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Additional Drawing

Book 2



THE CHAPEL ASTON

Col. T. Lloyd

Sat 8th Dec 1900
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Mon. 19 Aug 1879 E.

ASTON

Aston Hall. Oswestry. (Col. Richard Lloyd.)

Andrew Lloyd, a Parliamentary Colonel, and M.P. for the county in the time of the Commonwealth, was the first of the family designated as of Aston. His son Thomas greatly augmented the estate by his marriage with the heiress of Francis Albany of Whittington. His grandson Robert, and gt. grandson, another Robert, represented the county in the Jacobite interest, in the reign of William & Mary, Anne, & George I. On the death of the latter, in 1734, without issue, the estate devolved on the son of his aunt, Elizabeth, who had married Foulk Lloyd of Foxhall co. Denbigh. Humphrey Lloyd the celebrated antiquary was of this family.

The house was entirely re-built about 1800 by William Lloyd, and further additions have been made by the present owner. The extensive lawns are full of fine timber; the ornamental water covered with wild duck.

The Chapel, according to Browne Willis, was built by Richard Lloyd and consecrated by Archbishop Parker in 1594. It was reconstructed in 1742, by the Revd. Thos Lloyd; and again, in 1887, by the present owner, in memory of Lady Frances, his wife.

There are many family portraits here, both of the Lloyds, and the Harveys of Rolles Court, Essex, William Lloyd having married the d. & h. of Sir Eliab Harvey, one of Nelson's captains at Trafalgar; amongst them are portraits of Humphrey Lloyd the antiquary, and of Harvey, the discoverer of the circulation of the blood.



Fri. 18 Jan. 1884

BROGYNTYN Oswestry
[Lord Harlech]



BLODWEL HALL. OSWESTRY
[Earl of Bradford]

copied from a sketch at Weston
9 Aug. 1809

Blodwel Hall. Oswestry. (Earl of Bradford.)

This is a sketch, copied from a sketch in the corner of a map, at Weston, of the old hall of the family of Mathews of Blodwel.

The estates of the Mathewes' and the Tanats' both of Blodwel, were united by the marriage, in the early part of the 17th. century, of John Mathews and Jane Tanat.

Ursula Mathews carried the estate into the family of Bridgeman, by her marriage with Sir John Bridgeman Et. (who died in 1747) grandson of Ld. Keeper Sir Orlando Bridgeman, who had himself acquired the neighbouring estate of Moreton, about 1640, by his marriage with Judith, d. & h. of John Kynaston.

He, or his father, purchased Castle Bromwich, an old seat of the Devereux family.

Nothing now remains of the hall represented in the sketch.



Sat. Apr 17th 1881
S



Sir John
Bridgman
Bt

Isabella
Mathews

[Earl of Bradford]

SUMMER HOUSE
BLODWEL

Building in the garden of Blodwel Hall.

(Earl of Bradford.)

This edifice, erected about 1720, sometimes called the Chapel, but probably nothing more than a magnified summer-house, is one of the few indications left here, of the residence of the Bridgemans, except a monument erected to Sir John Bridgeman and his wife Ursula Mathews in Blodwel Church, and the ruinous gate-pillars of the preceding sketch. There is some work in the gardens at Castle Bromwich similar in style to this building. Sir John Bridgeman died in 1747, and his grandson was raised to the peerage in 1794.

Under the Blodwel rocks, which is the name given to the Northern face of the Llanymynech Hills, stood Blodwel Hall, the residence of the family of Mathews. The hall is gone, and a farm house covers a portion of the offices. The uncared-for remnants of the entrance gates, stand in a field some way from the house, surmounted by the Bridgeman crest, in a dilapidated state, a "demi lion rampant holding between the paws a wreath of laurel", but the laurel crown is gone.



Sat. 17th Apr 1881 5

GATE PILLARS BLODWEL HALL Slany blodwel.
[Earl of Bradford]



Sat 20 Sep 1884
B.

BRYNKINALT, Chirk.
[Lord Trevor]



Oct. 1893 S.

CHIRK CASTLE

[R. Mydleton Biddulph]



Sat. 18 Sep 1886 £

CHIRK CASTLE

[R. Myddelton Biddulph]



Sat 13 Sep. 1879

BELMONT [Col. Heaton Lovett]
Chirk.

Henlle Hall or Belmont. Chirk.

John Lovett who died in 1795, was the first of his family who settled in Shropshire. Belmont is very prettily situated, overlooking the Chirk and Brynkynalt woods, and there is an uncommon variety of trees in the lawns around the house.

Thomas Heaton Lovett, Hon. Colonel of the second Battalion of Shropshire Rifle Volunteers, formerly Major in the 96th. Regiment, is the present owner. (1880)

The place was once part of the Aston estate of the Lloyds.



HALSTON

Fri. 30 Jan 1871
S.

Halston, Whittington, Shropshire. (E.Wright Esq.)

After the monastic confiscations, Halston, a foundation of the Knights of St. John, and Jerusalem, was sold to Alan Horde, who in the reign of Queen Bess, re-sold it to the ancient Shropshire family of Mytton. They lived here till 1647, when the place was sold to Edmund Wright. The house was built in 1690, in place of one which stood somewhere near the Chapel, in the meadows. The red-brick covering wings, were substituted by Mr. Wright for two office wings, which flanked the main building at right angles. Of the Myttons, one was a famous Parliamentary General, in the 17th. century. Another was an antiquary in the 18th. and the two last were spendthrifts in the 19th.

The timbered chapel stands in the meadows about half a mile from the house, surrounded by a sunk fence, and overshadowed by yew trees. It wears a sombre and neglected aspect. It is the burial place of the owners of Halston, but no regular service is performed here. Halston, or Holystone, was a foundation made by one of the Fitzalans, in favour of the Knights Hospitallers, and was till a late act of Parliament extra-parochial. The Chapel was re-edified in 1725, but there is still left a little woodwork and carving of the 15th. century, and in the immediate neighbourhood there are foundations of buildings of some extent. There is a fine chalice, paten, and plate, given by a Mytton in 1662. A good candelabrum of brass, with the two headed eagle of the Myttons, and an Italian stove of the 16th. century. The estate passed by purchase about 1648 from the Myttons to the Wrights.



HALSTON CHAPEL

Fri. 14 Aug 1885 E.



Tues. 28 Sep 1891 ^H

PRESHENLLE HALL Whittington [Col Lovett]
Oswestry

Preshenlle Hall. Whittington. (Col. Lovett.)

This is a good specimen of a small country house, now occupied by a farmer. The date appears to be of the 17th. century. The stack of chimneys and the brick string-courses are effective, but the mullions have disappeared from the windows. The yew trees are kept carefully clipped.

John Lovett, the grandfather of the present owner, bought the estate from Mr. Lloyd of Aston, and by him the house of Belmont, which lies a short distance away, was built in this century.



Fri. 14 Aug 1896 5

KNOCKIN HALL - [Earl of Bradford]
Rev^d Edmund Bridgeman



HOUSE IN KNOCKIN VILLAGE

Fri. 14 Aug 1896 S.

Earl of Bradford

House in Knockyn Village. (Earl of Bradford.)

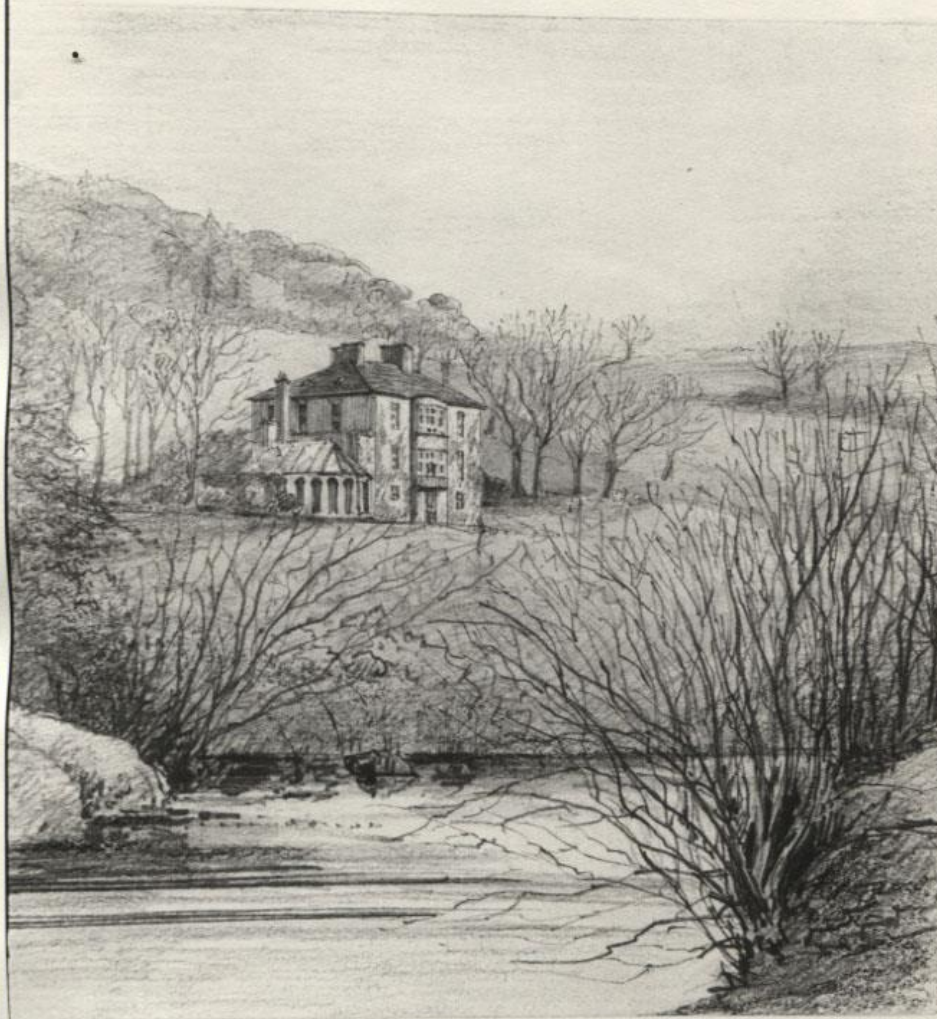
The broad roadway through the village and an avenue of fine trees, give Knockyn some dignity of appearance, which is enhanced by two still remaining examples of good "black and white", one of which is given in this sketch.



REMNANTS OF KNOCKYN CASTLE

Fri, 14 Aug 1896
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[Earl of Bradford]



Ans 17 Jan 1884
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GLANYRAFON Oswestry
Capt. Hamer
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Glan-y-rafon. (John Parry Hamer.)

This pretty place stands just above the main road, from Oswestry to Llangedwyn, in the valley of the Tanat.

It was built in 1790, by Mr. Lawton Parry, sheriff of Montgomeryshire in 1795, Mayor of Oswestry in 1802, and Lieutenant in the 'Oswestry Rangers' in 1803. He had property at Marton near Chirbury, and at Careinion in Montgomeryshire. He and his wife died without issue, and their adopted daughter Mary Lloyd, married Mr. Hamer, who thus in 1820, became the owner of Glan-y-rafon, and was grandfather to the present owner.



1890 E

LLANFORDA

Llanforda. (Sir W. W. Wynn. Bt.)

This place was bought in 1675 by Speaker Williams from his cousin Edw. Lloyd. It stands in a fine situation overlooking the great plain of Shropshire. The Speaker's son, Sir William Williams lived here, and his great grandson Sir Watkin Williams-Wynn, about 1780, began to build a very large mansion, which, before it was completed, was burnt down, the stables alone remaining.

The ruins were converted into a farmhouse; about 1813 the farmhouse was converted into the present residence by Sir Watkin's brother, Mr. Henry W. Wynn (afterwards the Rt. Hon. Sir Henry W. Williams Wynn, G.C.B.), and here he lived when not engaged in diplomatic duties.

Five large volumes of the letters of the last Edward Lloyd of Llanforda are at Sweeney. [1934. Now deposited by Parker Lighton in the First Series of MSS. at Sweeney.]

The stables of Llanforda alone were saved from the fire which destroyed the unfinished mansion of Sir W. W. Wynn in 1780.

The brickwork is excellent: and the scale of these offices gives some idea of the extent of the whole design if it had been carried out.



W. A. D. Dec 1863

STABLES - LLANFORDA



Sat. Oct 27. 1886

LLANGEDWYN
[Sir W. W. Wynn]

Llangedwyn. Denbighshire. (Sir Watkin W. Wynn Bart.)

This quaint manor-house stands close to the road, in the little Valley of the Tanat. It is approached by a lime-tree avenue, and is backed up by a wood of ancient oaks. The gardens, which are laid out to suit the ground in descending terraces, with fruit trees trained against brick walls, retain an old-world charm. The house of Elizabethan design was extensively re-arranged in the early part of the 18th. century.

Llwydiarth was the seat of the old Montgomeryshire family of Vaughan to which by marriage Llangedwyn was added. In the 17th. century both passed by marriage to Robert Purcell. Mary, the heiress of the Purcells, married Edw. Vaughan of Glanllyn near Bala, and thus carried the estates again into the Vaughan family, but only for a generation, for one son and two daughters, who all died childless, were the issue of this marriage. One daughter was the wife of Thos. Strangways, the other of Sir Watkin Williams-Wynn. Lady Williams-Wynn left the whole to her husband who had issue by a second marriage.

It so happened that this same Sir Watkin succeeded not only to the patrimonial estates of Glascoed and Llanforda, but through a distant relative to Wynnstay, and thus the grandson of Speaker Williams who, when he wooed Margaret, the heir of Watkin Kyffin, said that his Gown (i.e. his barrister's gown) was his fortune, became the Greatest territorialist in N. Wales!

The house remains much as it was in 1700.



MAESBURY HALL
Oswestry
[Andrew Peate]



Fri. 27 Jan 1899
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Maesbury Hall. Oswestry. (Andrew Peate.)

The house stands on low ground, under the shadow of a large mill built by Mr. Frank about 1830, and at the same time a new front was made to the hall. A few ashlar stones, a portion of the chimney, the cellars, and date-stone E.K. (Elizabeth Kynaston) 1714, are all that remain, older than the 19th. century. A short drive up to the house conveyed, over the road, by a bridge, was disused about 1850 and the bridge removed.

Elizabeth Kynaston d. & h. of William Kynaston of Maesbury Hall married in 1700 Thomas, nephew and h. of Thomas Kynaston of Molverley Hall. On the death without issue of Thomas, son of this marriage, in 1763, the estate passed by his will to his nephew Revd. Thos. Barrett, rector of Hordley, son of Vaughan Barrett, and Mary Kynaston; from him, it passed to his sister Letitia, who dying unmarried, in 1802, left it to her cousin (through the Vaughans) Col. Edw. Disbrowe. In 1820 Sir Edw. Disbrowe, son of the above, sold the estate to Mr. Frank, who afterwards sold it to Mr. Peate.

The two properties of Molverley and Maesbury were about 600 acres. These Kynastons were a branch of the Kynastons of Hardwicke and Hordley.



Mon 15 Sep 1884 E

CRICKHEATH HALL
Oswestry

Crickheath Hall. Moreton.

This little place is tenanted by a farmer. It has, however, some remains which show that it was once a residence of gentlefolk. The old plan of the house has not been much altered, though the pattern of the wood work has been hidden under a coating of "rough cast", and the new windows inserted.

Mrs. Harwood, a relative of Lord Berwick, lived here in the early part of this century.

The house belongs to a Mr. Harrington.



MORTON HALL. Morton - Oswestry
[Earl of Bradford.]

Tues 23 July 1872
S.

Morton Hall. Oswestry. (Earl of Bradford.)

Sir Orlando Bridgeman, Ld. Keeper in Charles II's time, married Judith d. and h. of John Kynaston of Morton. In this house, his father, the Bishop of Chester, is said to have lived after resigning his See; and here he died in 1652 and was buried in the Church of Kinnerley, where there is a monument to his memory. There are portraits of the Bishop at the Palace, Chester; at the Hall, Wigan; of which town he was rector, and at Weston, where there is also one of his wife, Elizabeth Helyar. The Bishop's motto was Dei gratia, pons homini which may be translated 'By God's grace, a Bridge man'.

This house, which had long been used as a farm house, was entirely demolished in 1874 by the Earl of Bradford, and a new one built on the site.



Ed. 31 Dec 1884 S.

MORETON HALL

Moreton Hall. Chirk. Shropshire. (E.Burke Wood.)

This is a quaint and picturesque Manor-house, with a roof of the "William & Mary" period, the rest of the building being of an earlier date. It is situate close to Presgwynn Station, and the coal mines are quite near.

The owner, Mr. Burke Wood, has many interesting things, some of which belonged to his relative Edmund Burke.



Sat 1 Dec 1883 S.

THE HAYES, OSWESTRY

[Jennings]

The Hayes. Oswestry. (Jennings.)

The date of the house is 16th. century, and it is in excellent preservation.

With the exception of the solid chimney stack in the centre, there is no brick or stone partition in the inside. All the interior walls are lath and plaster, supported by oak panelling.

Richard Hill Waring, recorder of Oswestry from 1763 to 1799, owned this place which was sold by Major Scott Waring, (of Warren Hastings celebrity,) to Mr. Jennings.



at Dec. 6 1884 S.

OAKHURST Oswestry
W^m Rowland Venable



OAKHURST OSWESTRY
Rowland & Venables



Mon. 4th June 1900
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Oakhurst. Oswestry. (Mrs. Venables.)

This house is within a mile of Oswestry on the Sclattyn road.

It was built about 1850 by Mr. Rowland Venables, a grandson of Mr. Lazarus Venables of Woodhill. The shrubberies are prettily laid out and there is a fine view from the windows.

Mount Sion was the name of the house which formerly stood on this site.

The family of Venables, originally of Cheshire, became connected with Oswestry in the 18th. century; and one branch resided at Woodhill.

Archdeacon Venables, and George Venables Q.C., and the Lister Venables of Llysdinam, co. Brecon, belonged to the same family.

The house commands an extensive view towards the Breidden, and the Shropshire hills and plains, and stands in the midst of fine timber.