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## The Old Post Office

Llanasa  
Flintshire



## House History

A Part History of the House & its Families

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Written in the language chosen by the volunteers and researchers & including information so far discovered

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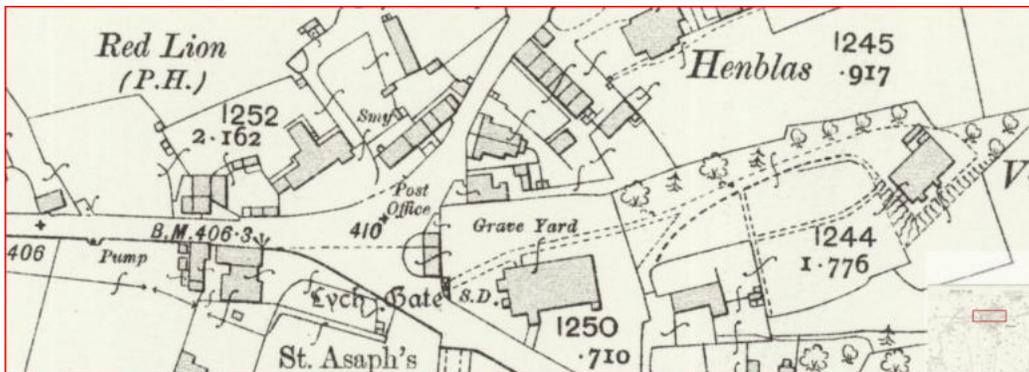
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## **1. BACKGROUND**

Llanasa is one of the ancient parishes of Flintshire. It originally comprised of the townships of Gronant, Gwespyr, Kelston, Golden Grove, Picton, Axtyn and Trelogan. Later, in about 1812 Trewaelod was added, following the building of a two mile embankment allowing a large area of fertile land to be reclaimed from the sea. (Genuki)

“The beautiful village of Llanasa is situated in a pleasant valley at the northern extremity of the county on the south western shore of the estuary of the Dee, near it’s influx with the Irish Sea”. (A visitors guide to Rhyl and its vicinity – D Lloyd Lewis – 1852).

The Old Post Office is a cottage in the township of Kelston and is situated in the centre of Llanasa village next to the 15<sup>th</sup> century parish church of Saints Asaph and Kentigern. A short distance away is Henblas, a mid 17<sup>th</sup> century gentry house built at the time of the civil war. The Old Post Office cottage appears to have been part of the Henblas’ estate (owned by the Ffoulkes/Baldwin/Lloyd family) from its mid 17<sup>th</sup> century origins until the estate was sold at auction in 1865.



1912 Map

## **2. DESCRIPTION OF HOUSE AND OUTBUILDINGS**

The Old Post Office is a two storey house of 17<sup>th</sup> century origin, built of rubble stone with bigger quoins and a slate roof. It is located on the North West side of the church with its gable end abutting the churchyard wall. It has 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century brick chimneys. In the upper storey there are 6 pane sash windows with stone sills. A similar window is on the lower right. To the left of this window is a boarded door in a doorway smaller than the original, indicated by the surviving segmental head. Further left is an enlarged window (lighting the former Post Office) under a wooden lintel and an inserted boarded door at the left hand side.

The right gable end facing the churchyard has two-light mullioned windows in both storeys.



A rear wing has a three light window. The property is Grade II listed as a prominently sited house retaining 19<sup>th</sup> century character but with earlier origins and for its contribution to the historic character of Llanasa. (Details from British Listed Buildings website).

N.B. On the North facing gable end there appears to have been a hayloft or upper window, which has been blocked in at some stage. A curved wall to the rear indicates this was built for cart access.

Also at the rear is a stone building referred to by family as the ‘Popty’ (bakehouse). This had a stoneware sink which has been relocated into the utility room and also the remains of either a ‘copper’ or oven below the brick chimney. To the right of this building are the remains of the outside toilet and a coal store, now occupied by the oil tank. Both these outbuildings appeared on maps in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The rear garden is reached by a narrow path alongside the churchyard wall. On repairing this wall the remains of steps and a doorway with a stone lintel were revealed. This path was used by the occupants of Henblas when attending church. (Henblas’ land adjoins the Old Post Office garden at the rear). Although this gateway has long been blocked up it is referred to in an account about the Church written by Robert J Jones, Churchwarden, dated 1937. He was from a long family line of churchwardens at Llanasa. (Document in Hawarden Record Office – Microfilm 12 or D/DM/237).

Internally a single-light stone mullioned window at the 2<sup>nd</sup> storey height was uncovered in a wall which was originally external. See photograph below.



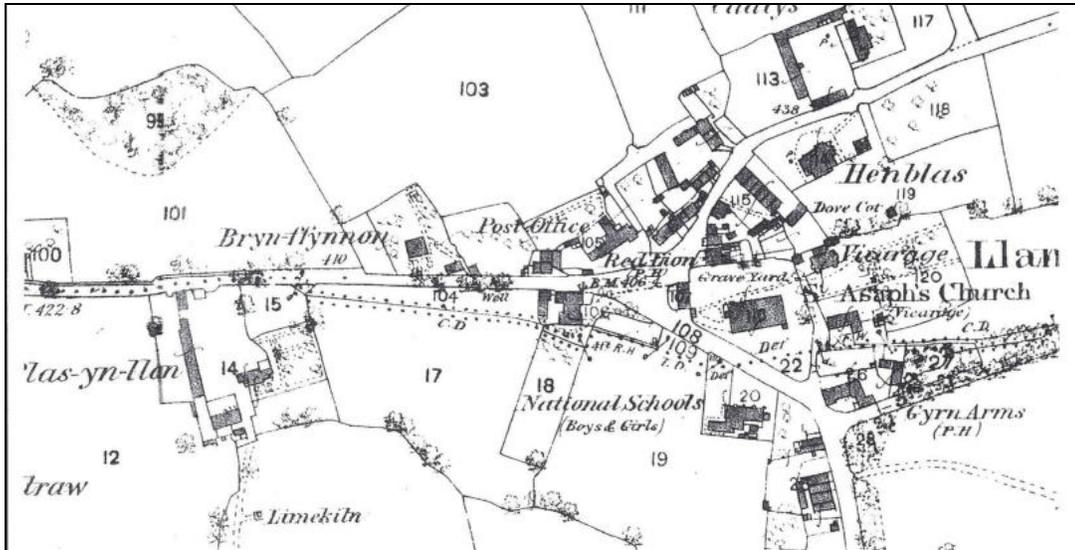
The front room is the earliest part of the building, however part of the rear extension was in existence on an estate map dated 1798. Later additions were made in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

The ceiling beams in the living room are chamfered and exposed beams in the bedrooms show the original roof line and these are pegged. The two front bedrooms have wide oak floorboards and the ground floor front has a stone flagged floor.

Sometime in its history the present chimney breast was built over the mullioned windows on the south side. Although there are various exposed wooden lintels the author is unable to confirm where the original fireplace or the staircase were situated. From a vague memory in the early 1970s when she visited the house, the author seems to remember there being a cross passage from the front door to the kitchen. Unfortunately, these partitions were removed some time before she and her late husband purchased the property and before it was listed. In addition to the various lintels there is a trapdoor in the living room ceiling which, it is speculated, may have been a staircase (or ladder). Only a professional building survey could clarify this possibility.

The property was purchased from the author's brother in law, in 2003 when it was semi-derelict and had been empty for many years. A full refurbishment was carried out in 2005 and a bathroom extension was built upstairs, over the existing single storey kitchen. This kitchen was described on a plan of 1970 as a wash house. A conservatory was also added in 2005. In addition, a studio was built in the rear garden, faced with stone in keeping with the local buildings.

A 17<sup>th</sup> Century domestic stone mortar was left in the property, identical to one illustrated in "Discovering the Historic Houses of Snowdonia" with the exception that it is undated. (Ref: the above book - pages 186/7, by Richard Suggett & Margaret Dunn published 2014 – ISBN978-1-871184-53-2).



**1871 OS Map 1<sup>st</sup> Edition**

The following documents are substantial and detail the property and lands in Llanasa (Llanasaph) parish held by the Foulkes/Baldwyn (Baudewin)/Lloyd family, which research has discovered played a prominent role in the history of the cottage. Only the Garden House (Henblas Lodge) is named along with the 'capital messuage' (Henblas). There is no reference to the Old Post Office house specifically. However, the documents mention the extent of the land held within the parish as follows:

**Lease and Release dated 20<sup>th</sup> February 1650**

Between Edward Mostyn of Talacre, Evan Thomas of Nerquis, Peter Foulkes, gent. Messuage and lands in Gronant (Hopes Lands), also Katherine Foulkes daughter of Peter Foulkes, and Edward Morgan son and heir of Edward Morgan of Gulgreave. Release signed by Edward Mostyn and Ellinor Foulkes spinster, daughter and assignee of Peter Foulkes of Llanasaph. (Source: D/MT/738 Hawarden Record Office)

**Llanasa Parish Records**

Peter Ffoulkes Esq, Sherriff of this Shire was buried November 13<sup>th</sup> 1655. This entry was under October 1655.

**Collection of Tithes of the Rectory (Parsonage) and parish of Llanasaph 25<sup>th</sup> November 1656.**

Chancellor of Ireland William Steele and others (Trustees) and Eleanor Fowkes of Llanasaph, widow. Tithes of the Rectory and parish of Llanasaph over 4 years at £115 rent per annum to be paid. Repair of the Chancel of the church is mentioned. (The author was unable to read much of the detail of this manuscript). (Source: D/MT/429 Hawarden Record Office)

**1655 – 1815 Abstract of Title of Reverend Baldwyn Lloyd to an Estate in the Parish of Llanasa (Source: D/KK/827 Hawarden Record Office).**

**25<sup>th</sup> March 1655**

*Indenture of Feoffment between Edward Morgan of Golden Grove and Ellen Foulkes of Llanasaph, widow, in consideration of £30 paid to him by Ellen Foulkes did sell a parcel of land of one and a half acres in Gwespyr, land in in Picton sometimes called Llinele, also Axton land, Maes tan y Caia. (Details have been abbreviated).*

**18<sup>th</sup> November 1656**

*Indenture of Feoffment between Thomas Parry of Picton, Gent, Thomas Brown of Axton, Yeoman and David Kenrick of Axton, Yeoman, of the one part and Robert Foulkes of Llanasaph and Thomas ap Hugh of Llanasaph of the other part. In consideration of £8 paid to them by Robert Foulkes and Thomas ap Hugh did sell three closes or parcels of land situated in Picton (one close known as Maes ty Lwynt yr Dre) and the other two parcels lay between the lands of Samuel Mostyn, Gent, and the land of Hugh Lewis, Gent.*

**26<sup>th</sup> August 1679**

*Indenture of Lease and Release between Robert Foulkes of Llanasaph, Gent, Thomas Bawdewin of Shrewsbury, Esq, and Ellen his wife of the first part, John Roberts of Gulgrave, Gent, of the second part and Richard Griffiths of Shrewsbury, Draper, of the third part. Witnessing that R Foulkes, Thomas and Ellen Bawdewin did sell (lease?) unto John Roberts all that capital messuage or tenement situate in Llanasaph and Kelston then late in the possession of Dr David Maurice.*

*15 messuages*

*2 dove cotes*

*15 gardens*

*200 acres of land*

*10 acres of meadow*

*10 acres of pasture*

*100 acres of furze and heath*

*Within the apportionments in the parish of Llanasaph.*

*Concerning all the capital messuage or tenement in Llanasaph with the lands and apportionments conveyed unto the said Ellen for her life by Peter Foulkes, Esq, Deceased and the reversion of said premises to Ellen for her life as apportioned:*

*To Robert Foulkes for life sans waste*

*To daughter F Davies*

*To Eleanor Foulkes sister of Robert for life*

*To John Bawdewin, son of said Thomas Bawdewin and Ellen for life, his other sons and daughters*

*To the use of John Bawdewin and the heirs of his body*

*To Thomas Bawdewin and sons of Thomas and Ellen his fruit and other sons and daughters intail.  
To Gertrude Bawdewin daughter of Thomas and Ellen and her heirs.  
To Robert Foulkes, power to limit all or any part of said premises etc.*

**6<sup>th</sup> October 1679**

*Exemplification of a Recovery pursuant to the last abstract Indenture.  
(Same details of acreage etc as previously stated)*

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1690**

*Indenture of Lease and Release between Thomas Bawdewin of Shrewsbury, Gent, Philip Sutley of Newhall, Salop, Gent and Bartholomew Sutley of Newall and Richard Ward of Harton, Salop. Gent. Witnessing that Thomas Bawdewin for docking of all estates sell the premises thereafter mentioned.....all the premises in said County of Flint to hold unto Philip Sutley, Edward Bawdewin then heir and assign to the intent that a common recovery might be suffered of said premises. Uses declared: to the said Thomas Bawdewin his heirs..... for ever. Lease and release executed by Thomas Bawdewin.*

**22<sup>nd</sup> September 1690**

*Transcript of a recovery suffered pursuant to the last abstract indenture.  
(Same details of acreage etc as previously stated)  
(Source: D/KK/827 Flintshire Record Office at Hawarden)*

N.B. Below is stone mortar as mentioned previously.



In the County of Durbgh. H. 10. 12. 1655

4. William the sonne of the above named William  
 Smyth was baptizd the fourth daie of July 1652

16. John the sonne of Edward Weston of Dalacre Esq was  
 baptizd the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August (as is certidly reported) 1653  
 Douler Ashpales widdow was buried the 27<sup>th</sup> day  
 of December 1654

22. Robt the sonne of Mr Henry Moston of Gantegrabe was  
 baptizd the 22<sup>th</sup> day of this month May 1655

24. William the sonne of Robt Hughes of Gronant was  
 baptizd the 24<sup>th</sup> day of this month

Octob. 1655

18. Peter the sonne of John Foulkes of Bydon was baptizd  
 Peter Foulkes Esq Sheriff of the Shire was buried the  
 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 1655

22. Jonet the daughter of John Foulkes a parsonicent of Kellston was buried  
 25. Mary the daughter of Grw ellis of Apton, an <sup>other</sup> innocent was buried

March 1655

April 1656

L. ... was baptizd

Llanasaph Parish Register for October 1655 showing the burial of Peter Foulkes Esq (Sheriff of this Shire) on 13<sup>th</sup> November 1655 and also that of Jonet Foulkes of Kellston in March of the same year.

### **3. CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY**

#### **1701 Parochialia by Edward Llwyd. Part 2, Page 57 – Llanasa. Printed 1911.**

This information was compiled from 1699 to 1700. Properties listed under Llanasa parish are as follows:

1. *Talackre. Pierce Mostyn Esq (Sr Geo Mostyn Ld)*
2. *Gwlgre Angl, Gold grove. Edward Morgan Esq*
3. *Plas newydd yn y Llan. Tho. Baldwin Esq (tad Ioa tad lo)*
4. *Yr hen blas yn Lh. Mr Peter Hughes*
5. *Maes Gwyn. Mr Thomas Parry*
6. *Pictyn. Mr Amb. Hugh*
7. *Kelston. Bel to Mr Tho Mostyn who lives at Stockyn, Holywell*
8. *Y Rhewl Vawr. Bel to Mr Thos Mostyn of Kalcoed, Holywell*
9. *Pant Llawndy rectius Pant y Llongdy. Bel to Miss Margaret Griffiths a minr, (who Roger Mostyn of Kylken Esq who had issue Roger M Jane dau of David Hughs of Skiviog & Eliz. Mostyn.*
10. *Y Gyrn. (No owner noted).*
11. *Perth y Maen. Mr Thomas Parry.*

*N.B. There are no names for the small houses in this parish they are just known by the men who live in them.....*

The above list is obviously the more important houses in the parish, however it is not a complete list of all of the buildings existing in Llanasa at that point in time, as the note by No 10 Gyrn Hall states. The name of the Vicar is mentioned and a School (Tan yr Ysgol built 1675 - now demolished), but no mention of:

The original Vicarage (date unknown)

Gyrn Arms (Tyn Llan) 1675

Hendy Groes (Groes Onnen) 1674

Tithebarn Cottages (Bates Buildings/Henblas cottages) possible date 1651 – carved into the gable end.

The Old Post Office (previously a grocers shop) – exact date and name yet to be established - 17<sup>th</sup> century origins.

The Red Lion Inn and Smithy cottages next to the Inn were both either rebuilt or adapted in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century from buildings of an earlier date (British Listed Buildings website).

In addition, the original Alms Houses existed, later called Factori on the 1841 census, later still called Bowens Cottages. They are reputed to be over 400 years old, but this has not been verified. Almshouse field is to the left of the cottages.

There are references to very many more old cottages and houses in the surrounding hills, too many to mention here.

Also mentioned in Parochialia is a Castell Edwyn which is apparently an earthwork on Axton hill near Berth y Bwl farm.

There is a former farmhouse in the village called Plas yn Llan Farm, which according to recent sales particulars was built in or around 1699. Could this be the “new house” built by Thomas Baldwin? Historically Plas yn Llan was in the township of Axton. The Hughes family were living in Plas yn Llan when their eldest child was born in 1709 according to the parish records. After further investigation I believe the current Plas yn Llan could have been extended around this time but appears to have always been in the occupation of the Hughes family. (Source D/MT/748 & 775 at Hawarden Record Office)

The Baldwin family were described in the parish records as living in ‘Kelston’ from at least 1716. This was Kelston township rather than Kelston Hall itself and I believe the ‘new house’ built by Thomas Baldwin was indeed the current Henblas. A previous hall house may have stood on the same footprint according to an article by local historian Paul Parry “A walk in the Llanasa Area”. No previous name for the old hall has been found, although Henblas does have an exposed wattle and daub panel inside the house. The author is also investigating who owned the late 17<sup>th</sup> century Gyrrn Hall before it was sold to the Mostyns of Cilcain by the early 18<sup>th</sup> century (this later became Gyrrn Castle) in case this throws more light on the subject.

The author has established The Old Post Office was owned by the Foulkes/Baldwin/Lloyd family from at least 1798 (on an estate map – D/GY/103 Hawarden Record Office) and possibly from before 1655. The lack of a definitive name for the property before it became a Shop/Post Office is a difficulty in tracing ownership. It may have been described simply as a messuage, tenement or cottage and shop due to it being a very small house initially. By the 19<sup>th</sup> century Census the property was a grocer’s shop prior to becoming a Post Office and Grocers sometime between 1881 and 1883 (details from Slaters Directory and the Postal Directory – Hawarden Record Office). The previous Posting establishment was at the Red Lion Inn.

**The following pedigrees have been extracted from Llanasa Parish Records, various Wills/Bonds from the National Library of Wales and documents held at Hawarden Record Office: Further details were obtained from Ancestry.co.uk as indicated.**

The estate in Llanasaph, including the Old Hall, Henblas, appears to start with the following family:

Peter Ffoulkes of Llanasaph, Gent and Sherriff of the Shire (buried November 13<sup>th</sup> 1655 – Llanasa Parish Records) and wife Eleanor..... Mentioned on 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 1656 as a widow (D/MT/429 Hawarden Record Office)

Children:

Robert Ffoulkes (son mentioned in the following Abstract of Title)

Ellinor Ffoulkes (daughter mentioned on 18th February 1650 – D/MT/738 Hawarden Record Office)  
Katherine Ffoulkes (daughter mentioned on 20th February 1650 – D/MT/738 Hawarden Record Office)  
A sister F Davies.  
(no dates of birth or death found for these children)

Thomas Baldwin (Baudewin) of Shrewsbury, Gent, married Ellinor Ffoulkes of Llanasaph (daughter of Peter Ffoulkes).

No date has been found for their marriage, however the Deed dated 26th August 1679 refers to both the Llanasaph and Shrewsbury estates and both families. Their marriage must have occurred between 1650 and 1659.

Children:

Edward  
John  
Thomas (bapt. 23rd April 1659 Shrewsbury)  
Gertrude  
Richard  
Charles  
Mary

(All mentioned in Thomas Baldwin's will of 1689 see below)

Thomas Baldwin Junior married Sarah Coates on 16th May 1693 at Sheriff Hales, then in Shropshire. (Ancestry.co.uk)

Children:

John Baldwin (bapt. 9th April 1694 Newport, Salop)  
Dorothy  
Sarah.

John Baldwin (alias Baudewin) of Llanasaph, Gentleman, and wife Margaret, nee Jones, of Kelston were married on 4th November 1717 at Chester.

Margaret was born on 7th March 1697 at Whitford (bapt 18th March), her father was Thomas Jones, Gent of Glyn? Flintshire. (Whitford Parish Register – Hawarden Record Office)

Children:      Thomas Baldwin born 1716, died 1718 - Kelston  
                    Dorothy Baldwin born 1718, died 1719      “  
                    Jane Baldwin born 1719, died 1737      “  
                    John Baldwin born 1720, died 1762      “  
                    (married Anne Williams Jan 23rd 1758 but he appears to have died without issue or a will being made.  
                    Lettice Baldwin born 1722 (married Thomas Cotham, Gent)

Margaret Baldwin born 1723 (married Rev Henry Lloyd,  
Clerk)  
Acton Baldwin born 1727, died 1729 - Kelston

A further branch of the Baudewin family were as follows:

William Baudewin of Kelston who married Elizabeth Williams in 1738 at  
Llanasa.

Children:     John born 1739                 - Kelston  
                  William born 1741             - Kelston  
                  Jane born 1743, died 1744 -Kelston

Also in the parish records were:

Peter Hughes, Gentleman, and wife Mary ..... Of Plas yn Llan.  
(Peter died 1717 and Mary died 1759?)

Children:     Ann Hughes born 1709         - Plas yn Llan  
                  John Hughes born 1710         “  
                  Dorothy Hughes born 1712        “  
                  Charles Hughes born 1715        “  
                  Thomas Hughes born 1716        “

Richard Lloyd of Holywell and Mary Lloyd, nee Hughes, his wife also of Plas  
yn Llan were married in 1713 at Llanasa church.

Children:     Charles Lloyd born 1714         - Plas yn Llan  
                  Richard Lloyd born 1716         “  
                  Thomas Lloyd born 1718/9?        “

**Will of the Baudewin (later Baldwin) family – (England & Wales,  
Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills 1384 -1858, Will Registers 1688-  
1696, Piece 401: Dyke, Quire numbers134-172 1690)**

**18<sup>th</sup> April 1689** – This date appears in the 2<sup>nd</sup> page of the Will of Thomas  
Bawdowin (alias Baldwin) Snr of Shrewsbury, however, a further date is 2<sup>nd</sup>  
January 1712 and the will was proved on **26<sup>th</sup> June 1712**. Thomas was  
married to Ellen(or) Foulkes of Llanasaph.

*Thomas Snr according to his promise leaves his son Thomas his marriage  
proviso, all his interest and residue of ....., in the titles in Llanasaph and his  
household goods and silver plate in his house in Shrewsbury. He also leaves  
Thomas Jnr's wife twenty pounds in money. To his 'beautiful and ungratious  
son Richard' he leaves five shillings to buy him ....., and brandy and .....  
that his wife may have a share of it. To his 'stubborn daughter Mary' one  
silver tankard without any ....., one of the beds in the Chamber wherein she  
usually lyeth over the Kitchen, and one bolster and pillow, two of the wool*

*blankets and coverlet and the curtains and valance therein. To his 'sullen son Charles' he leaves the good bolster pillow and curtains and pillows in the Chamber wherein he usually lyeth in Shrewsbury, also two ....., pairs of sheets, two pillow cases, as his daughter-in-law Elizabeth shall think fit and one ....., out of the same Chamber and one of his silver ..... To his daughter Gertrude ....., one bed and furniture in the Parlour in Shrewsbury and to son John one hundred and fifty pounds to be disposed of for his life time.*

There is a great deal more to this document, however some is written in Latin and needs further study. However, an Edwardus or Edwardi Baudewin alias Baldwin is also mentioned. (England & Wales, Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills 1384 -1858, Will Registers 1688-1696, Piece 401: Dyke, Quire numbers 134-172 1690)

### **Further Indentures from the Abstract of Title (D/KK/827 – Hawarden Record Office)**

**16<sup>th</sup> October 1705**

*Attested copy of Indenture between Thomas Bawdewin (Jnr) of Llanasaph, Esq and Sarah his wife of the first part and Charles Cotes of Wood Cotes, Salop and Humphrey Cotes of Newport, Salop, Gent of the other part. Witnessing that Thomas Bawdewin in consideration of the mutual love and affection which he bore to Sarah his wife and the settling of all singular the premises mentioned to the uses mentioned did grant, bargain, sell, release and confirm unto Charles and Humphrey Cotes (in possession) to hold forever to the uses mentioned:*

*To the use of said Thomas Bawdewin for life*

*To the use of said Sarah for life*

*To the heirs of the body of said Thomas Bawdewin and Sarah his wife*

*Power for said Thomas Bawdewin dying without issue by any deed or last will in writing duly executed to charge all or any part of said premises and also said premises in Salop with any sum not exceeding £500. Covenant that the premises were free from incumbrances.*

*Executed by Thomas Bawdewin, attested by John Norman and Thomas Ball.*

N.B. This relates to Thomas Baldwin Junior

**8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> September 1715**

*Indenture of Lease/Release between Thomas Bawdewin and John Bawdewin of Sheriffe Hales Manor, Salop, Gent, Charles Cotes the Elder and Charles Cotes the Younger of the Middle Temple, London, Esq.*

*Witnessing that Thomas and John Bawdewin did grant a lease unto John Blakemore and William Minton all of the premises in the county of Flint to hold until a common recovery might be suffered. Uses declared: to the use of John Bawdewin, his heirs and assigns for ever. Executed by Thomas Bawdewin.*

### **19<sup>th</sup> September 1715**

*Transcript of a Recovery suffered pursuant to the last abstracted indenture. (same details of premises and acreage as previously stated)*

### **11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> March 1717**

*Indenture Lease and Release between John Bawdewin, Paul Panton of Bleshill, Co of Flint, Gent, John Lloyd of Bodfarry, Gent, J Cotes and Thos Pennant. John Baldwin did grant release unto Paul Panton and John Lloyd.*

N.B. This is the renowned author Thomas Pennant of Downing, Whitford.

### **31<sup>st</sup> March 1717**

*Transcript of a recovery between P J Cotes, Thos Pennant, Paul Panton and J Lloyd, tenants of John Bawdewin vouchee of:*

<i>4 messuages</i>	(NB – the amounts of land etc have
<i>10 cottages</i>	changed since the indenture of 1715)
<i>14 gardens</i>	
<i>30 acres of land</i>	
<i>20 acres of meadow</i>	
<i>30 acres of pasture</i>	
<i>15 acres of wood</i>	
<i>20 acres of marsh</i>	
<i>40 acres of furze and heath</i>	
<i>Within Llanasa parish</i>	

### **23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> December 1717 - Lease and Release**

*Attested copy of Indenture of Release with the original Lease of Possession between Thomas Bawdewin then of Scrivener, Middleton, Salop and Sarah his wife, John Bawdewin, son and heir apparent of said Thomas, also Margaret his (John's) wife of the first part. John Cotes of Wood Cotes, Salop, Esq and Thomas Pennant of Downing Flintshire of the second part. Thomas Tildesley of Little Hales, Salop, Gent and Thomas Moreton the Elder of Newport, Salop, Gent of the third part. Thomas Jones of Glyn, Flintshire, Gent of the fourth part. Witnessing that in consideration of a marriage had between John Bawdewin and Margaret his wife, daughter of Thomas Jones, of £500 paid or secured to be paid by said Thomas Jones as the marriage portion of said*

*Margaret in manner thereafter mentioned: £200 part thereof unto John Bawdewin and £300 residue thereof unto Thomas Bawdewin and discharge a certain mortgage affecting certain premises lying in Scrivens, Middleton, Salop made and executed by Thomas Bawdewin unto Mary Littleford of Bishton, Salop and to discharge a bond wherein the said John Bawdewin stood bound as surety the Thomas Bawdewin for payment of £50 to Mary Littleford in consideration of a 5 pound? To Thomas and John Bawdewin and by the notes of Thomas Pennant or one of them and for settling the premises thereafter mention to the uses limited and for settling a competent jointure upon said Margaret in case she survives her husband. Thomas and John Bawdewin did grant release and confirm unto J Cotes and Thomas Pennant in possession.....*

(This indenture is several pages longer than noted above. All the documents are under reference D/KK/827 in Flintshire Record Office at Hawarden).

### **25<sup>th</sup> March 1738**

*Indenture (cancelled) between John Bawdewin of the main part and Margaret Griffiths of Bagillt. John Bawdewin had borrowed £100 with interest from Margaret Griffiths and to secure that loan JB did grant a lease to Margaret Griffiths on several messuages, cottages and lands in the township of Gronant to hold for 99 years with a proviso that the redemption of payment should be paid within 1 month of the death of John Bawdewin.*

(D/KK/827 Hawarden Record Office).



Llanasa village. Date unclear but it is prior to the 1873-7 alterations as there is no South Porch on the Church. Source: Previous website of Llanasa Conservation Society, no longer in existence.

**Will dated 12<sup>th</sup> January 1741 – John Bawdwin the Elder, Esq, of Llanasa**

Mentions heir apparent son, John Bawdewin Junior, also his daughters Lettice and Margaret. The other names mentioned are John White, Gent, of Bridgnorth, Salop, Thomas Jukes? Of Middlesex and Reverend Thomas Jones of Llanasa, Clerk.

**19<sup>th</sup> December 1753** – A bond and true copy appear to have been made of the above will and signed by Margaret Baudewin, Lettis Cotham, Thomas Cotham, Henry Lloyd, Clerk, Thomas Jones Snr, Clerk (Llanasa).

**18<sup>th</sup> May 1758** – Another true copy is made for Lettice Cotham, nee Baudewin. This is signed ‘By Decree of Court’ by Thomas Jones Snr, John Norman of Axton, Gent, Thomas Cotham of Holywell, Attorney at Law and T Roberts, Notary Public.

Following this document is a full inventory of the contents (with values) of the house (Henblas). The rooms mentioned are a Kitchen, Parlour, Hall, Buttery, Cellar, and various chambers in addition to these rooms. There is also a Brewhouse, Stable and Barn.

(National Library of Wales – St Asaph 1521-1858, Reel 077)

**8<sup>th</sup> March 1762**

Llanasa Parish Register (Hawarden Record Office): Burial record of Mr John Baldwin from St Asaph. (This is John Baldwin Jnr).

**1<sup>st</sup> March 1763**

*Indenture between Margaret Bawdewin of Holywell, Thomas Cotham of Holywell, Gent, and Lettice his wife, daughter of the said Margaret Bawdewin of the 1<sup>st</sup> part, Paul Panton of Bagillt, Esq and John Norman of Axton, Gent. Lease granted for 21 years on following premises:*

*6 messuages*

*12 cottages*

*18 gardens*

*16 orchards*

*80 acres of land*

*80 acres of meadow*

*80 acres of pasture*

*80 acres of heath and furze*

*Common pasture for all cattle within the parish of Llanasa.*

(NB: the acreage etc is again different to that detailed in 1717)

(D/KK/827 Hawarden Record Office)

**23<sup>rd</sup> April 1763**

*Transcript of a recovery suffered to the last extracted indenture.*  
(D/KK/827 Hawarden Record Office)

**19<sup>th</sup> May 1763**

Administration of the effects of John Baldwyn Esq granted on the above date to Henry Lloyd of Llangollen, Denbighshire, Clerk and John Lloyd of Oswestry, Shropshire, Gent. John Baldwin, late of the parish of St Asaph, Esq deceased. Signed by Henry Lloyd and John Lloyd. Witnessed by Thomas Jones.(Ref: Wales Wills & Probate St Asaph 1521-1858, Reel 079 – Ancestry.co.uk)

**25<sup>th</sup> July 1764**

*Indenture between Thomas Cotham and Lettice his wife, elder daughter of John Bawdewin, Esq, deceased, the said Margaret his wife also deceased of the 1<sup>st</sup> part, Paul Panton of 2<sup>nd</sup> part and William Lloyd of Maes Mynan, Denbighshire, Gent, of the 3<sup>rd</sup> part. Uses declared subject to lease of mines to Paul Panton. Duly witnessed at the Court of Great Sessions for Co of Flint in Chancery.*

**6<sup>th</sup> September 1764**

*Transcript of a recovery to the last indenture re:*

*12 cottages  
1 malkiln  
18 gardens  
10 orchards  
60 acres of land  
30 acres of meadow  
60 acres of pasture  
30 acres of heath and furze  
common pasture of all cattle  
in the townships of Axton, Kelston, Gronant, Gwesbir and Picton in the parish of Llanasaph.*

**25<sup>th</sup> February 1772**

*Indenture between Thomas Cotham and Lettice his wife and Anne Wynne of Llwynegrin, Mold. In consideration of £1,000 paid by Anne Wynne a lease is granted on all the premises held in the county of Flint to hold for 1000 years subject to redemption on payment of £1,000 with interest on 25<sup>th</sup> August with the usual covenants.*

#### **4<sup>th</sup> September 1779**

*Indenture between John Williams of Northop, Flintshire, administrator of the goods and chattels of Anne Wynne of the first part and Thomas Cotham and Lettice of the second part and Edward Jones of Soughton Grove, Gentleman of the third part. Reciting that Thomas Cotham and his wife Lettice failed to pay off and discharge the said £1,000 at the times in the proviso. Anne Wynne on or about 1<sup>st</sup> October 1777 departed this life intestate and administration of all Goods and chattels was granted to John Williams. Also reciting that J Williams has called in the principal monies and that Edward Jones at the request of T & L Cotham has agreed to lend £1,000 in order to pay off and discharge the principal money to J Williams. Proviso to redemption of £1,000 plus interest in full on 4<sup>th</sup> March.*

#### **17<sup>th</sup> February 1783**

*Indenture Lease and Release between Margaret Lloyd widow of Henry Lloyd Clerk, formerly Margaret Baudewin surviving child of John Baudewin Esq by Margaret his wife both deceased (the said Lettice being the elder sister having departed this life intestate and without issue) of the 1<sup>st</sup> part and Edward Jones of the 2<sup>nd</sup> part, John Lloyd Esq of the 3<sup>rd</sup> part and Bell Lloyd of the 4<sup>th</sup> part.*

The author's summary in brief; Margaret has inherited the previous debt of £1,000 secured on the premise. John Lloyd has agreed to pay the debt to Edward Jones subject to payment by 1<sup>st</sup> September. John Lloyd also lent Margaret £100. Duly executed by all parties.

#### **17<sup>th</sup> August 1785**

*Lease and Release. It was agreed that £1,200 mortgage and interest should be redeemed on payment (£1,000 plus £100 plus interest).*

### **1793**

**“Indenture made 24<sup>th</sup> January 1793** by Mrs Margaret Lloyd, late of Oswestry, now of Llanasaph, widow and relict of Henry Lloyd, Clerk, formerly Margaret Baldwin, Spinster, the now only surviving child of John Baldwin, Esq, of Llanasaph and Margaret his wife both deceased. Also the only sister and heir at law of Lettice Cotham formerly Lettice Baldwin, spinster, the wife of Thomas Cotham late of Worcester, Doctor of Physic, both deceased. The said Lettice being the oldest sister of Margaret Lloyd and having departed this life intestate and without issue, and John Lloyd of Lincolns Inn in the County of Middlesex and of Berth?? In the County of Denbigh, Esq of the one part and Mary Dorsett of Chester on the other part witnesseth .....sell all that capital messuage and tenements and demesnes and other lands lying and being the parish of Llanasaph formerly in the holding and occupation of Dulcibella Lloyd late tenant thereof, the widow of Thomas Lloyd deceased and also the house called the Garden House belong to the said capital messuage and the garden and land formerly held therewith by Thomas Parry and also

*several other messuages, cottages, tenements and lands in Axton, Kelston, Gronant, Gwespyr and Picton in the parish of Llanasa in several holdings occupations of (the document goes on to list upwards of 50 tenants) which are granted and conveyed in mortgage to the said John Lloyd by an indenture dated 17<sup>th</sup> February 1783 to have and to hold the said capital etc."*

The document went on to provide further information which the author has not included here and summarises as follows:

It was signed and sealed by Margaret Lloyd and her son John Lloyd. The reverse of the document states that it was a Lease for a year from Mrs Margaret Lloyd and John Lloyd Esq to Mary Dorsett dated 24<sup>th</sup> January 1793. The witnesses were John Lloyd of Holywell, John Barker, Parish Clerk, Llanasaph and ..... Hawksworth.

This document is extremely useful as it confirms the family tree of the Foulkes, Lloyds and Baldwins. It also relates to the 1798 map showing the lands and houses owned by them. The mention of the Garden House was probably the Lodge in the grounds of Henblas situated next to the orchard and garden.

The document was of parchment and therefore the author was unable to have it photocopied. (The reference is DG/Y/09 at Hawarden Record Office).

### **25<sup>th</sup> January 1793**

*Indenture Lease and Release between Margaret Lloyd, John Lloyd, Bell Lloyd, Humphrey? Dorsett of Chester and David Francis Jones, Gent. Reciting previous indentures and that all interest has been paid to John Lloyd. Mary Dorsett has agreed at the request of Margaret Lloyd to lend her £1,200 and also the sum of £300 to be secured on the capital messuage and lands (formerly in the holding of Dulcibella Lloyd, widow of Thomas Lloyd late tenant), also the Garden House, garden and land formerly held by E Parry, also all those several and other messuages, kiln tenements and land with their respective appointments situate in the townships or precincts of Axton, Kelston, Gronant, Gwespri and Picton in the parish of Llanasaph, formerly in the several holdings of: (48 tenants listed) among them **Thomas Williams alias Thomas v Shop**). Together with all houses to hold unto the use of Mary Dorsett subject to proviso of redemption payment of £1,500 5<sup>th</sup> July next. In consideration of 5/-? paid to Bell Lloyd by DF Jones he (Bell Lloyd) did lease all premises mentioned for 1000 years.*

**N.B. This is the first definitive mention of a Shop (now the Old Post Office).**

**5<sup>th</sup> April 1796**

*Indenture between Margaret Lloyd and John Ellis Mostyn Esq .... Sum of £50 and further sum of £100 advanced to her by JE Mostyn did lease all the premises in the parish of Llanasaph for 200 years.....payment of £150 upon 5<sup>th</sup> October next. Executed by Margaret Lloyd.*

(This Abstract D/MT/827 continues on 20<sup>th</sup> February 1801)

**1798 Estate of Mrs Lloyd in Llanasa.**

This document consists of an estate map with attached label. The map shows Mrs Margaret Lloyd owns Henblas, the surrounding cottages/farm buildings (**including The Old Post Office**) and many surrounding fields. One of these fields is called Erw Baldwyn (Baldwyn's acre) occupied by tenant John Davies. Land adjacent to Henblas itself (lower yard and barn) is noted as occupied by John Lloyd (Baldwyn's brother). A label on the reverse of the map says: "*This 1798 map is the map of Baldwyn Lloyd's estate mentioned in the 1848 deeds and the 1866 deed. In all these deeds mention is made of the agreement dated 1817 in which the numbers on this map were used for identifying fields.*"

**The Old Post Office** building is shown as an L shape indicating the initial extension at the rear, on the boundary with the churchyard wall.

**Finally, this document confirms the ownership of the property by the Foulkes/Baudewin/Baldwin/Lloyd family. (CROH D/GY/103 Hawarden Record Office).**

**1798**

The Llanasa parish records show Rev. Baldwyn Lloyd performed a marriage ceremony between Thomas Owen and Mary Jones of Llanasa on 24<sup>th</sup> August 1798. Presumably he stood in for the Rev. Henry Parry, who must have been unavailable at this time. Rev Parry served the parish for 58 years from 1798 until 1854 when he died aged 88 years. This marriage ceremony entry appears to have been a 'one-off' occasion for Rev Lloyd who was never the incumbent in Llanasa, however it indicates he was living in Henblas at this time.

N.B.

Reverend Baldwyn Lloyd was educated at Wadham College, Oxford. He was the son of Henry Lloyd, Clerk, of Llangollen and matriculated on 7<sup>th</sup> April 1781 age 17, gained a BA in 1787. (Source: Oxford University Alumni Vol 111 1715-1886 - Ancestry.co.uk).

## Further details from the Abstract of Title

### **20<sup>th</sup> February 1801**

*Indenture between John Ellis Mostyn of the 1<sup>st</sup> part, Margaret Lloyd of the 2<sup>nd</sup> part and D J Jones of the 3<sup>rd</sup> part. Reciting that the sum of £150 was not paid the interest of JE Mostyn became absolute in law. Margaret Lloyd had applied to DJ Jones to advance £150 plus £19 both sums. Paid £166 to John E Mostyn and £19 to Margaret Lloyd in full to discharge.*

- 1801** *On 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1801 Edward Morgan of Golden Grove ordered a memorandum to be made and left in the Parish Register of Llanasa, regarding an encroachment made on the common or waste lands in Axton, Llanasa (during 1800 and 1801) by the following persons:*

*Samuel Jones, Talfryn  
Thomas Jones, Miner  
Edward Parry, Miner  
George Brookes, Collier  
Edward Williams, Miner  
Jonathan Evans, Miner  
Sam. Griffith, Labourer  
David Davies, Labourer  
John Jones, Labourer  
and the Rev. Baldwyn Lloyd*

They were 'taken down' on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1801. The Quarter Sessions Rolls (ref QS/SR/197 and 198) were examined however no record of this encroachment could be found. The dispute may have been resolved amicably. Apparently, there were many disputes over the loss of common land following the Enclosure Acts.

N.B.

Baldwyn Lloyd was born on 25<sup>th</sup> August 1763 and baptized on 30<sup>th</sup> August 1763 at Llangollen. His mother was Margaret Baudewin and his father Henry Lloyd, Clerk. Although Baldwyn never married or had children, his name was given to a succession of great nephews through the line of his brother John who pre-deceased him. (Source: Parish records/Census on Ancestry.co.uk).

### **8<sup>th</sup> June 1801**

*Copy will of Margaret Lloyd of this date. She gives and bequeaths to her son Baldwin Lloyd his heirs and assigns forever: All her lands, tenements, hereditaments and real estate in the parish of Llanasaph or elsewhere.....but if he should marry a woman who was not bone fide possessed of £200 it was her wish that her issue should not inherit her aforesaid estate. In case he married a person not possessed of such a sum, after his death she left her estate to Thomas Thomas of Downing Esq and Thomas Edwards of Saethelwyd Gent, in trust that they would apply the income arising from*

*her estate towards paying the debt upon it until such time as her son John Lloyd should become a widower or during the life of his then present wife Catherine, after her death she left it to her son John and his heirs. And also giving pecuniary legacies she gave and bequeath all the residue of her goods chattels and personal estate to Baldwin Lloyd whom she appoints sole executor of her will.*

### **June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 1809**

*Indenture Lease and Release between Rev Baldwin Lloyd, Clerk of the first part, John Lloyd Gent of the 2<sup>nd</sup> part, Mary Davies spinster and D F Jones of the third part, Humphrey Parry Dorsett Esq of the 4<sup>th</sup> part and Sigismund Stolterforth schoolmaster of the fifth part. Reciting previous indenture for £1,500 and 1,000 years.*

*Mary Dorsett died in December 1804, she appointed Mary Davies and D F Jones as executors. H P Dorsett was her nephew and heir.*

*£1,762.10 due was paid by Sigismund Stolterforth to pay off the others..... all that capital messuage and tenement and all demesne in the parish of Llanasaph in the holding of Dulcibella Lloyd widow of Thomas Lloyd late tenant, also the Garden House belonging to the capital messuage and garden land held by Edward Parry and also several messuages cottages, kiln tenements and lands being in Axton, Kelston, Gronant, Gwespir and Picton in the parish of Llanasaph, in the holdings of:*

The document goes on to list all 66 tenants in full including **Thomas Williams alias Thomas the Shop**, an indication of the first known tenant of the Old Post Office.

The lease was executed by H P Dorsett, Baldwin Lloyd and John Lloyd (D/KK/827 Hawarden Record Office – included the copy will).

### **1809**

This document consisted of a Mortgage in See, an Indenture of five parts and a Bond or obligation. It makes reference to the will of Margaret Lloyd dated 8<sup>th</sup> June 1801 – she bequeaths to her son Baldwin Lloyd who is now her eldest son and heir all lands etc in Llanasaph. This document also makes reference to the Garden House belonging to the said capital messuage (Henblas). (Ref: DG/Y/13 Hawarden Record Office).

### **17<sup>th</sup> September 1812**

*Indenture between Rev Baldwin Lloyd of Llanasa (1) John Lloyd of Holywell Gent (2) and Richard Kyrke of Bryn Molly, Co Denbigh.*

*John Lloyd borrowed from Richard Kyrke £1,000 for which Baldwin Lloyd as his surety has agreed to give the following security as well as other securities by said John Lloyd on his own account.....All that capital messuage, tenement farm and lands with the buildings and tenements belonging then in the holding of Baldwin Lloyd situate in the parish of Llanasaph.....together with all commons. To hold the same premises unto Richard Kyrke for a term of 500 years.*

*Subject to a mortgage for £3,000 then affecting the same. And subject to the proviso therein contained for redemption of the same premises in payment by Baldwyn Lloyd and John Lloyd or either of them, unto the said Richard Kyrke of £1,000 lawful interest on the 17<sup>th</sup> March next.....Executed by the said parties and duly attested and receipt of monies and signed by John Lloyd for £1,000 the consideration money.*

### **31<sup>st</sup> July 1815**

*By Indenture of Lease and Release of these dates the Release made between Baldwyn Lloyd (1), John Lloyd (2), Henry Parry of Llanasa, Clerk and Thomas Harrison of Saithelwyd, Gent (3) and Thomsas Eyton of Halkyn Hall, Gent, Edward Griffiths of Llanasa, Farmer (creditors of Baldwyn Lloyd) of the 4<sup>th</sup> part.*

The full transcription of the above Lease and Release is recorded in the Appendix as it is lengthy. The author's summary is that Rev Baldwyn Lloyd sells the majority of his remaining lands, instructing Henry Parry and Thomas Harrison as Trustees to take charge of the sale and repay his debts to them and all other creditors. In the case of any surplus monies these should be returned to Rev Lloyd, less the costs incurred. Henblas, some surrounding cottages, lands and The Old Post Office were not listed to be sold.

This is the end of the Abstract of the title of the Rev Baldwin Lloyd to an estate in the parish of Llanasa in the county of Flintshire. ((D/KK/827 Hawarden Record Office). It is a detailed history of family inheritance, mortgages, dowries, leases, releases and finally the sale of the majority of lands to pay off accumulative debts.

### **1826 Rate Books for Llanasa Parish (P/35/1/32 Hawarden Record Office)**

Apart from various entries for Rev Baldwyn Lloyd in respect of small parcels of land and one for Susanna Parry, there are only two other entries of interest:

Wm Evans (Smith) – House, Garden and Shop – 8d.

**Edward Williams – House and Shop – 8d.**

N.B. The village smithy was located opposite the Old Post Office next to the Red Lion Inn. The end cottage attached to the smithy was also once a shop later in the century. However, I believe Edward Williams may have occupied the cottage later to become the Post Office. See the 1841 Census below.

(P/35/1/32 Hawarden Record Office)

### **2<sup>nd</sup> July 1839 (Date of Probate).**

**Will** of the Reverend Baldwyn Lloyd (born 1764 at Llangollen, died January 1839, buried on 14<sup>th</sup> February 1839 at Llanasa). These last details are from Llanasa parish records, which also state his address as Henblas, Kelston, Llanasa and his occupation as Clerk.

*I give and bequeath unto my servant Susannah Parry and her assigns all that house or cottage formerly occupied by me in the village of Llanasa aforesaid for and during the term of her natural life. I give and bequeath all and singular my capital and other messuages or tenements, lands ..... and premises situate in the parish of Llanasa aforesaid or ..... in the said County of Flint.*

The will continues to detail an annuity to his nephew Richard Lloyd (son of his late brother John) of £40, and another to his grand nephew Baldwyn Lloyd. A further annuity for the same amount is given to his niece Anne, also a daughter of his late brother John. An annuity of £10 is given to Susannah Parry for the term of her natural life.

The will was made and signed on the twenty sixth day of January 1839 in the presence of the following as witnesses:

Thomas Jones, Surgeon, Picton, Llanasa, **Edward Williams, Shopkeeper, Llanasa.**  
William Jones, Clerk to Mr Williams, Solicitor, Castle Lane, Denbigh.

Proved at London 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1839 before the Judge by the Oath of Robert Lloyd, the nephew, the sole executor to whom administration was granted on having been first sworn by commission duly to administer. (Source: England & Wales Prer Court of Canterbury. Will Registers 1839-41 Piece 1913 Quire Nos 401-450 – 1839 - Ancestry.co.uk)

## 1839

Tithe Map and Schedule – Llanasa, Kelston Township

Plot No 404 – Owner: Robert Lloyd Esq  
Occupier: Edward Williams  
Description: House and Shop

(Source: Tithe Maps Wales library website)

The Tithe map itself indicates the property had already gained a further rear extension by this date, however the detail on the map is on a very small scale. No outbuildings are shown and the front door appears centrally. Also, the front garden does not appear to have a surrounding wall. (NT/M/49 Flintshire Record Office Hawarden).

The Tithe map also indicates that Robert Lloyd Esq, appears to own Henblas, (the Old Hall), the six adjacent cottages and the cottages/farm buildings which stood where One and two Rose Cottages now stand, also the Old Post Office. Robert Lloyd is a nephew of Rev Baldwyn Lloyd, see his will above.

## 1841 Census

In 1841 the Census was a 'trial run' for the Registrar General's office. In rural areas the address details are sketchy. The Llanasa census only names a few of the larger or more notable properties, i.e. Golden Grove, Vicarage etc. Many of the entries simply say 'Llanasa' or 'Village'.

Henblas Cottages, Llanasa – 1 unoccupied

**Susannah Parry**, age 65, Independent Means, born in Llanasa parish.

Shop, Llanasa

**Edward Williams**, age 41, Shopkeeper, born in Llanasa parish

Robert Williams, age 9, born in Llanasa parish

David Williams, age 3, born in Llanasa parish

Sarah Parry, age 15, Female Servant, born in Llanasa parish

N.B. Susannah was left the property (Henblas) and the remaining estate for her lifetime by her late employer, Rev Baldwyn Lloyd, in his will dated 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1839, see above. Whether she lived in the Lodge or Henblas itself is unclear.

A further entry under 'Axton' is the Roberts family, who later occupied the property now known as the Old Post Office. They are the ancestors of the author's late husband.

Axton, Llanasa

Daniel Edwards age 26, Washer                      born in Llanasa parish

Elizabeth Edwards age 32                              born in Llanasa parish

**William Roberts** age 29, Lead Miner                      born in Llanasa parish

Sarah Roberts age 3                                      born in Llanasa parish

Robert Roberts age 5                                      born in Llanasa parish

N.B. William and Elizabeth were brother and sister. William was widowed on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1839. His wife was Margaret Roberts, nee Jones of Axton.

**1851** Llanasa. This **Census** indicates the following to be living at the property (named only as "Village" but the location is indicated by its position in between Old Hall (Henblas) and Tan yr Ysgol (the original school which once stood where the Memorial Gardens are now)).

**Susannah Parry**, unmarried, age 75, born in Cwm.

The following family members had moved from Axton to live near Susannah. Note that William was no longer a miner.

**William Roberts**, head, 39, widower, Shopkeeper, born in Llanasa Parish  
Sarah Roberts, daughter age 12, at school, born Llanasa parish  
Ann Roberts, sister, unmarried 48, General Servant, born Llanasa Parish  
Daniel Edwards, brother in law, married, 36, Miner, born in Minera, Denbs  
Elizabeth Edwards, sister, married, 41, born in Llanasa parish  
Elizabeth Hughes, (niece), age 5, born in Llanasa parish

NB: Elizabeth Hughes was the daughter of William's sister Jane Hughes and her husband David.

**1854** On 15<sup>th</sup> March 1854 **Susannah Parry of Llanasaph** was buried at Cwm aged 78. (Cwm parish records)

**1855**

Lease taken out on the shop/cottage by **William Roberts** for a period of 21 years from 1st November 1855 at an annual rent of £7.  
(Details taken from Sales Particulars dated 1865, ref D/GY/93 Flintshire Record Office at Hawarden – see below).

**1861**

**Census** indicates the following to be living at the property (property not named but location indicated by position of other properties.) Same Head of family as on the 1851 Census.

High Street, Llanasa

**William Roberts**, head, widower, 49, Shopkeeper, born in Llanasa parish  
Ann Roberts, sister, unmarried, 63, Servant, born in Llanasa parish  
Elizabeth Hughes, niece, unmarried, age 15, born in Llanasa parish

N.B. Daniel and Elizabeth Edwards had moved to Ty Capel at Groes and lived there for several decades.

**1865**

**Sales Particulars** (no plan was available). Sale of Freehold land in Llanasa, Newmarket (now Trelawnyd) and Gronant, to be sold at auction by Mr John Churton at Town Hall, Rhyl on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> September 1865.

Occupied by Pyers Mostyn and many others (including William Roberts as a tenant), regarding the will of Baldwyn Lloyd deceased.

**Particulars state:** *Llanasa parish, Lot 1 – Shop and Cottage, with yard and house and garden behind, adjoining Llanasa churchyard and Cottage, Stable, Barn and yards including boundary wall of Old Hall Garden up to the boundary between Lot 1 and 2.*

*Occupiers: William Roberts, Alexander Jones, Owen Evans, Harriet Parry, Edward Pierce.*

*Estimated Quantities: 0 acres 2 roods 5 perches*

*Observations: The property held by William Roberts is subject to a Lease held by him for 21 years from 1<sup>st</sup> November 1855, at the annual rent of £7. The others hold as yearly tenants. The tenancies terminate on the 1<sup>st</sup> May.*

*Lot 2 – Old Hall, extending from Lot 1, and including Garden wall, Garden, Cottage, house and pigeon house.*

Details taken from Sales Particulars (ref D/GY/93 Flintshire Record Office, Hawarden).

N.B. The 2nd ‘Cottage’ in the above particulars was I believe 6 attached cottages, occupied by the above other tenants. These cottages were made into 3 dwellings in the 1990s and are now called Tithebarn Cottages. They have previously been known as Old Hall Cottages and Bates Buildings.

The Bates family of Gyrn Castle purchased Lot 1.

**1868** In **Slaters Directory** William Roberts is mentioned under ‘Grocers and Dealers in Sundries’ at Llanasa. Also mentioned is Roger Cartwright of the Red Lion Inn under ‘Taverns and Public Houses’. He was also the Postmaster at that time. (Directory at Hawarden Record Office, Page 101).

## **1871**

**Census** indicates the following to be living at the property (not named but location indicated by position of other properties). Same head of family as on the previous 2 Censuses.

Village, Llanasa

**William Roberts**, head, widower, 59, Grocer, born in Llanasa parish  
Emma Hughes, niece, unmarried, age 16, General Servant, born in Llanasa parish. (Emma was another daughter of William’s sister Jane).

## **1871**

**The OS map 1<sup>st</sup> Edition 1871** now appears to show the existing outbuildings, along with the rear single storey extension. The front garden has the outline of a wall. (Flintshire Record Office OS map 1<sup>st</sup> Edition 1871 ref 274).

N.B. The family have always referred to the rear large outbuilding as the “Popty”, a bakehouse. The Listed Buildings register also refers to a refurbishment in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century, presumably when this building, the outside toilet and coal house were built.

**1872**

Death of **William Roberts**. (Llanasa parish records – Hawarden Record Office). The Shop and Cottage were taken over by William's daughter **Sarah**, her husband **Henry Owen** and their children. William was an Elder of Capel y Groes, Llanasa (Ref: Original Wesleyan Chapel magazine in the author's possession).

**1881**

**Census** indicates the following to be living at the property (not named but location indicated by position of other properties).

Village, Llanasa

<b>Henry Owen</b> , head, married, 47, Grocer,	born in Llanasa parish
<b>Sarah Owen</b> , wife, married, 42,	born in Llanasa parish
Arthur Owen, son, age 12,	born in Llanasa parish
Emily Owen, daughter, age 10,	born in Llanasa parish
Sarah E Owen, daughter, age 7,	born in Llanasa parish
Ellen Nesta Owen, daughter, age 2,	born in Llanasa parish
Samuel Hughes, boarder, widower, 78, Annuitant,	born in Llanasa parish

N.B. Samuel Hughes was Henry's stepfather.

**Slaters Directory for North Wales 1883** (listed under Newmarket page 195) States under Llanasa:

*Post Office, Llanasa: **Henry Owens Post Master**. Letters from all parts arrive (from Holywell) at nine morning and are despatched thereto at ten minutes past four afternoon. The nearest Money Order Office is at Mostyn Quay.*

**The Postal Directory** for Flintshire **1886** (page 154) at Hawarden Record Office states under **Llanasa**:

***Post Office and Money Order Office – Henry Owen, Postmaster**. Letters arrive here from Holywell at 8.55 a.m. and are despatched at 4.15 p.m., also Post Offices at Fynnongroew and Gronant.*

***Miscellaneous – Henry Owen, Postmaster and Grocer, Llanasa.***

## 1891

**Census** indicates the following to be living at the property, **now named as the Post Office**.

Post Office, Llanasa

<b>Henry Owen</b> , head, married, 58, Grocer and Sub Postmaster,	born in Llanasa parish
<b>Sarah Owen</b> , wife, married, 52, Grocer,	born in Llanasa parish
Emily Owen, daughter, unmarried, 21, Dressmaker,	born in Llanasa parish
Ellen Nesta Owen, daughter, unmarried, 12, Scholar,	born in Llanasa parish
Gwladys Mary Owen, daughter, unmarried, 8, Scholar,	born in Llanasa parish

## 1897

Death of **Henry Owen**. Sarah his wife takes over as Sub Postmistress. Henry's death is in the parish records and a lengthy Appreciation is recorded in the Wesleyan chapel magazine at Groes. (magazine in the authors possession). Henry was Society Steward, teacher in the Sunday School and School President. (These details were kindly translated from the original Welsh magazine by the Clwyd Family History Society).

## 1901

**Census** indicates the following to be living at the property.

Post Office, Llanasa

<b>Sarah Owen</b> , head, widow, 62, Sub Postmistress,	born in Llanasa parish
Ellen Nesta Owen, daughter, single, 22 Post Office Clerk,	born in Llanasa parish
Enid Cunnah, grand-daughter age 5,	born in Liverpool.
Sarah Elizabeth Jones, daughter, married, 27,	born in Llanasa parish

N.B. Enid Cunnah was the daughter of Emily Cunnah, nee Owen.

## 1904

Death of **Sarah Owen**. Her daughter **Ellen Nesta Jones** and son-in-law **James Arthur Jones**, take over the running of the Post Office.



The last two postmistresses in Llanasa Post Office – Ellen Nesta Jones and Nesta May Williams – family photograph.

## 1911

**Census** indicates the following to be living at the property.

Post Office, Llanasa

**James Arthur Jones**, head, married, 42, Sub Postmaster and Grocer, born Berthengam (Llanasa parish)

**Ellen Nesta Jones**, wife, married, 32, assisting in business, born in Llanasa parish (3 children born alive, 2 still living, 1 died)

Henry William Jones, son, age 7,

born in Llanasa

Arthur Glynne Jones, son, age 2,

born in Llanasa



Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century photograph

**1934**

Death of **James Arthur Jones**. The Post Office is now run by his widow **Ellen Nesta Jones** with the help of her daughter **Nesta May Jones**.

**1939 England & Wales Register**

Llanasa

Ellen N Jones born 1<sup>st</sup> May 1878, widow, Sub Postmistress.

Nesta M Jones born 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1912, single, Post Office assistant.

**1940**

Marriage of **Nesta May Jones** to **Glyn Einion Williams**, who at that time was in the army and later posted to North Africa. (Ref: Marriage: Llanasa parish registers – Hawarden Record Office)

**1959**

**Nesta and Glyn Williams** purchase the property from Idar Trustees Ltd of Cunard Buildings, Liverpool. Ref: Land Registry Property Register. A Conveyance dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1959 states the purchase price was £400. This also refers to a previous deed (1931) and conveyance (1939) in the names of Sir Percy Elly Bates, Denis Haughton Bates, Frederic Alan Bates and Idar Trustees. The Bates family owned Gyrn Castle, many properties and land in the parish. These documents are in the authors possession.

**1966**

Death of **Ellen Nesta Jones**. Her daughter **Nesta May Williams** takes over the sole running of the Post Office.

**1970-1**

The building has a bathroom installed! This was created from a tiny court or scullery entry between two other rooms at the rear, which was enclosed. The existing wash house was re-roofed and made into a new kitchen. The village by this time had mains water and sewerage.

**1981**

Death of **Glyn Einion Williams**, Nesta's husband, on 19<sup>th</sup> August. (family records).

**1983-4**

The Post Office and shop are closed. By this time Nesta had retired as Postmistress. She owned another property in Prestatyn. (family records).

**1987**

The Old Post Office is purchased from **Nesta May Williams** by her nephew **Arthur Clive Burdett Jones** (son of Arthur Glynne Jones on 1911 Census) and his wife **Jacqueline Jean Jones**, although they never occupied it.

**1994**

Death of **Nesta May Williams** on 31<sup>st</sup> August (family records).

**2003**

The Old Post Office was purchased from **Clive Jones** by his brother **John Mervyn Jones** and **Jean Woodfine Jones**. John was also a son of Arthur Glynne Jones as noted above. The property was in a semi-derelict state having been empty for many years, and a full restoration was carried out over the next two-three years. The works were completed in 2006. John died 18 months later.

N.B. During the restoration several original wooden lintels were uncovered and have been left exposed. A small mullioned window was also revealed. Roof timbers show the original line of the roof and the wide floorboards upstairs have been retained. Sash windows with some float glass panes were kept and the substantial flagstones in the front room of the building were numbered, lifted and re-laid. Most of the old plank doors have been re-used, although unfortunately not all in their original positions.

Whilst clearing the rear garden and mending the boundary wall, the remains of a gateway into the churchyard was discovered which would have led from the old hall, Henblas, to the church. It had long since been blocked up, but references to the path and gateway are in local records kept on Llanasa at Prestatyn Library. In addition, the

rear garden had a Victorian rubbish tip, which yielded approximately 160 glass bottles and jars before digging had to be abandoned. These were the accumulated rubbish from Henblas, Tithebarn (Old Hall) cottages and the cottages which stood where Rose Cottages are today, as well as the Post Office and shop.



Photo taken 10-15 years ago – exact date unclear.

## 2016

**Dendrochronology** was carried out by Oxford Dendrochronology Laboratory (Report 2017/03) but no date was able to be established. See attached report. Apparently the oak was too fast grown.

### **Family Tree for the Foulkes/Baudewin/Lloyds.**

Peter Ffoulkes Esq, Sherriff of this Shire buried at Llanasa on 13<sup>th</sup> November 1655. Elleanor Foulkes widow in 1655 (late husband Peter). I have found a possible burial date for her of March 1<sup>st</sup> 1695 in Gwaenysgor parish records but the first name is indecipherable – Erlluia? Therefore I am unsure if this is her.

Children: Ellen Foulkes, Robert Foulkes, Katherine Foulkes and sister F Davies.

Thomas Baudewin (alias Baldwin) the Elder marries Ellen Foulkes (the younger)  
Children: Thomas Bawdewin, Edward, John, Gertrude, Mary, Richard and Charles.

Thomas Bawdewin the younger married Sarah Coates (Cotes).

Children: John, Dorothy, Sarah.

John Bawdewin marries Margaret Jones (her father was Thomas Jones of Glynn, Fl) on 4<sup>th</sup> November 1715 at Chester (Chester parish records on Ancestry.co.uk).

Children: Thomas, Dorothy, Jane, John, Lettice, Margaret and Acton (all born in Llanasa). John and Lettice die without issue. The other four die young.

Lettice Bawdewin marries Thomas Cotham, Doctor of Physick, on 16<sup>th</sup> May 1756 at Chester. They had no children.

Margaret Bawdewin marries Rev Henry Lloyd of Llansanffraid Glyn Ceiriog on 1<sup>st</sup> October 1755.

Children: Baldwyn Lloyd born 1763 at Llangollen and John Lloyd born circa 1764/6? Rev Baldwyn Lloyd appears to have moved to Llanasa as an adult. He was definitely living in Henblas from at least 1789 until his death in 1839.

John Lloyd's wife was Catherine and they lived in Holywell. Their children were Richard (born 1797), Anne (b1799) and Robert (b1801). It was Richard's son also named Baldwyn (b1837) and his grandson Baldwyn Charles (b1860) who continued the family name.

N.B. Although Susannah Parry stated on the 1851 Census she was single, she was baptised Susanna Jones in Cwm and had in fact been married to John Parry of Llanbeblig, Caernarvonshire on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1794 at Rhuddlan. She was aged 19 at the time. I have been unable to trace her husband any further in the records. I can only speculate as to what happened afterwards.

## **Appendix**

### **Inventory attached to Will of John Bawdewin late of Llanasaph, dated 17<sup>th</sup> December 1753.**

This list is far too long to include here but is very detailed and a revelation to anyone interested in the contents of an 18<sup>th</sup> century gentry house. It is well worth a look. Every single belonging was mentioned from 1 quilt, very old and holey to 1 jack ass and a brindled heifer. The total value was £106 14s 0d. The inventory was made several years after the Will, indicating Henblas may have been empty (or tenanted) in the intervening years.

In contrast, the much humbler cottage contained a grandfather clock in many pieces, some very worm eaten pine cupboards, and many small items giving a fascinating insight into its life as a Post Office and Grocers shop. Not forgetting the discovery of the stone mortar, the purpose of which the author has only recently discovered, having for many years used it to hold a geranium plant!

N.B. There is an inscription in stone on Henblas in Welsh with the initials PF 1645. I feel it is reasonable to assume that it could be for Peter Ffoulkes given the dates available to me.

Translation of Inscription on Henblas:

“I have planted thick shade about you. To get you ready. And here in long covenant. You without me will not want to be”.

**31<sup>st</sup> July 1815 (Further details from Abstract of Title – D/KK/827 Hawarden Record Office)**

*By Indenture of Lease and Release of these dates the Release made between Baldwyn Lloyd (1), John Lloyd (2), Henry Parry of Llanasa, Clerk and Thomas Harrison of Saithelwyd, Gent (3) and Thomsas Eyton of Halkyn Hall, Gent, Edward Griffiths of Llanasa, Farmer (creditors of Baldwyn Lloyd) of the 4<sup>th</sup> part.*

*Reciting that Baldwyn Lloyd to be indebted to the several parties of the 4<sup>th</sup> part in the several sums of money set opposite to their respective names.....and exclusive of the sum of £728.14 and interest due and owing from the said John Lloyd to Thomas Eyton.....and being then unable to discharge the same several sums of money had proposed and agreed to release and convey the hereditaments and premises therein particularly mentioned unto the said Henry Parry and Thomas Harrison..... It is by the now abstracting indenture witnessed that in pursuance of the premises and in consideration of 10s a piece to Baldwin Lloyd and John Lloyd paid by Henry Parry and Thomas Harrison they (BL & JL) according to their respective estates and interests in the premises did grant bargain sell..... Release and confirm unto Henry Parry and Thomas Harrison and their heirs:*

*All those several fields and parcels of land of Baldwin Lloyd situate in the township of Kelston in Llanasa containing 20 acres of land statute measure then in the holding and occupation of Edward Hughes as tenant at the yearly rent of £35.*

*And also all that cottage\* with the garden belonging situate in the township of Kelston then in the holding of Robert Hughes as tenant at the yearly rent of £4.4s. And all that messuage or tenement called Coed Gwesbir with the lands belonging situate in the township of Gwesbir, Llanasa containing in that measure 2 acres 3r and 16 perches in the holding or occupation of Thomas Griffiths as tenant at the yearly rent of £8. \*not the Old Post Office as far as can be ascertained.*

*And also all that messuage or tenement situate in Gwesbir with the land belonging containing in statute measure 2 acres and 30 perches in the occupation of Edward Davies at tenant at a yearly rent of £8 8s.*

*And also all those several pieces of land situate in the township of Picton, Llanasa statute measure 2 acres 2r 16p in the holding of Robert Hughes tenant at a yearly rent of £6 6s.*

*And also all that enclosed allotment or piece of land being part of Picton or Gwesbir marsh in Llanasa containing in statute measure 6 acres 2r 2p in the holding of William Beavan tenant at a yearly rent of £20.*

*And also all that other enclosed allotment, piece of land also part of Picton or Gwesbir marsh in Llanasa containing 3acres 1r 2p the holding of Thomas Griffith tenant at a yearly rent of £12.*

*And also all that allotment on Nant y Crai common in the parish of Llanasa containing about 20 acres and also a quillet of land situate in the township of Axton, Llanasa containing 1acre 6 perches in the holding of John Bloor at the yearly rent of £4.*

*And all houses .....and the reversion and all the estate:*

*To hold in the same unto the use of Henry Parry and Thomas Harrison their heirs and assigns forever. Upon trust that they Henry Parry and Thomas Harrison or the survivor of them should as soon as conveniently might be after the execution of the now abstracting deed either by public auction or private contract absolutely sell or dispose of all and singular the said messuages, tenements, lands and hereditaments either together or in the parcels and for the best prices which could reasonably had for the same.*

*And it was thereby declared and agreed that the said Trustees, the survivors of them or their heirs should stand possessed of interests in all monies which should arise or be produced by the sale of the hereditaments/premises or of any parts of them upon Trust that they Henry Parry and Thomas Harrison should share out respectively pay and discharge the costs and charges of the ..... abstracting indenture and all the expenses incident thereto and also all the expenses to be occasioned by such sales respectively.*

*And after payment thereof upon Trust that the Trustees should pay and apply the indenture in discharge of the several respective debts then due and owing to the said parties of the 4<sup>th</sup> part together with interest upon the same debts respectively to be computed from day of date of now abstracted deed up to the day of payment provided the same trust monies would be to far extend. And in the case of any surplus should remain after all such payments should be made upon trust to pay over the same amount to the said Baldwyn Lloyd, his heirs or assign for his or their own use and benefit.*

*And it was thereby declared and agreed that in case of any part of the lands, hereditaments and premises therein before mentioned should remain unsold after the several payments and in such case and as soon as conveniently might be afterwards they, the Trustees, should forward at any time upon the request and at the costs and charges of Baldwyn Lloyd, his heirs etc, to convey and assign all such part and so much of the hereditaments and premises as should so remain unsold to such and the same uses as the same resp..... stood limited unto immediately before the executions of the now attaching indenture.*

*And it was thereby agreed and declared and particularly the said Baldwin Lloyd and John Lloyd did each of them for himself, his heirs etc, covenant, promise and agree to and with the said Henry Parry and Thomas Harrison, their heirs, that the purchaser and respective purchasers of all and every or any of the lands, tenements thereof therein before granted and released this ..... and their heirs etc should and right upon payment of his or her or their purchase money unto the said Trustees or survivor of them or heirs peaceably and quietly have hold and enjoy the premises by him or her or them so respectively purchased freed exonerated and discharged of and from all debts, charges and encumbrances, claims and demands what.....of them, the said Baldwin Lloyd and John Lloyd then and each of their heirs etc, or of any person(s) lawfully claiming or who should claim by from or under or in trust for any of them.*

*And that the receipts of the Trustees or survivors etc effectively discharge the respective purchasers of the said lands, tenements and hereditaments from so much of his or her, their, purchase money so should thereby the acknowledged to be received and that such purchasers should not be liable to see to the application or be answerable or be accountable for the loss, this application or non-application of his, her or their purchase money.*

*Covenant by said Baldwin Lloyd and John Lloyd that they were lawfully seized and free from incumbrances except two certain mortgages affecting the same with diverse ...? Estates of the said Baldwin Lloyd but which mortgages were to remain charged upon and only to affect the other estates of said Baldwin Lloyd and that the hereditaments and premises thereinbefore granted and release were to be freed and released therefrom.*

*Covenant also for further assurances. Executed by said Baldwin Lloyd and John Lloyd and duly attested on 31<sup>st</sup> July 1815.*

## **Conclusion**

Whilst I have not been able to establish exactly when the Old Post Office was built or by whom I have uncovered a fascinating history of families and buildings in the village. A name or original purpose for the property has also eluded me. I will continue to research in the hope that more facts will emerge.

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