



Mr Stanley Leighton

Additional Drawing

Book 3



Thurs 22 Nov 1883

PENTREPANT Oswestry
[Hon Mr Trollope]

Pentrepant. Oswestry. (E.G.Carew.)

This place which is in the parish of Selattyn, and about a mile from Oswestry, belonged for several generations to the family of Hammer, of whom was John, Bishop of St. Asaph, who died in 1629.

A portion of the house appears to be of the 17th.century.

From the Hammers the estate passed by descent to the family Strudwich, and from them to that of Warrington. George Henry Warrington married in 1794, Mary Carew of Carew Castle, and Crowcombe, County Somerset, and assumed the family name of his wife. The estate was sold to Lord Harlech in 1894, by Hon. Mrs. Trollope, co-heir of her brother Edmund G. Carew.



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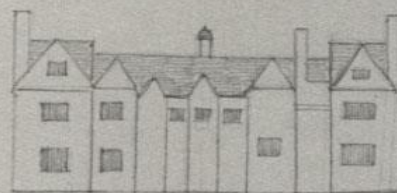
WESTON HALL Oswestry
The Lodge - [Williams Vaughan]
Oswestry

Weston Hall. (The Lodge) Oswestry.

(E. Williams Vaughan.)

This picturesque farm house, lies a little off the main road, in the village of the Lodge, just on the edge of Shropshire. It has long been dismantled. Its general architectural character is 17th. century, but there is a wooden arch supporting the roof which indicates an earlier date.

The family of Vaughan formerly lived here, and it passed about 1893, under the will of Mrs. Dymock to Mr. E. Williams, who has assumed the surname of Vaughan.



Edward Lloyd of Llynymaen
Esq.

From a map at Wynnstey date George I.

Thurs 4 Dec 1884
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Wed 7 Jan 1885

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PARK HALL



wed 7th Sep 1898

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PARK HALL Oswestry
W^m Wynne Corrie

Park Hall. Oswestry. (Mrs. Wynne Corrie.)

Robert Powell of Whittington, bought Park from Henry, Earl of Arundel, in 1563, and built this house here. Sir Francis Charlton of Ludford, bought the estate from the Powells in 1717. Emma, sister and heir of Job Charlton in 1761, carried the property, into the family of her third husband, John Kinchant. In 1870 it was sold by the Kinchants to Mrs. Wynne Corrie.

The frontage presents perhaps the best example of "black & white" in Shropshire. There is here a small Chapel. In the Hall is a table of a single oak plank, 23 ft. by 4 ft. and $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches thick. In the ceiling of the drawing-room is some 17th. century plaster work. A number of Latin mottoes ornament the walls. On a sun-dial, now removed, were the following stanzas. Date 1578.

PRAETERIT AETAS
NEC REMORANTE
LAPSA RECEDUNT
SOECULA CURSU

UT FUGIT AETAS
UTQUE CITATUS
TURBINIS INSTAR
VOLVITUR ANNUS

SICQUOQUE NOSTRA
PRECIPITANTE
VITA RECEDIT
OCCUR UNDIS.

The Cycle is passing
The Ages no more
Return in their Courses
The same as before.

As passes the Cycle
As sure and as fast
The year is rolled by
Like the breath of the
blast

So too my own life
Grows less unto me
As the tide wave recedes
To the depths of the sea

The old portion of the house has all the distinctive features of the substantial timber building of the 16th. century. There was once a gate-house, which Evelyn notices as having a beam of extraordinary size, but there are no traces now of the Gate-house, nor of the Sun-dial, nor of the raised terrace. There still remain some handsome lime trees, and a few walnut trees, but most of the valuable timber has been cut down. A long oak table of a single beam, made in the 16th. century, is in the Hall.

A red-brick addition was made to the house in 1698 (see next sketch) but the frontage has not been altered.



Fri. 23 Aug 1879 E

WOODHOUSE
[a Moslyn Owen]

Woodhouse. Ellesmere. (A. Mostyn Owen.)

The Owens of Woodhouse and the Owens of Condover were of the same stock, and both families became extinct in the male line in the 16th. century.

Robert Owen was sheriff in 1618 and his grandson, also Robert, in 1678. John, the last in the male line died in 1737.

The estate passed under an entail of his daughter Sarah to her cousin William Mostyn, of Bryngwyn, M.P. for Montgomeryshire 1774-95. He assumed the name of Owen and was grandfather of Arthur Mostyn Owen Sheriff in 1876.

A plain 'Georgian' building has taken the place of the 'Wood' house of earlier days.

There are here a number of family portraits, but the list having been lost, the names of the persons they represent, are no longer known.



L. 10 Jan. 1883 E.

RUYTON TOWERS

Oswestry

[J. H. M. Walford]

Ruyton Towers. (J. H. N. Walford.)

This house was built about 1865 by Mr. Walford of Hereford who acquired the property.

It is of red sandstone in the castellated style, and stands on the slope of the Grig hill which affords a fine background of gorse and heather.



From a sketch by Rev.^d M. Bulkeley Owen 1858
11 Dec. 1894 S.

OLD SHELVOCK

Ruyn of the XI Towns.

[Rev.^d M. Bulkeley Owen]

Thomas Thornes was seated here in 1476. In 1599 his descendant Richard, augmented the estate by purchasing a third portion of the Manor of Ruyton from George Younge, the son of Thos. Younge, Archbishop of York, who had bought the Manor in 1567 from the Earl of Arundel and others. The family of Thornes, originally of Shrewsbury, were strong Royalists in the Rebellion. On the death of Thos. Thornes in 1678 the estate passed to his sister who married Sir Vincent Corbet Bt. of Moreton. The heiress of Sir Vincent carried the property into the family of Kynaston of Hordley, and on the death of Corbet Kynaston in 1740 it passed to his co-heir at law, Sir Charlton Leighton Bt. through his marriage with Anna Maria Mytton, by whom it was sold to the Owens of Woodhouse.

On the range of outbuildings, is the date, 1606, with the initials R.T. (Richard Thornes) and E.T. (Elizabeth Thornes who was a Mytton).

The sexagonal building in the foreground, is older than the outbuildings, and was probably connected with the entrance gate of the mansion, which was taken down in 1860.

There was here a small deer park and a mere.

Devolution of the estate

1476	Thornes
1678	Corbets by heirship
1712	Kynastons by heirship
1748	Leightons by heirship
1774	Owens of Woodhouse by purchase
1832	Owens of Tedamore by purchase



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REMAINS OF SHELVOCK
[Rev. Mr. Bulkeley Owen]

Sunday 16th 1893
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WYNNSTAY CHAPEL

The Chapel. Wynnstay.

This Chapel was built about 1875. Before its erection a Service used to be performed in a room or summer-house in the garden.

The Stables appear in the background.



WYNNSTAY
1860



WYNNSTAY
1820

Wynnstay. 1820-1880.

The mansion of Wynnstay has gone through many reconstructions.

The 'Queen Ann' elevation was better than the Georgian, and the early Georgian better than the later.

The house, which was burnt down in 1858, was a very plain building indeed and inconvenient, but contained some fine rooms and a library upstairs.

All the books and manuscripts and some of the portraits perished in the flames.

The new house was designed in the character of a French chateau, by Perry.



Wed 4 Dec 1884

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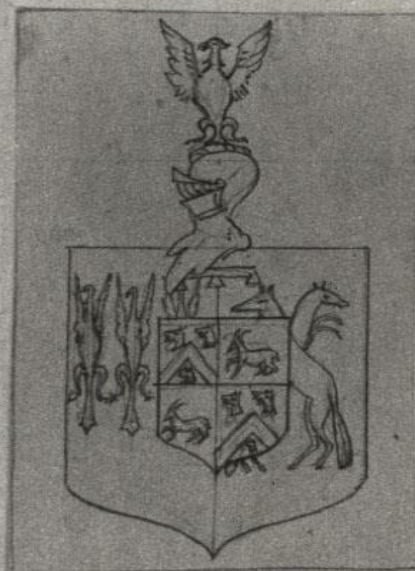
WYNNSTAY STABLES



This prospect of Wynnstay ¹⁷¹⁵ in ye Hundred of Bromfield &
 humbly dedicated to ye Honoured Watkin Williams Wynn
 K^t of ye shire for ye county of Denbigh -

from a map by John Felton of Oswestry

WYNNSTAY
 1715





after Paul Sandby.

WYNNSTAY
1775



after Evans

WYNNSTAY
1792

Wynnstay. Rhuabon. (Sir Watkin Williams Wynn Bt. M.P.)

"Old" Wynnstay was a large place of Georgian date, with a library rich in Welsh MSS, without architectural features. It was burnt to the ground in 1859. A "Queen Anne" house, which had taken the place of a "black and white" timbered manor-house, preceded the Georgian edifice. The present unfinished mansion is designed after the style of a French Chateau. Perry was the architect.

Wynnstay was originally called "Watstay", from the famous Watts' Dyke, the remains of which can still be traced in the park.

It was owned in the 16th. century by the family of Evans. The estate passed by marriage to the Wynns of Gwydyr, and in 1740 to Sir Watkin Williams, who assumed the additional name of Wynn. He was grandson to Speaker Williams.



ENTRANCE TO WYNSTAY 1830.

from a sketch at Llangedwyn.
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1878

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SWEENEY HALL

1805

[Stanley Leighton]

Sweeney Hall. near Oswestry.

Thomas Netherton Parker of the White House co. Worcester, married Sarah Browne, the heiress of Sweeney, and built the present house in 1805. Thomas Baker, from whom the Brownes derived the estate, in the beginning of the 17th. century, "erected a new fair house in Sweeney, a handsome pile of building, the contriver's name was Baker, he was a disbanded Captain. I've heard Mr. Baker say it was wholly built in 16 weeks." So writes Gough in his quaint history of Middle.

The only remnant left of the earlier house, are the pillars of the entrance gate.

Mr. Baker was a parliamentarian in the civil wars, and was Sheriff of the county in 1649, and knight of the Shire in 1654. He was buried in the orchard of his house where his tomb, together with those of a few others, may still be seen.

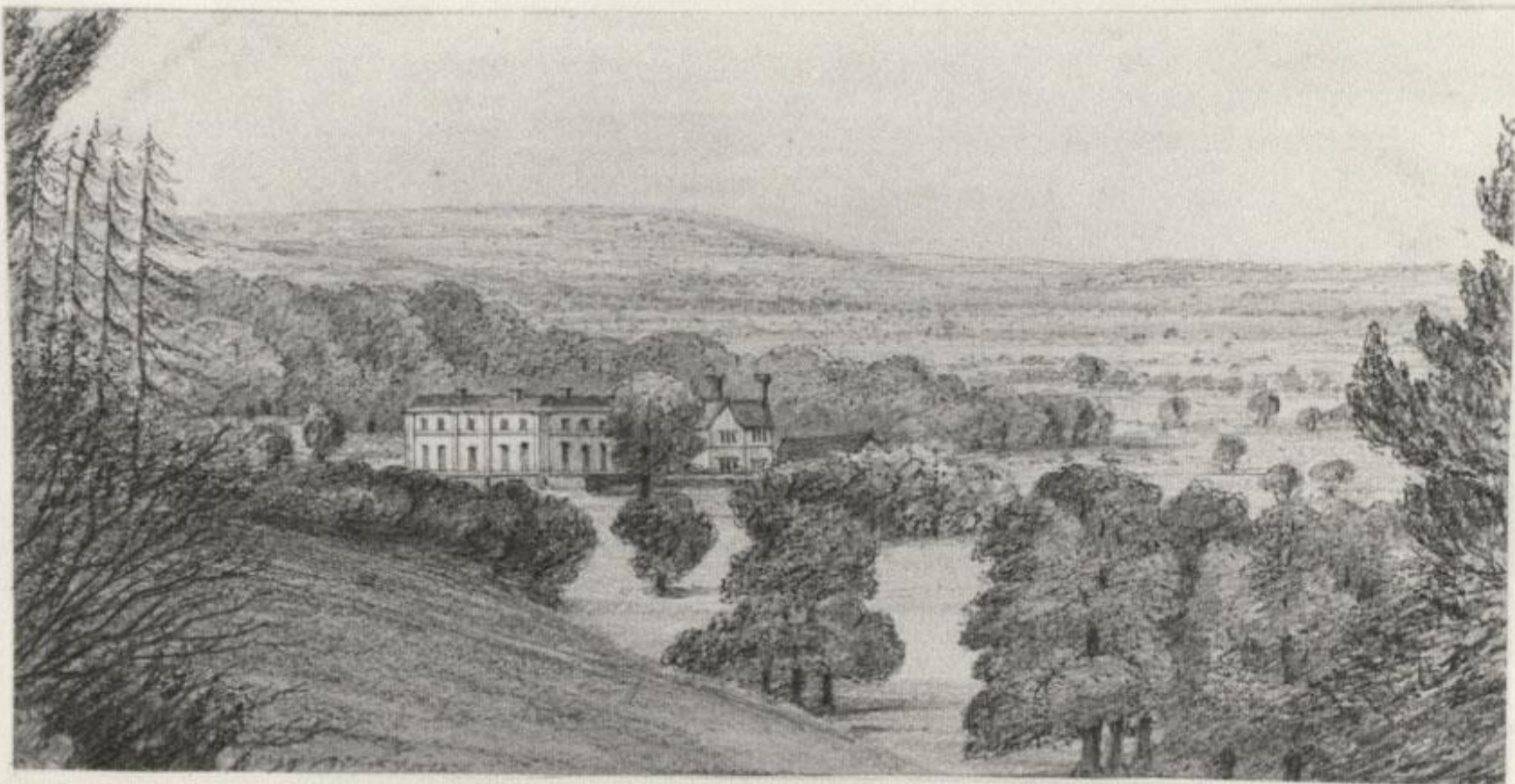
Mary, the daughter and eventual heir of Thomas Netherton Parker, married Sir Baldwin Leighton Bt. and their second son, Mr. Stanley Leighton is (in 1880) the present owner.

Thomas Netherton Parker built the present house in 1805 on the site of the older one.



30. Oct 1877 S.

SWEENEY HALL



Thurs, 25 May 1887
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SWEENEY HALL
[Stanley Leighton]



Monday 1st June 1885 S.

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TREFLACH HALL

Trefonen-
Oswestry

[G. Dumville Lees]



Thurs. 22 Aug 1872 5

TREFLACH HALL

Trefonen
Oswestry

[G. Dumville Lees]

Treflach Hall. Trefonen. Oswestry. (G.Dunville Lees.)

This place was the residence of the family of Evans in the 16th. and 17th. centuries. It is built of stone, with red chimnies, and there is some plaster work on the ceiling of one of the rooms, embellished with a little colour. Of this family was 'Roger Evans, who listed himself as a soldier in the Parliament army, and being a proper and strong man, and a person of good courage, he was first made a captain, and afterwards a Collonell. He had a cutt with a sword over his face, just between the end of his nose and his mouth, which left a scar about a finger long, which continued as long as he lived, and was all he gott by the warrs." (Gough's History of Myddle). His son Richard, an idle fellow, was killed in a drunken brawl, at Myddle, in 1704, not however before he had sold the estate to the Hunts of Boreatton.

Treflack became merged in the Woodhill property in the 18th. century, and passed, I presume, through the family Jones, to that of Venables, and was sold by the latter to the late Mr. Lees about 1850.



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TEDSMORE West Felton
Rev^d M. Bulkeley-Owen



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TEDSMORE *West Fellen*
Oswestry [Rev. M. Bulkeley Owen]

Tedsmore. (Rev. M. Bulkeley Owen.)

The family of Hatchett having married the heiress of Tedsmore, assumed the name of Owen, and in the 18th. century resided here.

The house was re-constructed in the early revival of the Gothic style about 1840.

The views on all sides, from the elevated ground on which the house stands, are extremely fine, and there are many rare plants in the shrubbery, which is protected from the N.E. There are few places which equal Tedsmore in the beauty of the views, which can be seen from the windows. The rocky and most precipitous side of the Breidden appearing through a vista of cedar trees, is the most remarkable of all, the deep purple of the distant hill, contrasting finely with the deep green of the foliage.

The present owner (1880) is the Rev. Thos. Mainwaring Bulkeley Owen.



PRADOE.

J. R. Kenyon 2.C.

Tues 31 Oct 1871

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Pradce. Oswestry. (J. R. Kenyon. Q.C.)

Pradce was built in the early part of the 19th. century, on an estate purchased by the Hon. Thomas Kenyon, the second son of Lord Kenyon, Chief Justice of the King's Bench. He was the holder of the rich sinecure office of 'Filayer' of the Court of King's Bench, which entitled him to a fee on every case which was filed, and amounted to many thousands a year. The office was abolished at his death in 1851. He was also chairman of the Shropshire Q.S. But the employment by which he was best known, was that of an amateur coachman. 'His Honour's' coach went twice a week from Pradce to Shrewsbury, and carried passengers for nothing.

The small park and well timbered grounds of this place are cleverly laid out.

The present owner was a fellow of All Soul's College, and Vinerian Professor; he is a Queen's Counsel; and like his father, Chairman of the Shropshire Q.S. He is also Recorder of Oswestry.



Sun. 29 Sep. 1891 E

EBNAL HALL

[Hon R. C. Trollope]
Whittington
Oswestry

Ebnall Hall. Whittington. (Hon. Mrs. Trollope.)

A fair specimen of an early 18th. century house. There is some Queen Anne carving and panelling inside, and the old fashioned arrangement of a walled garden attached to one front, still remains. The farm belongs to the Pentrepant estate, which once belonged to a branch of the Hammer family, but passed by succession to the Carews, of Crowcombe. A daughter and heiress of the Carews married the Hon. R.C. Trollope, 2nd. son of the first Ld. Kesteven.



FERNHILL - Whittington

Capt. J. Henniker Lovett]

Thurs. 16 Oct 1896

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Fernhill. (J. H. Lovett.)

The grand-father of the present owner, acquired Fernhill in 1825, from Mr. Lloyd of Aston. It stands in well-wooded grounds, and commands fine views of Chirkland. There are here eight chairs and one sofa, covered with the finest tapestry of the earliest Gobelin manufacture. There is also some good china, Sévres and Dresden, and one Gainsborough, and one Romney.

The Shropshire family of Lovett claim to be a branch of the ancient family of Lovett of Liscombe, in Buckinghamshire.



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THE BIG HOUSE WHITTINGTON

Ed Harlech

Barry tenant

The Big-house. Whittington. (Lord Harlech.)

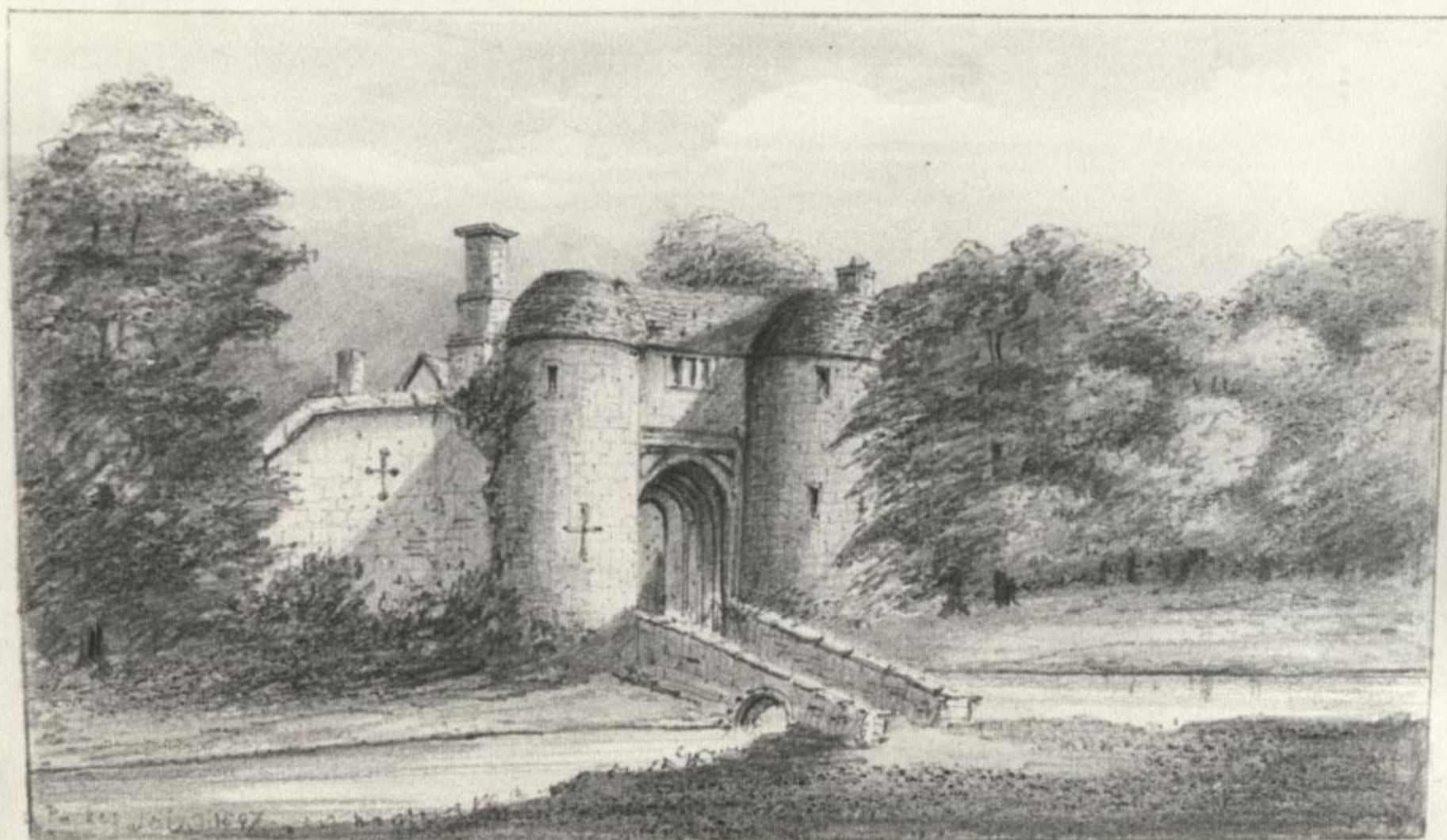
(Parry, tenant)

This house was part of the Drenowydd estate and was bought from Mrs. Molyneux Williams and her nephew Mr. Williams Wynne of Penniarth about 1850 by Mr. Gore of Porkington.

The initials I L. L and E L L on this house are the same as are on the house of Drenowydd.

I presume it was built by one of the Lloyds of that place.

The whole estate was sold to Mr. Gore for 37,000£



D. Parkes July 7 1807

WHITTINGTON CASTLE
[R. Lloyd]

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Whittington Castle. Oswestry. (R. Lloyd.)

The sketch is copied from one of David Parkes's in the Bri. Mus. and shows that the ruin has been somewhat reconstructed since 1807.

Whittington was defended principally by water, and from a ground plan at the rectory, there appear to have been a number of moats.

Blakeway in his Parochial Hist. in the Bodleian, gives a description of the Castle from a report as to its condition in 1545. From this account, there appears to have been a gallery running from gate house towers, with walls of stone covered with shingle, with windows opening into the moat 65 ft. long and 5 ft. wide, thus uniting the entrance with another round tower, at the back of which was the 'old' hall 45 ft. x 28 ft. with buttery and pantry. Adjoining the old hall was another tower and a 'faire' chapple 34 ft. x 24 ; and then came another hall of tymbre 40 ft. x 36 ft. at the upper end of which was a chamber 26 ft. x 14 ft; then another round tower, from which ran a gallery, 66 ft. x 6 ft. to the gate house towers. The courtyard inclosed was 160 ft. x 140 ft. The kitchen of tymbre, 30 ft. x 25 ft.

Outside the enclosure was another gate house and two small stables.



1858
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WHITTINGTON CASTLE

[R. Lloyd]

These ruins are three miles from Oswestry, on the way to Ellesmere. The overhanging trees, the reflecting water, and the clustering ivy, make up in picturesqueness, for a deficiency in architectural detail.

William Peverel is said to have built the Castle in 1136. In the time of King John, Pulk Fitzwarine of Alberbury, succeeded in establishing a claim, probably through the Peverels, to the Lordship, and from 1204 for two centuries the Fitzwarines lived here, and theirs is the name principally associated with Whittington.

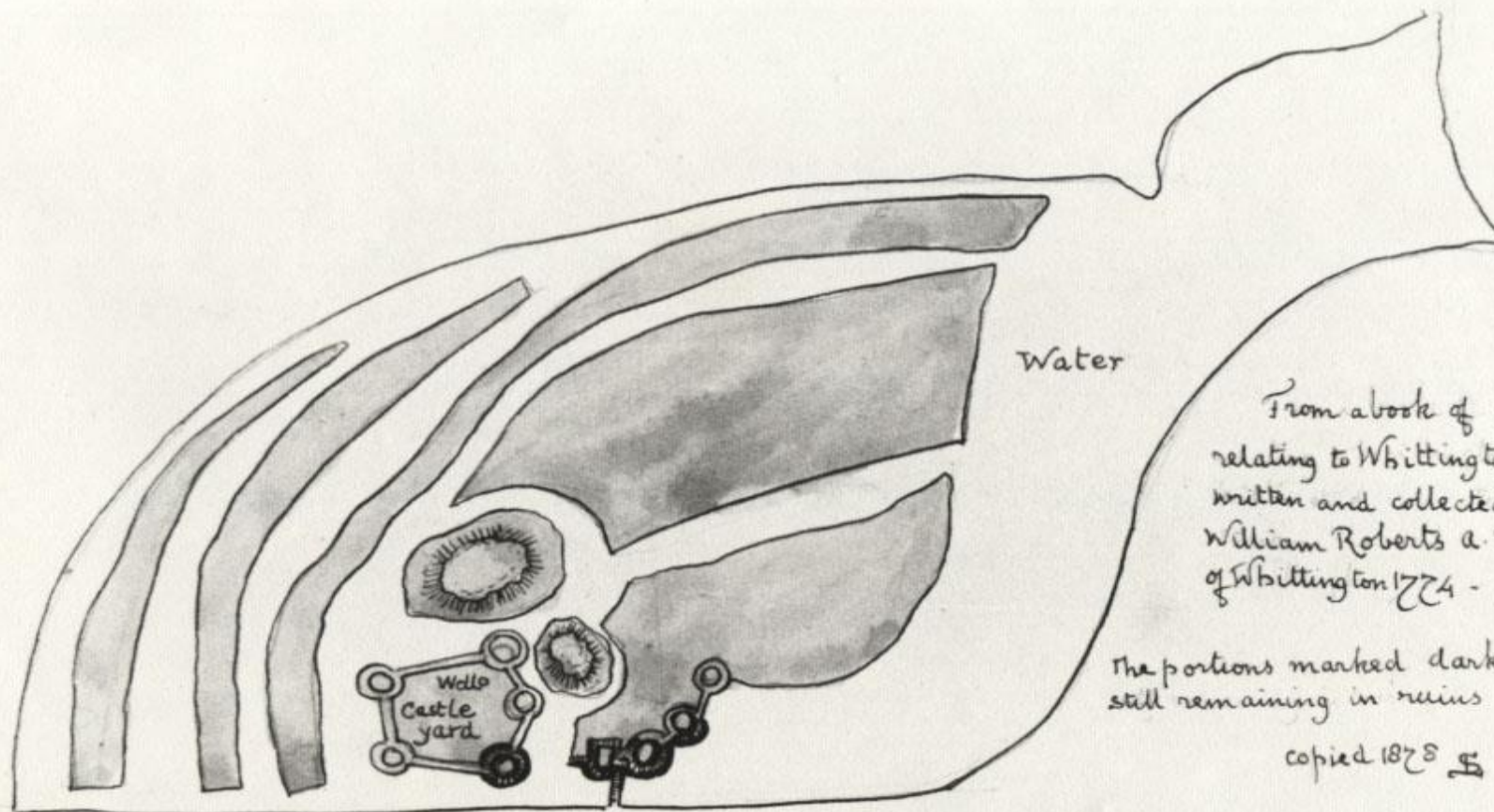
On the failure of the heirs male of the Fitzwarines the estate passed to Richard Hankford, who married Elizabeth, sister of the last Fitzwarine; he died in 1430 leaving a daughter who married Sir William Bourchier created 'jure uxoris' Lord Fitzwarine.

Since 1420 the manor has passed to various owners, by royal grant, by purchase, by exchange, by marriage. In the reign of Elizabeth, William Albany, a London merchant, bought it from Henry Fitzalan, Earl of Arundel, and his great-granddaughter, having married Thomas Lloyd of Aston (who died in 1692) carried it into the possession of that family, with whom it still remains.

The Gothic window in the gatehouse is believed to have been moved from the neighbouring Church, which was rebuilt about 1809. The battlements of the Castle were restored at the same time.

The following extract is taken from the Parish book of Whittington, kept at the Rectory.

"1809. Whittington Castle repaired. Castle well opened in which were found, the handle of a bucket, a large pair of iron fetters for the legs, a large jug, the remains of stags' horns, swords etc."



From a book of papers
relating to Whittington Parish
written and collected by
William Roberts a. m. Rector
of Whittington 1774 -

The portions marked dark are those
still remaining in ruins

copied 1878

Ground plan of Whittington Castle
in the original state -

Bog



THE QUINTA CHIRK
Wm Barnes

Sat. 8 Sep. 1900
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The Quinta. Chirk. (Mrs. Barnes.)

Mr. Thomas Barnes, M.P. for Bolton in 1865, purchased this place about 1850 from Mr. F. R. West of Ruthin Castle, and erected a new house here in the modern Gothic style, in the place of a villa, called the 'Quinta' built by its former owner, whose mother was a coheir of Richard Myddleton of Chirk Castle.

The grounds are prettily laid out.



Thurs 9 June 1881 S.

WOODHILL

Woodhill. Oswestry. (G. Dumville Lees.)

Woodhill is situated in the parish of Oswestry in the township of Treflach and in the Ecclesiastical District of Trefonen. It commands a view of Nesscliff and the plain of Shropshire. The ground in front of the house is prettily wooded.

Mr. J. Lees purchased the estate from Mr. L. J. Venables, in 1852. The house was converted from a farm house into a gentleman's residence by Mr. Venables, about 1800, and has since been considerably enlarged by its present owner.