughter m Revd Jones, curate of Coychurch and vicar of Colwinston, and had issue - Michael, David, John, Mary and Elizabeth. Michael apprenticed to Mr Wms Bridgend as surgeon. Gave up medicine and became a stockbroker - and married.

The pictures of the old man (10" x 13") and wife are Mr Williams and Miss Jenkins. His father was a lawyer and lived in the large house outside Penllyn gates. Their son ran away with Miss Jenkins of Stembridge. they were married at Llandaff and Llanblethian and went to Llandaff fair -

He took his wife home to his father's house: but the father said "If you choose to take a wife without consulting me, you must find a home for her without consulting me". Breach Farm being vacant they took that and lived there for 60 years - and 10 children who married, some up and some down.

Although Mr Jenkins turned his daughter out for marrying John Williams he went to live with them afterwards at Breach and died there.

1787 20 Sept 1787, Wm Wms came to Cowbridge as HM to the Grammar School. From Oxford aged 22

1765 He was born at Dolgelly 14 Jan 1765

1793 Married Elizabeth Williams ~~14 Jan 1765~~, eldest daughter of Thos Wms BD his predecessor  
14 Jan. 1793

1847 Died 16 Jan, having been a widower 32/33 years

He arrived riding down Church St to his school with his hair powdered and a pigtail. And as he rode by the daughters of Thos Wms BD who lived in a cottage opposite the school (which was pulled down later) jumped up and stood upon the window seat to see the new master.

The eldest, Elizabeth, married him 5 yrs and 4 months later. She died 1814.



He never wore powder after his wife's death - which meant mourning in those days. He had all his silver plate marked WEW and went on doing this after her death. He was fond of silver and china and had a good deal made for him, to his order. The Nantgarw dessert set - strawberry set - were made and decorated at his desire.

She had a pretty, amiable expression which was inherited, Mrs Edmondess told me, by Charley.

They had 8 children, but only 5 grew up. The 1st 2 girls died in infancy. Thomas was in the navy and was drowned in Plymouth Sound - on board HM brig 'Jasper', Jan 3 1817. Just come home from a voyage - in a fearful tempest together with all on board - he and another midshipman were lost going back to their ship from shore in the storm. The elder son, Robert, who was very clever, died at Madeira in 1822, aged 28, of a chest infection. He was distinguished at college - Oxford - a schoolmaster at Bury St Edmunds. Private tutor for some years to Lord Mahon and his brother Hon Mr Stanhope and family.

The 5th child was William who was a wine merchant in London, and retired to live at the Poplars, and afterwards to the Armoury, Cowbridge. He was a small thin man, very clever. Dean Llewellyn told me "little Williams was the cleverest of them all". He had a wonderful head for figures and dates. Hearing the birthday of anyone, he would give the day of the week in a moment.

John lived at the Armoury where he died

Harriet Anne (Mrs Edmondess) b 24 Oct 1804

M, first, Rees Howell 1829, secondly Thos Edmondess 1838; d 1885 leaving 4 children.

Charles, fellow of Jesus Coll, Oxford; HM of Ruthin, Beaumaris. Vicar of Holyhead. Proctor. Principal of Jesus Coll. Died there Oct 17, 1877 and buried in the cemetery there. He was a learned clever man, most kind, generous and hospitable. A bachelor, he hardly ever dined alone - may times he would have 20 dining at his liberal table, with most brilliant conversation - He was well-known for his part, and amusing witty stories.

b 1765. Dr Wm Wms was prebendary of Llandaff. 1798, vicar of Pendoylan and Llantilio Cresseny, Mon, and Sir John Aubrey presented him with the vicarage of St Mary Hill.

JP, bailiff and annual magistrate of Cowbridge frequently, being a remarkably fair man..

1840 he had a stroke of palsy. His son-in-law Revd Thos Edmondess undertook duties at the school for him, and he died in 1847. He was ten years older than Major Edmondess and they ruled Cowbridge.

A sister of Dr Wm Wms married Robert Jones, father of Dr Robert Jones of Camarvon?

Thomas Williams BD married Elizabeth Jones of Bridgend (nee Richards) on 2.8.1764 in Coity church, and they had 5 children: Mary (d, unmar), Elizabeth (m W Wms, qv1), Jane (m Mr Taynton, son was Revd Francis Taynton, unmar), Charlotte (m BH Malkin, 8 chn,qv2), and John, m Caroline Richard<sup>sm</sup>, had Caroline, Charlotte Jane, d as infants, John and Wm, twins; Wm had Alice, m Reed, and Ma. A son died).

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Chn of Elizabeth and W Williams:

1. Robert 1793-1822, aet 28;

2 Mary, d infant

3, Thomas, d infant

4. Thomas, d 1817, aet 19 in Plymouth Sound

5. Elizabeth d aet 2

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- 6 William
7. John
- \*. Harriet m Thomas Edmondson
9. Charles

2 Chn of Charlotte and BH Malkin

1. Mary, d infant
  2. Thos William, d 1802, aet 6 months
  3. Benjamin Heath\*, d 1837
  4. Fredric, d 1830 aged 28
  - 5,. Arthur, m twice, no issue
  6. Charles Johnes, d 1825, aet 17
  - 7 John, d infant
  8. Charlotte, d infant
- \*BHM m Elizabeth Whitehouse and became a judge in India and was knighted

Thomas 1806-1892

1857, Jan 20 - the beginning of his serious illness

The 4 chn of Thomas and Harriet Anne:

1. Charles Gresford, b 8.12.1838 at Llanblethian, ed at Cowbridge Sherborne and Trinity, Oxford - scholar. Ordained to the curacy of Laleston.....d 1893 (m 14.7.1866 Emma Irving and had 3 chn)
2. Frederic William b 22.8.1840 at Llanblethian, m 23. 9.1868 Constance Sarah Knight
3. Francis Quinton, b 22.10.1842 at Llanblethian, m Margaret Sabina Bowen, 27.12.1877
4. Mary Elizabeth, b 6.7.1845 at Cowbridge, m John Basil Haines

1858 Fever after Bear Ball 1858

1866, Nov 26, Christopher Rice Mansel Talbot Esq, Lord lieutenant of Glamorganshire presents Revd Thomas Edmondson to honorary chaplain of the 18th Glamorganshire Rifle Volunteers.

FRED

1840: His 2nd son, Fredric Williams b 22.8.1840, was ed at Cowbridge and Jesus, Oxford. Coplestone exhibition.

1864: Ordained deacon to Newcastle; priest 1865 to Laleston. MA 1865

1865: Rector of Michaelston with St Brides super Ely 1867-73:

Rector of Coity with Nolton; Oldcastle Bridgend 1873-1901

Archdeacon of Llandaff 1897

1868: m 23.9. Constance Sarah (Connie), 3rd dau of Revd Edward D Knight of Nottage Court, who was b 28.12.1842 and d 2.9. 1889. Buried at Nolton.

They lived at St Brides 6 years, then in a house on the Merthyr Mawr road, then at Fitzhamon Court; bought the ho next to it, Nolton Court.

They had 2 chn, Constance Mary, b 25.6.1869 and Thomas Fredric, b 2.4.1878, d 18.9.1903.

Constance Mary "Nonnie" married 1st Archibald Hood of Nolton Court, Bridgend; they had 2 chn Constance Cochrina b 27.7.1892 and Archibald Fredric "Freddie" b 12.12.1895.

Constance Mary m 2nd 18.1.1900, Stanley Everard Clay in Kensington from Herbert Malkin's house.

FRANCIS QUINTIN

b 22.10.1842 at St Quintin's Cottage; ed Cowbridge, Sherborne and Woolwich; entered Royal engineers and became Col RE. Married Margaret Sabina elder dau of Robert Bowen, army surgeon. *late Rifle Brigade d. Feb 1919 ?*

MARY ELIZABETH

b 6.7.1845 at Cowbridge. M 26.9.1878 Basil John Haines, a bank inspector of Nat Prov Bank *and her son.*

CHARLES GRESFORD

b at Llanblethian 8/12/1838; m 14/7/1866; d 18/7/1893.

Archdeacon of St Davids, Principal of St David's Coll, Lampeter, eldest son of Revd Thomas Edmondson. Educated at Cowbridge, Sherborne (he was one of the clever boys Dr Harper took with him from Cowbridge S to Sherborne - Mrs Harper his 1st cousin; he became Head of the school), Trinity Coll, Oxford.

Latin Scholar of Trinity; 1st class Mod 1858, 2nd class Latin Hum 1860, BA 1861, MA 1864, Deacon 1862, priest 1863, Llandaff diocese.

Ordained in Llandaff cathedral to the curacy of Newcastle, Laleston, Bridgend (1862-5); curate to Archdeacon Henry Blossie.

1865-81, professor of Latin at St David's College, Lampeter

1876, sinecure Rector of Angle, Pembs (to 1881)

1881, vicar of Boughrood, Radnors (to 1882)

1882-8, vicar of Warren with St Twinnels, Pembroke

1883-8, Archdeacon of St Davids

1888-92, Principal of St David's College, rector of Stackpole Elidor alias Cheriton with St Petroc

1892-3, chaplain to the Bishop of St David's

JP for the county of Cardiganshire

Alderman Cowbridge

freeman of the borough of Cowbridge after his father

1866 He married 14/7 Emma, youngest daughter of Capt Jacob Aemilius Irving, late 13th Light Dragoons of Ironshore Jamaica and Bonshaw Newmarket Canada by Catherine Diana Homfray his wife (Emma b 23/12/1843).

1866 Sept; they first lived at Peterwell Cottage Lampeter for 5 years when the 3 children were born

1871 then for 10 years at the SE corner house of the College

1881 then in Jan 1881 moved to Boughrood, Radnorshire, on the Wye - Llyswen - and in 6 months moved to Warren Vicarage Pembroke - for 6 years. then, April, back to Lampeter - to the Principal's house for 4½ years

1892 and left there ill in Sept 1892 and went to Stackpole for 1 year - died at Tenby Tues, 18/7/1893 in lodging, Esplanade, where we thought the change would do good.

The children:

1867 Mary Aemilia, b 4.7.67 - "Minnie"

1868 Harriet Diana, b 7/6/68 "Disey" - m 2/1/1895 Lawrence Gardner Williams "Lolly" of Bonvilston, only surviving son of Richard Williams of Parc Llanishen by Mary Hansley his wife (4 children)

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Charles Gresford, 1838 - 1893

Born at St Quintins Cottage, Llanblethian. He was a very small delicate child when born and difficult to rear - highly strung. Timid, shy, reserved, always studious and a hard brain worker. "An elegant scholar" as his uncle Charles Williams described him. The work and gout told on his health which was never very good.

He gave up the College work on his father's death and on being offered Stackpole Rectory by Lord Cawdor.

the house at Cowbridge being very dilapidated he arranged at once to have the place restored which was to cost £800 but with various additional improvements it came to a great deal more.

First the original estimates carried out by Messrs Haliday and Anderson architects, Llandaff begun the last day of Feb 1893 when we both spent a few days having the furniture stacked up in the drawing room and room above (Feb-Nov 1893), as that ceiling had been renewed a couple of years previously, having partly fallen down while we were all staying here. The plate went to the NP Bank, china packed in boxes to Mrs Morson's opposite west part of house, and books, in June 1892, and some things were in the stable. On the 21st we went to see the ..... before accepting the living- and on to Cowbridge, and returned to Lampeter for Degree day on 25th. (?Confusion 1892/3?)

1893 13 Feb - he and I went to Clifton to see a doctor

15th - to Cowbridge and saw architects about repairs to house

21st - Dr Shepherd came to see him and kept him in bed

24th - sofa put back in bow room for him, furniture being put away

27th (Mon) - the workmen began the house under Gayland the builder

2nd March - we went home

27th June - he died

30th Nov, Thursday - we 4 came to Cowbridge to live having slept the night before at Fred's at Bridgend. we put the furniture belonging to the house in some order and awaited the vans with the furniture from Pembrokeshire - the first van came Saturday, 2 on Monday and 3 on Tuesday.

CHARLES GRESFORD IRVING EDMONDES, 1870-1911

b 15/1/1870

His father died in 1893 so he came home (from Tylorstown, mining engineer) and became agent for the estate.

1893 inherited the Freedom of the Borough of Cowbridge from his father which entitled him to a vote for the borough.

1898, m Dorothy Caroline Nicholl, youngest dau of John Cole Nicholl of Merthyr Mawr; they lived at Colwinston Cottage, and had 4 chn, of whom 2 died in infancy (Dorothy, 1902, John Cole, 1904). Others were:

Charles Thomas, b 28/1/1899 at Cowbridge; there was scarlet fever in the next cottage to Colwinston, so Dr Sheperd advised them going to Old Hall.

ii) Morgan Rice, b 1903

1901, went to S Africa with Remounts for the war, three times in the year (first time, went via NY, picked up horses in USA, sailed from New Orleans to Cape Town, then Durban; second time, via Queenstown, to CT and East London; third time Liverpool to NY, visited Irvings - Montreal - Toronto - Newmarket - Bonshaw where EE was born, then NO to CT). In total 56,552 miles in the year.

d 12/7/1892/2/1911 in London