



## Neath Abbey



Neath Abbey Iron works offices & machine shop

After a year at Bryncoch Farm, Alfred and his brother lodged with Samuel Osgood, a surveyor who worked for Joseph Tregelles Price at the Neath Abbey Iron works where a few years later Alfred's younger brother John was also to find employment. Living with Mr Osgood brought the keen naturalist closer to the town the other side of the Clydach River at Neath Abbey.



A tramway from some collieries to the works ran in front of the house...and we had a good view of the town of Neath. Behind us rose the Drymau Mountain, nearly seven hundred feet above us, the level top of which was frequented by peewits, and whose steep slopes were covered with trees and bushes.



Alfred and William lodged with Samuel Osgood until 1843 when, unable to find enough work, Alfred left Neath to find employment in London and finally a teaching post in Leicester where Wallace was to meet fellow amateur naturalist Henry Walter Bates who was to become a great friend, colleague and influence on Wallace's scientific fascination with entomology and species classification.



Drummau Mountain

