

The Changing Landscape

A Learning Resource
from the
Local History Centre
at Bishop's Castle Heritage Resource Centre



Bishop's Castle Heritage Resource Centre is a volunteer-run heritage store and centre for activities celebrating local history and keeping it within the area for everyone to use and enjoy.

In 2009/10, with funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund we have developed BCHRC as a Local History Centre. We are open for visitors on Saturdays from 10.30am – 1pm, or at other times by arrangement.

Please come and see our research material including:

- CDs of registers from parishes in the Bishop's Castle area
- CDs of tithe maps and apportionments
- Census returns for parishes in the Bishop's Castle area
- Electoral rolls
- Field maps
- Reference books
- Catalogues of material held at Shropshire Archives including
 - ❖ Estate catalogues
 - ❖ Education records
 - ❖ Apprenticeship indentures
 - ❖ Settlement records
 - ❖ Non-conformist and Roman Catholic registers

We look forward to welcoming you to BCHRC

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- Educational services and resources
- Opportunities for research
- Hiring facilities at BCHRC
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- Affiliating yourself or your organisation to help secure the Centre's future and to benefit from discounted rates for most of the Centre's facilities

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Background

The Changing Landscape is part of a project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund to develop Bishop's Castle Heritage Resource Centre as a Local History Centre. It aims to select material that will interest educators at all levels.

Introduction

This learning resource is based on Bishop's Castle and its surrounding parishes, with maps and other documents illustrating the changes that have taken place in land tenure, land use and employment, buildings, lifestyles and population.

In addition to this material, Bishop's Castle Heritage Resource Centre holds a wide range of CDs with images of parish registers, tithe maps and apportionments, as well as paper copies and digital images of field maps, copies of estate catalogues, lists of settlement orders and apprenticeship indentures that give a picture of life in the countryside in the nineteenth and early twentieth century. These are available for use by researchers and educators.

Parishes covered by the resource

The parishes covered by the resource are:

Bishop's Castle	Bettwys-y-Crwyn	Bucknell
Clun	Colebatch	Linley
Lydham	Lydbury North	Mainstone
Newcastle	Norbury	Wentnor

We have also gathered material from "over the border" in Wales from Churchstoke and Snead

At this stage of its development, the density of material varies across the parishes, but the resource will be expanded, and more parishes added, as further material becomes available.

Elements of the resource

Photographs

Most of these are photographs of local farming families and activities. The earliest dated photograph is of Bishop's Castle Agricultural Show in 1909. There are a number of early twentieth century photographs, but the majority date from the 1940s to the 1970s and there are some modern photographs for comparison. As much contextual information as possible is included but this is often quite limited, or absent altogether. Research continues and fresh information will be added to the resource as it is discovered by BCHRC as a Local History Centre.

Sale posters

These sales posters from the House on Crutches Museum's reserve collection illustrate the types of properties that were being bought and sold. These are mostly 19th century.

Field name maps

Field name maps date from the mid 19th century. Only a selection of those available at BCHRC has been included in this resource, and the full list is printed at the end. If you would like to see any of these do please get in touch with us on 01588 630556.

Billheads

Early billheads illustrate goods for sale, prices and coinage around a hundred years ago.

Oral history recordings

We have included CDs of recordings made over the last 30 years on subjects including:

- A country childhood and working as a Land Girl near Bishop's Castle
- The history of a family farm over several generations
- Reminiscences of a centenarian of his life in the area, and during the Great War.
- Short extracts covering hiring fairs, dialect and games, including the Farmer's Prayer ("Recall tape" by kind permission of the South West Shropshire Historical and Archaeological Society see below)

Notes re the "Recall tape" (SWSHAS)

Track 1 Mr Bill Jones (1906-2000) of The Llwyn, Clun, formerly of Middle Woodbatch. Recorded by JBP at Stonehouse 1992. About Boer War carbines used at the Boys' School Bishops Castle (Headmaster 'Joey Lane'. Cf Picture and logbook entries quoted in "Bishops Castle Well Remembered "Schooldays".



Track 2. Miss Molly Puckle (1896-1987) Daughter of Dr H.S.Puckle, Mayor of BC. Left BC in 1919 for The Ivy House, Churchstoke.. Interviewed by JBP in Churchstoke 1979. SWSHAS 0023: typescript of memories and pictures from her family album cf photo of "Cookie" feeding the chickens on our database.

Track 3 Mr Alf Shakespeare (1904-1992). Recorded 1987 by JBP at Kerry Green, BC. Left school at 14 (memories in Bishops Castle Well Remembered) worked in the Forestry and delivering for Bowen the butcher. See also "Railway Memories" on Track 5

Track 4 Mrs. Lucy Hemmings nee Jones (1906-1998), recorded Union St 1985 by JBP. Worked for Minsterley Creamery, married Jim Hemmings (of the Garage), later Mayor of BC.

Track 5 Mr Alf Shakespeare as above "Bishops Castle Railway.

Track 6 Mr Bert Challinor remembered "Buzz and Bandy" (a local name for hockey) being played on the ice at Pontesford as a boy. He was blind, and had sung in a male voice choir.

This track is from a Radio Shropshire programme, recorded by Richard Walker at the Stonehouse.

See also Charlotte Burne "Shropshire Folklore" p525

Track 7 "Shropshire dialect". Mr Harry Fletcher (1898-1989) Recorded 1986 at Dog Kennel BC by JBP. He had been in WW1 (French Foot), married 60 years. Remembered Clun May Fair in his youth hearing "a bit in scoots" and "in hobs and girds"



("scoots" still used locally to describe a small corner or strip of land, so "in scoots" = "in parts". Jackson's Shropshire Wordbook 1879: "SCOOTs - a small irregular piece of ground, an odd piece, as of cloth" "HOBS AND GIRDS", Jackson's Shropshire Wordbook - "in fits and starts")

Track 8 "Cock a doodle doo" Mr Bill Jones, as before. Recorded by JBP after a Stonehouse visit to Acton Scott Working Farm Museum, having overheard Mr Jones 'communing' with a cockerel

*"Every morning on the farmyard wall
There's a noisy joker never lets you sleep at all.
Voice like a bugle sound through your head
For the noise is loud enough to waken up the dead.
Cock a doodle do the old cock calling
Cock a doodle do the old cock call
Every morning on the farmyard wall."*



Track 8 "The Farmer's Grace" Mr Dick Wall, (1902-1989) of Worthen. Recorded at Stonehouse by JBP

*"Let the rich and the great
Live in splendour and state.
I envy them not, I declare it.

I have my own lamb,
My own chicken, my own ham
And I shear my own fleece and I wear it.

I have lawns, I have bowers,
I have fruit, I have flowers,
And the lark is my morning alarmer.

So here's health to you all now,
And God speed the plough,
And jolly good luck to the farmer!"*



Dick Wall, Worthen

Other material at BCHRC

As part of the Local History on Your Doorstep project, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, Bishop's Castle Heritage Resource Centre has digitised a wide range of material from Shropshire Archives, which can be viewed on computer at BCHRC. This comprises:

Parish registers

Tithe maps and apportionments where they exist for a particular parish

Vestry books and churchwardens' accounts where they exist for a particular parish

Transcriptions of Archdeacon Plymley's Visitation of South Shropshire in the 1790s and early 1800s

In addition we have photocopied census returns for each parish, and copies of "Documents Concerning..." booklets produced by Shropshire Archives, which give a taste of the material they have available. These may only be studied at BCHRC, but pages may be photocopied if required.

NB Material is subject to copyright and may only be copied for educational purposes. Field maps, tithe maps and apportionments are © Shropshire Archives. Small portions may be copied for educational purpose, but if full size maps are required, please contact Shropshire Archives on 01743 255355 to arrange to buy them.

We have a small reference library and catalogues of resources at Shropshire Archives including apprentice indentures, settlement records and education records. These are not available for all parishes.

Searchable resource framework

As well as a printed copy of the resource on the following pages, this pack contains a CD with a spreadsheet which can be searched, or sorted on topic or parish as required. The thumbnails in the spreadsheet are hyperlinked to higher resolution copies of the images, although it should be noted that as some images may, for example, be scans of an already photocopied original, it may not be possible to obtain a high quality printout.

Using the resource

The enclosed CD The Changing Landscape Learning Resource contains:-

- A spreadsheet called The Changing landscape – images, with hyperlinks to:

- A folder called The Changing Landscape final pictures

- A pdf of this printed The Changing Landscape resource

- CDs containing

- “Recall” extracts from SWHAS

- Mr Jack Davies 1896 – 2000 reminiscing about his life and World War I









- Alice Jones (nee George) reminiscing about her country childhood at

- Mellington and her life as a land Girl in World War II

- Simon Bedell talking about his family farm through the generations

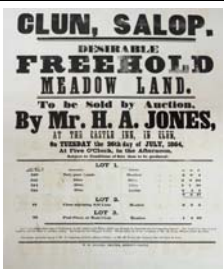
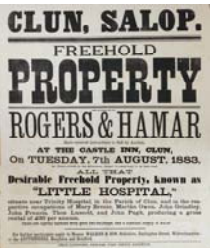





- A Read Me with these instructions









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BCHRC ref No	Description	Type	Topic	Date if known	Parish	Image
35/DJ/ OFR/4	Transcript of Thomas Jones' diary. Page 1. A full transcript of the diary is included in the printed resource.	Transcript	Farming year	1884 - 1886	From Jones family now living at Lydham	
28/KP/ OFR/8	Farm yard at Penanheath, Ted Andrews and family, little Stella (b1928) and baby Edna (b1929)	Photocopy of photograph	Children and families	1930	Colebatch	
38/WH/ OFR/6	Cyril Woosnam (David Woosnam by hedge)	Photocopy of photograph	Children & families		Brockton	
38/WH/ OFR/2	4 men and horses resting from harvest and having bait (snack)	Scan of original photograph	Bait time		Brockton	
39/DJP/ OFR/19D	Tractor drawn binder at Linley	Photocopy of photograph	Tractors	1942	Linley	 With the binder in Linley Drive (cultivated in war-time) 1942.
30/RC/ OFR/3	Haymaking at New House Farm, Ned Evans (b1872) on top, Mrs Ned, Doris Bourne, Arthur Whittall, Eddie Evans, Nancy Evans (b c1905) Jean (b1929)	Scan of original photograph	Children & families	1930s	Bishop's Castle	
38/WH/ OFR/3	Children in hay wagon	Scan of original photograph	Children & families		Brockton	
39/DJP/ OFR/30A	"somewhere in Wales" 1950s	Photocopy of photograph	Children & families	1950s		 "SOMEWHERE IN WALES" Photo from the Day Book


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39/DJP/ OFR/31B	Hudsons harvesting at Mainstone, cocks in field	Photocopy of photograph	Horses	Late 1940s	Mainstone	
30/RC/ OFR/12	Delivering milk in the snow.	Photocopy of photograph	Dairy	1940s	Bishop's Castle	
39/DJP/ OFR/7	"Cookie" at Miss Puckle's, Welsh Street	Photocopy of photograph	Women's work	1902	Bishop's Castle	
33/SL/ OFR/1	George Rowson cutting hay, Sadlers Wood in background	Scan of original photograph	Horses		Snead	
39/DJP/ OFR/29	Ben Evans, champion hedger	Photocopy of photograph	Hedging & ditching			
39/DJP/ OFR/24A	George Morris Hudson on the first tractor at Mainstone House.	Photocopy of photograph	Tractors	1944	Mainstone	
39/DJP/ OFR/24B	Jane Hudson, Mainstone House	Photocopy of photograph	Tractors	1970s	Mainstone	
39/DJP/ OFR/26A	Photocopy of article on Fred Owen, blacksmith, Norbury	Photocopy of photograph	Horses & tractors	1980s	Norbury	











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Waters pic/ Thrashing 2	Water's thrashing machine at The Lea (?)		Machinery		The Lea	
28/KP/ OFR/2	John Andrews of Medlicott and granddaughter Stella (b1928)	Scan of original photograph	Move sheep	early 1930s	Medlicott	
39/DJP/ OFR/27A	Wallace Mattocks shearing at The Grit 1965	Photocopy of photograph	Shearing	1965	The Grit	
39/DJP/ OFR/13	BC Agricultural Show. 1909 at New House Farm	Photocopy of photograph	Shows	1909	Bishop's Castle	
39/DJP/ OFR/38A	BC Agricultural Show. Demonstration of hounds by United Pack	Photocopy of photograph	Shows		Bishop's Castle	
39/DJP/ OFR/8B	Reminiscence of Lydham Manor Estate Show by Tom Pryce	Transcript of reminiscence	Shows	1930s	Lydham	
32/RC/ OFR/1	Sheep grazing on edge of Bishop's Castle	Scan of original photograph	Town & country	1970s	Bishop's Castle	
1458	Sale Poster	Photograph of original document	Sale Poster	1858	Clun	










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1465	Sale Poster	Photograph of original document	Sale Poster	1883	Clun	
1470	Sale Poster	Photograph of original document	Sale Poster	1907	Clun	
1480	Sale Poster	Photograph of original document	Sale Poster	1888	Wentnor	
1485	Sale Poster	Photograph of original document	Sale Poster	1887	Newcastle	
1486	Sale Poster	Photograph of original document	Sale Poster	1878	Woodbatch	
1487	Sale Poster	Photograph of original document	Sale Poster	1872	Bucknell	
1488	Sale Poster	Photograph of original document	Sale Poster	1869	Bettws y Crwyn	







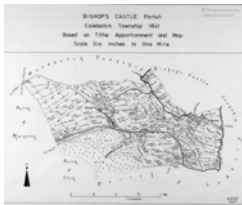

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1489	Sale Poster	Photograph of original document	Sale Poster	1859	Whitcott Keysett	
Argoed 1846	Sale Poster	Photograph of original document	Sale Poster	1846	Argoed	
BC3-7-9- 1903	Sale Poster	Photograph of original document	Sale Poster	1903	Bishop's Castle	
Red Lion 9-10- 1891	Sale Poster	Photograph of original document	Sale Poster	1891	Bishop's Castle	
28.KP.OF R 4	Elizabeth Andrews (b 1918) of Medlicott with her cousin Mildred Smith (b c1911) Long Mynd behind	Photocopy of photograph	Children	1920s	Medlicott	
IMG 5913/4/5	Les Morris and Massey Ferguson MF35	Scan of original photograph	Tractors		Colebatch	
	Chamberlain Countryman - Steve Owen	Scan of original photograph	Tractors		Bishop's Castle	
	Standard Fordson (painted green for wartime) John Price	Scan of original photograph	Tractors		Bishop's Castle	





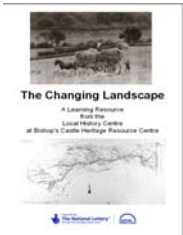
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37/DB/OF R 2	Landgirls	Photocopy of photograph	Women's Work	Wartime	Churchstoke	
37/DB/OF R 3	Nurse Jones of Churchstoke	Photocopy of photograph	Women's Work		Churchstoke	
Shearing 1	David Davies of Minton Batch assisted by David Jones, Asterton. Upper Onny Country Show	Scan of original photograph	Shows	18th July 2010	Norbury	
Fiddle 2	David Marpole of Wentnor, demonstrating use of seed fiddle	Scan of original photograph	Farm Implements	2009	Wentnor	
	Susan Lawrence of Norbury spinning fleeces shorn that very day. Upper Onny Country Show	Scan of original photograph	Women's Work	18-Jul-10	Norbury	
0 661	Picnic Party	Photocopy of original photograph	Children and families			
1228	Pryce Jones, Newtown account to Mrs Sankey, The Mount, Bull Lane	Digital photograph of original	Bill	1895	Bishop's Castle	
1238	Receipt for Christmas cake	Digital photograph of original	Bill	Christmas 1892	Bishop's Castle	
1239	Bill for fabric from Edward Legge & Co	Digital photograph of original	Bill	1893	Bishop's Castle	

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1240	Bill from Richard James, Coal and Manure merchant, Station Yard Bishop's Castle	Digital photograph of original	Bill	1892	Bishop's Castle	
1244	Bill from Robert Norton & Son, Ironmongers	Digital photograph of original	Bill	1892	Bishop's Castle	
1248	Bill from C Hughes, Bookseller	Digital photograph of original	Bill	1891	Bishop's Castle	
1253	Bill from John Roberts, Three Tuns	Digital photograph of original	Bill	1892	Bishop's Castle	
1255	Bill from Mr Lamb, Butcher	Digital photograph of original	Bill	1891	Bishop's Castle	
1256	Bill from Wm Parry Fishmongers	Digital photograph of original	Bill	189?	Bishop's Castle	
1268	Bill from Wm Jones, Boot abd Shoe maker	Digital photograph of original	Bill	1895	Bishop's Castle	
1273	Bill from Wm Pugh, Plumber and Decorator	Digital photograph of original	Bill	1897	Bishop's Castle	
1300	Bill from Pugh & Son, Tailors and Outfitters	Digital photograph of original	Bill	1905	Bishop's Castle	
1310	Bill from Mr Newill Agent for Powis Estates for tithes	Digital photograph of original	Bill	1896	Bishop's Castle	

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1313	Receipt for newspaper subscription from the Powis Institute	Digital photograph of original	Bill	1898	Bishop's Castle	
1372	Bill for pew rental from churchwardens	Digital photograph of original	Bill	1912	Bishop's Castle	
1373	Bill for brandy and port from Castle Hotel	Digital photograph of original	Bill	Christmas 1891	Bishop's Castle	
Bettws 1	Page from general register, including baptisms, marriages and burials. The full register can be viewed on computer at BCHRC	Digital photograph of original	Parish records	1695 - 1812	Bettws y Crwyn	
Bettws 2	Page from general register, including baptisms, marriages and burials. The full register can be viewed on computer at BCHRC	Digital photograph of original	Parish records	1695 - 1812	Bettws y Crwyn	
Church stoke	Baptism register. The full register can be viewed on computer at BCHRC	Digital photograph of original	Parish records	1813 - 1853	Churchstoke	
Clun modern	Marriage register. The full register can be viewed on computer at BCHRC	Digital photograph of original	Parish records	1924 - 1963	Clun	
Clun old	Page from general register, including baptisms, marriages and burials. The full register can be viewed on computer at BCHRC	Digital photograph of original	Parish records	1653 - 1680	Clun	
Lydbury burials	Cover of burials register. The full register can be viewed on computer at BCHRC	Digital photograph of original	Parish records	1813 - 1861	Lydbury North	
Lydbury burials 2	Page from burials register. The full register can be viewed on computer at BCHRC	Digital photograph of original	Parish records	1813 - 1861	Lydbury North	

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Lydbury vestry	Lydbury North Parish Vestry Minutes. Four books from 1780 to 1931 can be viewed on computer at BCHRC	Digital photograph of original	Parish records	1895-1931	Lydbury North	
Lydham accounts	Lydham Parish Churchwarden's Accounts. Three books from 1676 to 1893 can be viewed on computer at BCHRC	Digital photograph of original	Parish records	1794-1893	Lydham	
Lydham marriage	Page from marriage register. The full register can be viewed on computer at BCHRC	Digital photograph of original	Parish records	1812 - 1837	Lydham	
Main stone banns	Page from register of banns of marriage. The full register can be viewed on computer at BCHRC	Digital photograph of original	Parish records	1824 - 1901	Mainstone	
Main stone marriages	Page from marriage register showing the marriages listed in the banns register. The full register can be viewed on computer at BCHRC	Digital photograph of original	Parish records	1813 - 1837	Mainstone	
New castle notes	Page from Newcastle Baptisms Register with statistical information on various townships. The full register can be viewed on computer at BCHRC	Digital photograph of original	Parish records	1813-1913	Newcastle	
New castle 2	Another page from the above register. The full register can be viewed on computer at BCHRC	Digital photograph of original	Parish records	1813-1913	Newcastle	
Norbury rate book	Poor rate book for Parish of Norbury in the Clun Union. There are three books, dating from 1872 - 1877. All three books can be viewed on computer at BCHRC	Digital photograph of original	Parish records	1872-74	Norbury	
Wentnor glebe	Map of the Glebelands in the townships of Wentnor, Whitcott and Home, in the Parish of Wentnor	Digital photograph of original	Parish records		Wentnor	

BCHRC ref No	Description	Type	Topic	Date if known	Parish	Image
Norbury tithe	Map of the enclosed land in Norbury and on Norbury Hill. Four pages of maps can be viewed on the computer at BCHRC	Digital photograph of original	Parish records	1851	Norbury	
Bishop's Castle Broughton field name map	Bishops Castle Broughton township field name map. From the Shropshire series drawn by H D G Foxall from tithe and other maps between 1960s and 1980s	Digital photograph of original	Field name map	1847	Bishops Castle	
Bishops Castle field name map	Bishops Castle field name map. From the Shropshire series drawn by H D G Foxall from tithe and other maps between 1960s and 1980s	Digital photograph of original	Field name map	1843	Bishops Castle	
Chirbury field name map	Chirbury field name map. From the Shropshire series drawn by H D G Foxall from tithe and other maps between 1960s and 1980s	Digital photograph of original	Field name map	1843	Chirbury	
Clun field name map	Clun field name map. From the Shropshire series drawn by H D G Foxall from tithe and other maps between 1960s and 1980s	Digital photograph of original	Field name map	1843	Clun	
Clunbury field name map	Clunbury field name map. From the Shropshire series drawn by H D G Foxall from tithe and other maps between 1960s and 1980s	Digital photograph of original	Field name map	1845	Clunbury	
Colebatch field name map	Colebatch field name map. From the Shropshire series drawn by H D G Foxall from tithe and other maps between 1960s and 1980s	Digital photograph of original	Field name map	1841	Bishops Castle	
Lea and Oakeley field name map	Lea and Oakeley field name map. From the Shropshire series drawn by H D G Foxall from tithe and other maps between 1960s and 1980s	Digital photograph of original	Field name map	1844	Bishops Castle	

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Lydbury North & Lower Down field name map	Lydbury North and Lower Down field name map	Digital photograph of original	Field name map	1846	Lydbury North	
Lydham field name map	Lydham field name map. From the Shropshire series drawn by H D G Foxall from tithe and other maps between 1960s and 1980s	Digital photograph of original	Field name map	1848		
Mainstone Reilth field name map	Mainstone Reilth field name map. From the Shropshire series drawn by H D G Foxall from tithe and other maps between 1960s and 1980s	Digital photograph of original	Field name map	1849	Mainstone	
Wentnor field name map	Wentnor field name map. From the Shropshire series drawn by H D G Foxall from tithe and other maps between 1960s and 1980s	Digital photograph of original		1846-49	Wentnor	
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Thomas Jones' Diary

Thomas' Jones diary covers the years 1884 – 86 on a farm in Wales and was brought into BCHRC by Thomas' grandson who farms in Lydham. This pattern of farming families owning land in both Montgomeryshire and in Shropshire is as common today as it was in the 19th century, with different members of the family farming on different sides of the English/Welsh border along the Marches.

The diary is packed with practical and social historical information, a varied cast of characters and much incident. Most entries are a single line, recording information on crop yields, stock weights, prices paid and realised, labour terms and conditions, and sales and fairs attended, all barely interrupting the steady rhythm of seasonal tasks. This brief record is peppered with incidents illuminating a wider life of personal and family relations, social and working links with neighbours and farm hands, alongside occasional field sports and participation in local civic and religious life.

In some ways the diary perhaps conveys as much by what it doesn't record: frequent mentions of women relatives and even a young woman hired at a fair fail to identify what must have been a considerable input of their labour to the running of the farm. For instance butter is sold at market (11/11/1885) but there has been no record of any dairying processes. It might be wrong to conclude that the omission is significant, if the diary's purpose was to assist Thomas' own work, year by year. On the other hand there are enough asides about the comings and goings, tipsy or otherwise of male friends, family and farm hands to suggest the author has little time to notice women's concerns. This impression is reinforced by extremely brief entries recording events that might be thought to be more significant: 23/12/1884 'This was my wedding day', or 2/1/1886 'In the funeral', the day after he attended the inquest on a local child found dead in bed.

Hard work, patience and an engaging reticence characterise this fascinating record of the daily life of a Victorian farm.

The full printed transcript of the diary follows. A reference in the diary to Stuard (sic) Rendel lecturing in Montgomery, is almost certainly Stuart, Lord Rendel, Liberal politician, of whom a brief biography provided on-line by the National Library of Wales is included, to help to set the social/cultural context for the diary. Thomas' engagement with the spiritual dimension of rural life is illustrated by his brief Sunday diary, a reference to the Montgomery Chapter meeting (11/11/1885) and his attendance at an improving lecture on Christmas Day 1885.

Notes

The Diary of Thomas Jones 29.10.1884 -30.01.1886

29 Oct: This was the first time Edward Bennett and I came to walk over Whitehall. T Lewis, Pentre came with us.

31 Oct: My father, Bennett, and I came down and agreed for it.

14 Nov: Bennett and I came down to see if we could have a stable for our horses.

24 Nov: Maurice and I came down with 2 horses to commence ploughing.

19 Dec: Returned home with the 4 horses.

23 Dec: This was my wedding day.

31 Dec: Bennett and I came by Whitehall as going to Gwenthrew sale. the sheep were on the clover.

1885:

3 Jan: Were ploughing till half-past ten in the evening the weather was wet and stormy. Caught 6 moles in the meddow.

6 Dec: (Jan) Ralph had his sheep feeding on the clover field above the road took the sheep-rack away the same date.

7 Jan: Mary and I went to Halfway Inn sale and lodged at Nagshead.

8 Jan: Came from Nagshead Mrs Jones and I on a very wet morning went to Whitehall this was ther first time she saw it. Went to Llanwynog this night.

9 Jan: [Ingredients of Horse Powder and sketch of saddled pony]

12 Jan: [Ingredients of Drench for Cow Cleaning & Ointment for the Kidneys]

26 Jan: A wet morning. I started from Tynyrrwtra at 4.30 a.m. called by Ceseilfa Edward and I with 2 horses started at 5 o'clock for Whitehall came to Newtown at 10.20 arrived Whitehall at 4 p.m.

27 Jan: Fine weather commence ploughing the Little quarry field for peas. in the evening went to Cefnllan and bought 3 bags of peas for seed at 19/- per bag.

28 Jan: A wet morning [unshut] about 10 in the evening We had heavy rain about 3-30 p.m.

29 Jan: The ground was too damp for ploughing so we carted the [marl] on the meddow had 18 loads in it.

30 Jan: Ploughing barley stuble for oats The weather was wet.

31 Jan: Ploughing till 10-30 the evening was wet and stormy Caught 6 moles in the lower meddow

2 Feb: A very wet morning. it cleared up in the evening the team went to plough. I went to hedging

3 Feb: Fine weather a day the team ploughing for peas. I was hedging

4 Feb: Sowed peas in the Little quarry field

5 Feb: I went to Montgomery fair this was the first I had there returned home at 3-20 and went to sow peas agreed with Ralph to plough at 8/- per acre

6 Feb: the horses were ploughing for about 2 hours. it turned out a wet day. took the plough home to Cwmbadarn

7 Feb: Returned home from Whitehall with Geseilfa's team. Mary met me at Caersws and came home with me.

9 Feb: At home at Tynyrrwtra thrashing in the morning started to Whitehall with 26 ewes. Came to Llanwynog about 5 o'clock

10 Feb: The weather was fine started from Llanwynog with the sheep at 8-30 arrived at Whitehall at 4 p.m.

11 Feb: Fine weather. Hedging all day, the sheep looked tired. The [] Bailiffs came to W.Hall to mark the stock

12 Feb: (Fine weather) Went to Bluebell sale called by Mr Alderson Hopton he came with me to Redhopton to see a horse. I met Bennett at the sale. I bought a Mare, Roller, Ladder, 2 pair of [gearing] Bennett came with me to W.hall. Ralph was drunk.

13 Feb: Bennett came with me to Redhopton and bought the horse at #38-0-0 Mr Williams promised to keep him there for 3 weeks.

14 Sat: Fine weather. I am spreading manure on the Meddow. The sheriff. Bailiff booked my sheep.

16 Feb: (Wet weather) Brought the ewes to the upper meddow. have been [floating] the meddows and clearing the culvert under the cowhouse.

17 Feb: Snow it cleared off about diner time
 18 Feb: frosty morning heding all day
 19 Feb: Started to Tynyrwtra came to Caersws with the 12 train I met Tom Rowlands. he told me that Sarah Jones Henfryn was dead since Monday. I went to Llanwnnog
 20 Feb: Came home called by Ceseilfa and had my diner there came home at 2.20 where I found father suffering of a bad coal
 21 Feb: fair day To Llanidloes I drove Thos Ashton in the trap Mary came to meet me and to Tynyrwtra
 23 Feb: At Cyseilfa castrating the calves
 24 Feb: To Newtown fair and Bennett came with me down to W. hall
 25 Feb: To Redhopton & Bell vue Churchstock for the horses and the Cambridge Roller
 26 Feb: Ploughing in the Quarry field
 27 Feb: Do - - Do
 28 Feb: Finishing sowing peas in the little Quarry field
 2 Mar: Ploughing
 3 Mar: Do
 4 Mar: Do
 5 Mar: Do
 6 Mar: Do
 7 Mar: Ploughing untill 2 o'clock I met the fast train at Montgomery Mary met me at Motlane and came with me to Tynyrwtra
 9 Mar: To Caersws to meet the 10 train reached W.H. at 12 Ploughing in the evening
 10 Mar: Ploughing in the morning Carting Ralph's implements in the evening
 11 Mar: Whitehall sale Bought worth #500-0 (50?) of implements
 12 Mar: Bennett Ploughing Mary went home Potatoes 19cwt at (9/9)=5cwt at 2/6
 13 Mar: Friday [date underlined !]
 16 Mar: Hired John Ralph to the horse at 8/- per week. commenced working
 17 Mar: The [] plough. 4 Teams here. Drain Llwynhelyn, Mount, Fron Pentre. Went home the evening
 18 Mar: Father and I went to Bwlchwynern to see the horse. went down to W.hall with the 10 train. Bason Castle y gwynt, & Jones Blackhall was ploughing.
 19 Mar: Bennett and I went to Bicton sale started at 5. Went to Oakley to sleep that night Bought oats at 16/3 per bag
 20 Mar: Back to the sale, bought 2 horses. Came home over the hill with Alderson and his son.
 21 Mar: Went to [Pingin] for oats Bennett and Mary went home
 23 Mar: Hired Sam Woods at 14/- per week own meat B. and Mary came back
 24 Mar: Commenced sowing oats in the Well-field
 25 Mar: Bennett and I went to Marrington sale Bought 10 ewes and lambs at 37/- per couple and 5 at 44/- per couple 1 cart 5-10-0
 4 turnip howers, shovel and 2 forkes. 2 buckets Bennett went down to Lydam
 26 Mar: Finished sowing Wellfield. Hired William Ralph at 4/6 per week in the evening I went to finish around the field by Montgomery Bennett came here from Bishop C.
 27 Mar: Sowed oats in the field below the meddow.
 30 Mar: Sowing oats in lower Cae-=Athro
 31 Mar: Mary and I went to Newtown fair Bought best clover seed at 6/- per lb. Paid Turner for [shield]board a 12- shares
 1 Apr: April fool. finished sowing lower Caeathro. Mr Alderson came with me to see a horse to Mr E Roberts Court Kerry
 4 Apr: Bennett came here with the horse the first time
 6 Apr: Went to Tynyrwtra
 7 Apr: Paid Sam Woods off
 8 Apr: Harrowing the Quarry field
 9 Apr: Drilling barley in the Quarry field sowed 6 bags on it Maurice brought the 3 heiffers down.
 13 Apr: Gardening
 14 Apr: Went to Newtown to meet father and mother. they came down here

16 Apr: Mary went to Llandinam for the furniture

18 Apr: John came home today Father and Mother went home

21 Apr: Finished gardening

23 Apr: Ralph Pwll[pydr] was

24 Apr: To Tynyrwitra. bought 4 bullocks, at G

25 Apr: To Llanidloes fair. Bought one cow in calf. Came home to W.Hall

27 Apr: ploughing

28 Apr: To Newtown

29 Apr: Sowed seed on Caedu field

30 Apr: Commenced drilling barley

1 May: Finished drilling barley

4 May: Went home to Tynyrwira

5 May: Came to W.hall

7 May: Richard came to

and young Jack #7-0-0
8 May: Richard went home [picking] and rolled the clover

9 May: Went home to Tynyrwtra

11 May: At Llanidloes fair bough

12 May: Brought the cattle home

13 May: Took the 8 bullocks to M

14 May: Maurice took the Welsh sheep home, setting potatoes in Caedug.

16 May: Misses went to Tynyrrwtra

19 May: Misses came home

20 May: Cleaning stackyard

22 May: Brewing

25: A1 Newtown p

26 May: At Newtown fair

28 May: Bought 2 bullocks and 2 yearlings from the hill to lower Cae Athro

30 May: Father went home

1 Jun: Drilled seeds

4 Jun: Montgomery j

9 Jun: Shearing day

11 Jun: John Ralph

from March 16th to May 6th

from May 8th to August 17 at #19-10 per year 5-6-10

8-6-10

13 Jun: Rich Davies account

wages from May 12th to Aug 17 at #13-10 per year 3-11-0

cash 1-0-0

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strap 6

27 Jun: Margaret came down for the first time and Maurice with her

9 Jul: commenced hay harvest cutting clover on the hill 5 wagon loads
 14 Jul: Hired Sam Woods at 12/- per day our meat and drink Commenced working diner time
 15 Jul: Mowing the meddow
 16 Jul: Do
 17 Jul: carrying clover
 20 Jul: John Ralphs and Rich Davies gave a months notice to leave my service
 27 Jul: Ac - 285 [] 320 [Taxes] 24-30
 31 Jul: Finished hay harvest
 1 Aug: Killed one lamb and weighed 34 lbs Mrs Lewis Pentre had 17 lbs
 4 Aug: Father and Mother came down hear I went to meet them to the station with the pony
 6 Aug: Montgomery fair took the pigs there and [] sold one
 8 Aug: Went home to Tynyrrwtra with Father and Mother
 10 Aug: At Tynyrrwtra
 11 Aug: Came home. Called by David Lewis. They were going to Tynyrrwtra
 12 Aug: Commenced cutting peas on the little Quarry field
 13 Aug: Laying lime
 14 Aug: Finished cutting peas
 17 Aug: Rich & Ned came here [B] stir. John Ralph and Dick left. Aunt and Uncle Hendre came here, went to Llandyssil the afternoon
 18 Aug: Hired Sam Wood at 12/- per week commenced working diner time
 19 Aug: Uncle and Aunt Hendre went home Commenced cutting oats
 20 Aug: cutting oats
 21 Aug: Do
 22 Aug: E Bennett came down
 24 Aug: Took the pigs to Newtown fair sold them 35/-
 25 Aug: Carried the peas
 26 Aug: Binding oats Weaned the lambs
 27 Aug: Richard went to Manchester and William Raining all day
 28 Aug: Ploughing Pea [brush]
 31 Aug: Binding oats
 1 Sept: Ned went home
 2 Sept: Richard went home Benj Wheel was here working paid 2/- Put the pony in harnish
 3 Sept: Montgomery sheep fair very slack trade Bennett went to Lydam
 4 Sept: Laying lime to Pea field
 5 Sept: Went for a Ram Lamb to Red-Hopton bought him at 88/- Put him to the Ewes
 7 Sept: Ewe took Ram cutting Barley on the Quarry field
 8 Sept: Finished cutting barley J Woods came here commenced cutting beans
 9 Sept: Finished cutting beans
 10 Sept: Commence carrying oats
 11 Sept: B. Castle fair Bennett went down
 15 Sept: Carrying oats
 16 Sept: Kerry sheep fair Bennett and I went there. Slack trade on the sheep
 17 Sept: Ralph made an auction on his wheat. Carried a stack of oats from Caethro
 18 Sept: Finished carrying oats
 19 Sept: Rain
 21 Sept: Cutting barley on the Hill
 23 Sept: Carrying barley from Quarry field Gave Ralph a notice about cutting wheat

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- 24 Sept: Finished carrying barley from Quarry field
 25 Sept: [] day
 26 Sept: Snow on the hills Cutting wheat with [] machine
 28 Sept: Cocking barley on the hill finished the field by 2-30 pm
 29 Sept: Newtown fair took 8 bullocks there sold them at 11-12-6 Father came there to meet me
 30 Sept: Cutting wheat
 1 Oct: Montgomery fair went there Cutting wheat, the Pentre fokes with us
 2 Oct: Cutting wheat on [Pinion] field Price Francis from Cwmbadarn
 3 Oct: Carried 5 loads of barley from the hill
 5 Oct: Maurice and Bennett brought the Welsh ewes down the Weather was wet
 6 Oct: Rain all day
 7 Oct: Cutting wheat in Stackyard field
 8 Oct: Finished cutting wheat
 9 Oct: Lugging beans
 10 Oct: Spreading lime for wheat put the ram to the W. ewes Paid D Ralph 1-0-0
 12 Oct: Sam Woods commenced working with the horses at 6/- per week Commence lugging wheat
 13 Oct: Finished lugging wheat
 15 Oct: Thatchin
 16 Oct: Maurice went home Thanks giving in CefnyCoed the [hounds] came by
 17 Oct: Spreading lime in Little Mary field
 19 Oct: Finished lugging barley from the Hill
 20 Oct: Lugging wheat rakings
 22 Oct: Mary and Bennett went to Llanwnnog Sent papers for Andrew Kept the horse in the night thrashed 6 bags of oats
 23 Oct: Team went for a load of lime
 24 Oct: Thrashing peas and spreading lime Bought 3 pigs at Gwern-y-buarth at #3-5- each
 26 Oct: Thrashing wheat for seed
 27 Oct: Newtown fair sold the pony for #15/10 Sam went to the fair
 28 Oct: Sam came to work diner time
 29 Oct: Load of coal
 31 Oct: Wet weather
 2 Nov: Sowing wheat first bit in Little Quarry field
 3 Nov: Raking wheat
 4 Nov: Carrying wheat rakings
 5 Nov: Monty. fair Stuard Rendel lecturing there Bennett came down
 6 Nov: digging potatoes
 7 Nov: Sowing wheat
 9 Nov: Father Mother and [Bru] came down Sent - 5 tubs of butter
 10 Nov: Digging potatoes
 11 Nov: In Shrewsbury Butter fair Sold the butter at 9.5(Ninepence h'penny) Opening of Montgomery Chapter Dr G Thomas & D. Ll. James Llandinam was there
 12 Nov: Sowing wheat in the fallow
 14 Nov: Thrashing
 16 Nov: Father Mother and [Bru] went home drawing aples Bought 2 bags of wheat Perthy[]
 17 Nov: I went to Newtown lost the train and walked to Newtown in 2 hours Tied the young cattle
 18 Nov: Lost 9 Welsh sheep
 19 Nov: Thrashing rakings The wintering sheep came
 20 Nov: Grey mare had the belly-ake Sam helped Blackhall with the machine from Cwmbadarn
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- 21 Nov: Sowing wheat
 23 Nov: Brought the machine from Black-Hall drawing weeds
 24 Nov: Went to Newtown fair very near lost the train again we were by Brinderwen bridge together Bennett came home with me
 25 Nov: Thrashing 22 bags o barley and 27 Black Oats one man from B-Hall and one from Pentre
 26 Nov: Wet morning took 21 bag of barley to Llandyssill to be killdried at 10d per bag and broke one side of the wagon shaft had 2 Welsh sheep at Newtown
 27 Nov: Thrashing D. Ralph wheat
 28 Nov: Took 16 bag of Ralph's wheat to the Granery Polly went home
 30 Nov: Ploughing stuble Bennett had the Welsh ewes at StoneHouse
 1 Dec: Ploughing stuble in the Garden field Brought 13 bags of dry barley home and left it to be Kilbled
 2 Dec: Finished picking apples shot 5 partridge on [one] shot
 3 Dec: Montgomery marketing John Owen pulling turnips at 2/- per day his own meat
 4 Dec: The county polling day Rendel went in with 625 majority
 5 Dec: Took (one & half) load of aples to Bason the gate to make sider had 160 gallons Turnip puller was here
 7 Dec: Snowy morning Rare day of sporting shot 6 rabbits [owl] of nine Bennett and I
 8 Dec: Made a sheep trough Went home to Tynyrrwtra where I found them jolly keeping their [Cyfarfod Clenyddol]
 9 Dec: Went to track hares till diner Father and I went to [fa] hired Martha, and Tomy Hughes till May at 1-10
 10 Dec: Tomy, Martha Owens and I came home The trap sent us to Caersws (Burying Johy Savage)
 11 Dec: Start to cart muck to Cae-athro I was driving Sam overslept came to his work dinner time Sow took boar
 12 Dec: Carting manure out Saw the fox on the Meddow
 14 Dec: Sam went for a load of coal for himself. came home tipsy. Maurice brought the pony down they both [] tired
 15 Dec: Bennett, Maurice and I was digging potatoes in the two garden and worked hard
 16 Dec: Maurice saw the fox on the Quarry field Lewis.
 17 Dec: Had (half) bag of wheat at Black-Hall weighing 120
 18 Dec: Finish sowing wheat
 19 Dec: Pulling turnips
 21 Dec: Killing a Pig Shearing day allowance of #10 per cent
 22 Dec: Bennett went home 14 bags of barley for feeding
 23 Dec: John Thomas commenced pulling turnips at 6/- per acre
 24 Dec: To Garthmill to return the sack back. Met Mary my sister at the station. The first time I saw a boat loaded
 25 Dec: CefnyCoed Tea meeting and a lecture by Mr Parry Newtown on 'The purpose of life' and a grand one it was
 26 Dec: Ploughing stouble
 28 Dec: Helping Howels to put a stall up in the stable
 29 Dec: Was at Newtown fair Trade slack Bought a cheese at 2d per lb Pentre child was found dead in bed
 30 Dec: Bought 30lbs of tallow for candles of Davies Gullet at [penny h'penny] per lb
 31 Dec: Polly my sister went home - Thrashed 4 bag of peas

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- 1 Jan: [On] an inquest at W Lewis Pentre on a child which was found dead in bed
 2 Jan: In the funeral
 6 Jan: To Newtown for a load of impliments and bags and sheep cratch
 7 Jan: Lewis' Pentre brought 5 bags of oats back. Killed a pig Sam lost (half) day
 8 Jan: Heavy snow We went thrash rakings and broke the machine all to atoms. after supper went to salt the pig. the saltpeter which was on the hob took fire till the house was all in a blaze
 12 Jan: Took two pigs to Newtown sold them to Reese Grocer at 4d ha'penny per lb and 2/- back Weighed 264 and 18b Polly came back brought the plough from Abermule

15 Jan: Thrashing oats [two and half] hours 19 bags A man came to see the wintering sheep
 23 Jan: Grey mare was bad. Took 4 bags of oats for P Andrew Garthmill
 25 Jan: Took 13 bags of Barley to Jones Maulter Llandyssil and 4 bags for own use Sam lost one day 21=22 Made 480 candles
 26 Jan: Went to Newtown. Father and Margaret was there I went home with them
 27 Jan: At Zacharias' and Sarah's little child's funeral. came home.
 28 Jan: heavy snow its very bad on the sheep in the high hills
 30 Jan: Took 3 pigs to Newtown sold them at 4+ (half) and 2/- back Weighed 618

Sunday Diary: 1885

1 Feb: At home the morning and evening reading Rev John Foulkes Jones' Coffiant went to CefnyCoed at 6 Mr Joseph preached from Ezeckel 38-12
 8 Feb: At Llawryglyn where Mr Williams Adfa preached from Revelation last chapter 2 verse. School at 2. Prayer meeting at 6
 15 Feb: At Whitehall. Mr Lewis Pentre called by am to go to CefnyCoed Mr Jones Coedwig preached from Hosea 14.1 Went to Pentre to tea and to Montgomery at 6

Thomas Jones' Diary held by David Jones, Glebe Farm, Lydham, Bishops Castle

Biographical history: **Stuart Rendel**, 1st Baron Rendel (1834-1913), was an industrialist and politician. He was born in Plymouth, Devon, the son of James Meadows Rendel (1799-1856), a civil engineer, and Catherine Jane Rendel (nee Harris, 1797-1884). He went to Eton, and graduated from Oriel College, Oxford, in 1856. Despite being called to the Bar, he eventually became the manager of the Sir William Armstrong & Co. gunnery company, being vice-chairman of the company by the time of his death. The links he formed with foreign governments in this capacity became useful when he was involved in peace negotiations between China and France in 1885. In 1880 he was elected the Liberal Member of Parliament for Montgomeryshire, becoming the chairman of the 'Welsh Parliamentary Party', 1888-1894. He was heavily involved with the Welsh Intermediate Education Act, 1889 and with proposals for the disestablishment of the church in Wales. He was a close friend of W. E. Gladstone, and, following Gladstone's resignation in 1894, he was elevated to the House of Lords as Baron Rendel. He was president of University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, 1895-1913, contributing £1000 a year to the College. He also donated land in Aberystwyth to serve as the site for the National Library of Wales, in 1897. In 1857 he married Ellen Sophy Hubbard (died 1912), and they had four daughters. He died on 4 June 1913 in London.

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Church Stoke - Brompton & Rhiston

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Other sources

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Shropshire Folklore part 2 Charlotte Burne

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