

Greystones (formerly Rosedew), Llanblethian

1701 Will of David William, weaver, to son Edward David, and his heirs for ever – one cottage and one croft opposite;

to son William David, and to his son David Williams, also to his daughter Barbara David and her daughters Margaret and Mary Hopkins – one cottage in Llanblethian where he now lives.

Inventory - £13 2s 6d (including 3 weaver's looms)

Probably

1767 William Thomas – one messuage, one cottage, one garden, late of Ann David, and 2.75 acres : 1s 6d, Windsor rental *D/D Dav 39*

1768 Possible

Lease - , William Thomas to Philip John, yeoman : messuage where Philip John now lives, plus garden, orchard, barn, stable and croft *D/Dav 40*

1778 William Thomas – one messuage, one cottage, one garden, late of Ann David *Bute R6/17-19*

1782 Surrender by Mary Jones, widow, of one messuage, one cottage, one garden, plus one acre of pasture, to the use of Edward Lewis and Robert Taynton *Bute M18/82*

1782 Surrender by feoffees of late William Thomas, of property as in (M18/82) to the use of Mary Jones, widow, heir of William Thomas *Bute M18/83*

1796 Will of Mary John (Jones) of Coity – bequeaths freehold cottage and garden etc in Llanblethian to friend Evan David of Fairwater *D/Dav 17*

1800 Surrender by Edward Lewis and Robert Taynton of (M18/82) to the use of Evan David of Fairwater (residual legatee of Mary Jones) *Bute M18/93*

1800 Surrender by Evan David of (M18/82, but one and three quarters of pasture) to the use of John Miles and his customary heirs *Bute M18/94*

1800 John Miles, feoffee in trust for Evan David, gent, and heirs (ie Edward David of Radyr, his son, and Revd Edward David of Cardiff, grandson) *NLW, Bute 1516, p161*

1801 Mrs Jones widow (Mrs Evan David deleted) – one messuage, one cottage, one garden, late of Anne David *Bute R6/17-19*

1820 Late E David – one messuage, one cottage, one garden, late of Ann David *Bute R6/17-19*

- 1840 Edward David owner, John Jenkins occupier *Tithe 217*
- 1849 Dwelling house, barn and garden occupied by John Jenkins (1r 11p), plus 2 parcels of pasture with garden adjoining, and 2 acres (1r 8p) occupied by John Jenkins, formerly described as one cottage, garden, and 1.75 acres of pasture, on opposite side of the road
NLW Bute 1516, p 161
- 1851 John Jenkin, 42, farmer of 17 acres, born Llanblethian, with wife Ann and 4 daughters
Census 26
- 1861 William Edmunds, 30, farmer of 40 acres, born Llantrisant, with his wife and nephew
Census 41
- 1868 Death of Gwenllian Edmunds *Llanblethian parish records*
- 1871 Thomas Jenkin, 28, maltster with 4.75 acres of land, with wife and son
Census 41
- 1874 Thomas Jenkin occupied, Mrs David owned - house and land
Glamorgan County Rate 39
- 1881 Thomas Jenkins, 38, maltster and farmer of 10 acres, born Llanblethian, with wife and 4 children
Census 44
- 1891 Thomas Jenkins, 48, maltster, with wife and 2 daughters
Census 34
- 1895 Thomas Jenkins, with wife, 2 sons and 2 daughters
'Llanblethian in 1895' by Robert Thomas
- 1906 Re-grant of premises to Reginald Frederick David of Llanfairfechan – now 2 dwelling houses (1r 11p) and 2 closes of pasture land on other side of the road (2acres 1r 8p)
NLW Bute 1516, p 106/7
- 1910 Thomas Jenkins occupied; Mrs David owned *D/D PRO/VAL/1/46*
- 1950s Then called Rosedew, the house was occupied by W H James, in the next house (going west) was her 'Auntie Polly'; in the house after that lived her uncle, Frank James; and in the following house was Oswald James.
Robert Thomas the builder built the terraced row to the west of Rosedew, and the bungalows opposite. His daughter Dulcie, born in Llanblethian, died in 1942. Gillian Egan was named 'Dulcie' after her.
Gillian Egan, nee James (daughter of WH James, above –she and her family lived in Hillside, Mount Ida)

Ca 1955 The house was bought by 'Doug' Stokes (William Douglas Haydn Stokes), who made extensive alterations. He had been brought up in Pontyclun and had attended Cowbridge Grammar School as a day pupil, travelling by train. During WW2, he became a prisoner of war by the Germans, but managed to escape. Afterwards, on moving to this area, he worked as a clerk in the Midland bank before moving to live in Surrey. Opposite Greystones at that time was just a field.

His son, Nigel Stokes, gave this information in 2017 when, after his father's death, he was sorting out his Cowbridge history books to give to the History Society. As a boy, Nigel had attended Mrs Morgan's private school (Llwyncelyn, High St), where he recalled her young daughter Jane.

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Sources/references :

GRO = Glamorgan Record Office

NLW = National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth

PRO = Public Record Office, Kew

Bute papers held in GRO & NLW

D/D = deeds in GRO