

Edwards, Hughes, Morgan farming families of Ystradowen, Aberthin & Trathllwyn

Mrs David's grandmother lived in Great House, Aberthin – Edith Hughes, one of the nine children born to Jenkin and Hannah Hughes (see chs00743). She married Oliver Morgan of Ty Mawr, Ystradowen, and Susan's mother (Mary Morgan) was born there about 1920. Oliver Morgan had originally farmed at Pwll Gwyn farm, Ystradowen, then moved to Court farm, Aberthin (close by Great House, where presumably he met his future wife Edith), then moved to Ty Mawr, Ystradowen. The photos of Oliver Morgan (chs06229 and -1) were taken at Ty Mawr farm. Chs06229-2 shows Edith Morgan (right) with housekeeper Eleanor Trask ('Auntie Nellie'), taken about 1940 at Ty Mawr.

Mary Morgan married David Edwards of Trathllwyn farm (now St Mary Hill golf club headquarters) at Maindy chapel, April 24th 1943 – photos chs06231, -1 & -2). The group photo, chs06231-2, shows (right to left) Bryn Edwards, brother of the groom, Peggy Morgan, sister of the bride, Oliver Morgan of Ty Mawr farm, Ystradowen with daughter Mary, ? J W Evans, Anne Edwards of Trathllwyn farm, St Mary Hill, and a cousin (Betty Hughes).

In World War 2 David Edwards joined the 10th Glamorgan mounted Cowbridge Home Guard. There are several photos of him and the Home Guard (chs06232). He also worked in the early 1950s helping clear land for agriculture, post-war (photos chs06234, -1 and -2), all over the Vale. Some of the work, for example was in Peterston super Ely. He appears in the centre (without a cap) in chs06234. The family later moved to Gloucestershire and then Lincolnshire.

David Edwards's parents were John and Margaret Edwards who farmed at Trathllwyn, St Mary Hill. Photos chs06230 and -1 show them at the farm; in the group photo, they are in the centre (John Edwards seated, with Margaret behind him). On the right side is Edith Morgan (of Ty Mawr farm, Ystradowen).

Susan, nee Edwards, daughter of David and Mary, married Gareth David and they farmed at West Aberthaw farm. They now live in St Athan, and also Australia.

Recorded by B Alden 2017 from talking with Mrs Susan David.