

THE BUILDINGS OF MOREFA BORTH

- the Marsh Harbour

Ceredigion



That part of Borth Village on a pebble bank with the sea on one side and the Cors Fochno marsh some reclaimed and the railway on the other. In the distance is the River Dyfi. Photograph Michael Lewis

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Y GRAIG

Morfa Borth – the Marsh Harbour

On the east side of the High Street at the southern end of Morfa Borth, with the beach over the road. It was built by 1925 by Captain John Lloyd and then was the home of Dr Douglas Lloyd-Davies.



Y Graig is a two storey detached house, double fronted and with a hipped roof of a slate colour with matching ridge tiles. The walls which are likely to be brick are rendered. The front is symmetrical, emphasized by the two chimneys which are rendered to match the walls. Each has one chimney pot. The central dormer copies the triangular shape of the two gables, and the arched top of its window is echoed by the arch over the front door. This is in a porch like extension, and its side windows also have arched tops. Above the porch is a railed balcony accessed through glazed french windows. There is a fine view across the bay. The two canted bay windows on the ground floor have hipped roofs matching the colour of the main roof. The south side of the house has four windows, the north side has no windows. There is a wide drive to the garage, and square posts edge the wall round the front garden area. The style of the house is similar to that of Annedd Wen and Swn-y-don next door. This house

has a comfortably large plot compared with many along Borth High Street.



Paying rates for the house in 1925 was Captain John Lloyd, he was the owner and lived there. He paid £17 increased to £18 and it was £20 increased to £22 gross. The extra would have been the addition of the garage. Paying in 1934 and 1938 was



The rear of the house in 2014 from the footpath. The kitchen is on the ground floor on the right and has a lean-to porch with the back door. There is also a small storage unit, possibly once for coal. Graceful arches beside the south side of the building lead into the back garden.

no longer the Captain, but H. S. Barratt, but Captain Lloyd was still living in the house. The rate was £24, and £32 gross.

Paying the rates in 1949 had been Arthur Rigby, but this was altered in the list to 'Gaunt'.

Paying the rates in 1963 was Dr Douglas Lloyd-Davies and the house had a rateable value of £111. With votes for the house that year were Dr Lloyd-Davies and his wife Helen. She was the daughter of a vet from Aberystwyth. The doctor had first lived a Ger-y-don next door, but had moved to Y Graig (Geoff Thomas). Y Tincer wrote an appreciation of Dr Lloyd-Davies in June 1986 noting his 37 years of 'caring' for the people of Borth. With votes for the house on the electoral register of 1976/7 were James Davies and Helen Davies.

The shingle bank thrown up by the sea on which it was built was considered 'waste' by the Crown Manor who owned it, as it was not suitable for farming. There were no buildings on this land until 1925, it was part of a piece of rough ground from Efelwen to the road to Llandre, and called 'beach' on the old map. Across the road on the strip of grass were three limekilns in 1829, four by 1848. (Maps National Archives LRRO 1/3060, Tithe Apportionment Map for Llanfihangel Genau'r Glyn, Cyfoeth Township 1848 and Cambrian News, 16 November 1883) The road had been there for centuries and was a turnpike road by the 1770s. It led to a ferry from Ynyslas to Aberdovey and was a quick way to North Wales.

An enclosure had been made there by 1925, and the Crown had sold it to the man who enclosed it. On a map of the manor surveyed in 1925 it was a large plot, number 108, extending to the footpath, and had two buildings drawn on it, on the north the garage belonging with Swn-y-don and a large building which was Y Graig (National Archives LRRO 1/3060). Dr Terry Davies has said that Y Graig was built by Captain Lloyd in 1910.

The house name is Welsh and means The Rock (Craig).



ABOVE During work to build an extension on the east side rear of the house in 2019 this area of wall was cleared of rendering and it was possible to see the brickwork of the walls.

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