

CHAPTER THREE

The JAMES Family in Llandygydd Parish

The JAMES Family at Tregiby

WILLIAM JAMES at Cappel and Trewindsor

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One of the executors named by William James of Tregiby in his will was his nephew David James of Cawrence in the parish of Llangoodmore. Before his marriage this David James was farming at Cilfallen in Brongwyn parish. Then in June 1850 he married Sara Eliza Jones, the widow of John Jones of Cawrence who had died in 1848, leaving her with four young sons between 3 and 10 years of age. Sara was twelve years older than David James and there were no children of their union. After the marriage David James carried on the farming business at Cawrence until he died there in July 1874 at the age of 56. His own will names his brothers and sisters individually as substituted residuary legatees in the event of his youngest stepson, Charles Griffith Jones, dying under 21, which did not happen; but although that provision did not take effect, its list of names is useful fodder for the hungry genealogist. The following is the obituary notice that appeared in the Cardigan and Tivyside Advertiser.

THE  
**Cardigan & Tivy Side Advertiser**

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FRIDAY, JULY 31st, 1874.

**DEATH OF MR. DAVID JAMES, OF CAWRENCE.—**  
It is with feelings of the sincerest regret we have this week to record the demise of the above estimable gentleman, after a comparatively short illness, on Tuesday morning last. Mr. James was

well known and generally esteemed throughout the district, while, as a successful Agriculturist, his opinion on matters relative thereto was much sought after. Beneath a rough exterior, he had a free and generous nature, and was generally to be found in the foreground for any good purpose. By his death a vacancy has been created in the neighbourhood which will not soon be filled, and his loss is spoken of by all classes of Society who knew him with feelings of profound sorrow. Mr. James' remains were interred in Llangoodmore Churchyard to-day, (Friday), amid the grief of an extraordinary large number of relations and friends, the funeral Cortège itself being upwards of a mile in length.

At his marriage David James named his father as "Thomas James, Freeholder"; and in the census returns he gave Llandygydd as the parish of his birth. The registers of that parish record the baptism there on 24th May 1818 of "David, son of Thomas and Mary James of Hafod, farmer". The same register has several earlier entries for other children of Thomas James of Hafod, who was almost certainly the brother of William James of Tregiby. My cousin, Mr. Lyn John has found the will of Maud James of Hafod, who died in 1820, and we think that she was the mother of Thomas and William, both of whom are named in the will. To answer the question who was their father, we must look first at the Llandygydd parish register, which shows a marriage on 7th July 1767 between "James James of this parish and Maud Griffiths of Cardigan". Then we examine the Land Tax Assessments - because none of those has survived in Cardiganshire, we can only look at the nation wide record for the single year 1798 which is held at the Public Record

Office at Kew. I have reproduced some extracts from those assessments made in the parishes of Llandygydd and Llangoedmore, which indicate that James James was the proprietor and occupier of Cringamawr, a farm lying in both parishes. He was also the tenant of Havod in Llandygydd and owned another farm as well. We know from the registers of the Blaenanerch chapel that William James was in occupation of Cringamawr in 1810/12, before he went to Tregiby, so I feel little doubt that James and Maud James were the parents of both William and Thomas James. The names of some at least of their other children can be read in Maud James' will.

I think that we can indeed go back yet one more generation of the Jameses on the strength of the will of a certain "Thomas James of the parish of Llandygydd, Yeoman" which I came across at the National Library of Wales; a rough summary of it is reproduced on a later page, made when I did not think that it really had much relevance - if I visit Aberystwyth again I shall try to get a full copy. It will be seen that the testator left all his real estate to his eldest son James, who I now think was the same person as the James James whose name appeared in the LTA's, 15 years after his father's death, as the proprietor of the lands he had inherited.

One has only to look through the parish records to see that the countryside of Cardiganshire (and Pembrokeshire) supported a legion of Jameses, whose births, deaths and marriages figure prominently in the registers and whose memorials are plentiful in the village churchyards. In the very early years of the 19th century Tregiby was occupied by Levi and Mary James (born Mary Jones), who were married at Llangoedmor in September 1800 and many of whose children were, up to 1815, baptised and buried there, according to the church registers. Then Levi and Mary seem to have moved to Cappel farm and William James took over Tregiby. I have no real clue as to whether William and Levi were related, and if so how, but it is noteworthy that when William married Margaret Jones in 1805 the register was signed by Levi James and James James as witnesses.

Incidentally, it is perhaps worth mentioning too that the LTA's at Kew show Tregiby as owned in 1798 by Mrs. Johnes and occupied by David Jones. This David Jones is buried at Llangoedmor, where his gravestone is inscribed "late of Tregiby"; he died in November 1835, aged 81. He was, I think, the father of William James' first wife, Margaret. The wife of Levi James was a Mary Jones, and she and Margaret may have been sisters.



Summary of the WILL of THOMAS JAMES of the parish of Llandygwydd  
in the County of Cardigan Yeoman

To my wife ELIZABETH - the tenement called Tre'r Cregin, Aberporth with all the cottages thereon during her widowhood, except £2 she is to pay to eldest son JAMES. If she remarries she shall have only the said £2 a year for life; and on her death or remarriage the said tenement to go to eldest son JAMES.

To my son JOHN (1) £80 - £60 to be paid by son JAMES within a year after he gets possession of Tre'r Cregin, and £20 on JOHN attaining the age of 22;  
(2) a horse or mare to the value of £4;  
(3) all the sheep he has his earmark upon.

To my Daughter MARGARET - £40 - half to be paid in two years after getting possession of Tre'r Cregin and half when she attains 22; also a new chest and a pair of bedclothes suitable to her rank and condition.

To my daughter MARY - £40 - half to be paid in three years after getting possession of Tre'r Cregin and half when she attains 22; also a new chest and a pair of bedclothes suitable to her rank and condition.

To my eldest son JAMES - All my <sup>real</sup> estate except as above devised and bequeathed also the sum of £1.1/- to be paid to him by my executors one month after my decease.

ALL my stock crops and ALL my other effects moveable and immoveable except the above bequests and devises to my wife ELIZABETH and my youngest son WILLIAM whom I also appoint as my Executors.

The Testator named three grandsons ~~of his children~~ who were required to see that the terms of his will were faithfully carried out.

Dated 17th September 1767

Probate granted 16th September 1783.

EXTRACTS from the  
LAND TAX ASSESSMENTS 1798 COUNTY of CARDIGAN

<u>Proprietor</u>	<u>Occupier</u>	<u>Sums assessed</u>
<u>PARISH of LLANDYGWYDD</u>		
David James, Gent.	Rhippinllwyd	5s.
Mrs. Gwynne	Samuel John HAVOD, JAMES JAMES	16s.
JAMES JAMES	CRINGAMAWR JAMES JAMES	4s.
JAMES JAMES	PENTREGWMUCHA John Lawrence	4s.

PARISH of LLANGOEDMORE

Rev. John Jenkins	Kilbronne, Mrs. Jenkins	£1. 6.
Thomas Lloyd, Esq.	Cawrence (self)	1. 2. 9
John Vaughan, Esq.	Trewinsor do	1. 2. 9.
Rev. John Jenkins	Tyrllwyd, Wm. Evans	12. 5½
Rev. David Turner	Canllefas, John Davies	13. 10.
Mrs. Vaughan	Part of Trevwial, John James	4. 10½
Thos. Pryce, Esq.	Brongoch, John David	3. 3.
James Bowen	Crigdy Moidy	1. 7½
George Bowen, Esq.	part of Crigdy Moidy, Griffith James	1. 7½
JAMES JAMES	Part of CRYNGA, JAMES JAMES	3. 3.
Thos. Lloyd, Esq.	Nantycrymann, Enoch James	3. 3.
do do	Coedmore, Thos. Lloyd, Esq.	4. 2. 10½
Rev. W. Thos. Lloyd	Tythes	3. 6. 7.
David Bowen	Trevorgan, David Bowen	6. 6.

In the Name of God Amen. I  
Maud James of Havod in the parishes of Hardwyng  
and County of Cardigan, Widow, being of sound Mind Memory  
and Understanding, praised be God for the same, Do make  
this my last Will and Testament in manner following, that  
is to say, I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth  
the Wife of Thomas Jones of Trepryor the Sum of One Pound  
of lawful Money of Great Britain. Also I give and  
bequeath unto my Son James James the sum of One  
Pound of like lawful Money — Also I give and bequeath  
unto my Son William James Sum of One Pound of  
like lawful Money — Also I give and bequeath  
unto my Daughter <sup>Margaret</sup> the Wife of Benjamin Thomas the  
Sum of One Pound of like lawful Money — Also I  
give and bequeath unto my youngest Daughter Ellen  
the Wife of Evan Davies my Oak Hanging-press —  
All which said several Legacies I hereby order and direct  
to be paid to the said several Legatees respectively by my  
Executor herein after named within six Months next after  
my decease — And as to all the rest and remainder of all  
my Money Goods Chattels and Debts due to me and all other my  
Estate and Effects whatsoever and whencesoever and of what  
nature or kind soever the same may be, and not herein before  
given and disposed of after payment of my just Debts, Leg-  
acies funeral Expences and the Expences of proving this my  
Will, — I give and Bequeath the same unto my Son Tho-  
mas James his Executors Administrators and Assigns — And  
I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint the said

My wife Thomas James sole Executor of this my  
last Will and Testament - And I do hereby revoke  
and make void all former and other Will or Wills  
Testament or Testaments by me at any time heretofore  
made and declare this only to be my last Will and  
Testament - In Witness whereof I the said  
Grand James the Testatrix have to this my last  
Will and Testament set my hand and Seal this  
Twenty sixth Day of July In the year of our Lord one  
Thousand eight hundred and Ninety

The Mark  of  
Grand James

Signed sealed published and  
declared by the said Testatrix  
Grand James to be her last Will  
and Testament in the presence of  
us, who at her request in her  
presence and in the presence of each  
other have attested the Execution  
Hereof

George Wright  
Simon Nicholas  
Witness Present

Let this will be registered and administration of all  
and singular the Goods Chattels Effects and credits of the  
Testatrix be granted and committed unto her son Thomas James  
the Executor within named, He being sworn thereto this  
eighteenth day of May 1820

Under £100

Before me  
Cyril Thomas Surrogate

The JAMES FAMILY at TREGIBY

One of the grand-daughters of Griffith James once told me that her father used to say that his grandfather (William James) had 24 children. My searches have revealed 20 children, but there are gaps in the early years of my great-grandfather's first marriage which could accommodate other children, who might possibly have died in infancy. Even so, twenty children is an enormous family - the fruit of nearly forty years of procreation on two wives, both of whom died in their early forties. Some of the oldest of those twenty came to my knowledge only when I was given a copy of William James' will, in which he named all those then surviving, four of whom had married and left home before the 1841 census, which was my original starting point.

I have tried to construct branch tables of the issue of the seven children of the second brood who grew up and married, partly because I knew more about them and partly because they were brothers and sisters of the whole blood of my grandmother. I have not attempted to do the same for the seven of the first brood who likewise married, and who probably also had large families, because I knew nothing about their descendants and the task daunted me anyhow. The exception is William James the younger, and even in his case I have only copied out what I found in the census returns, since I knew where to look for him and his family, namely at Cappel and Trewindsor farms.

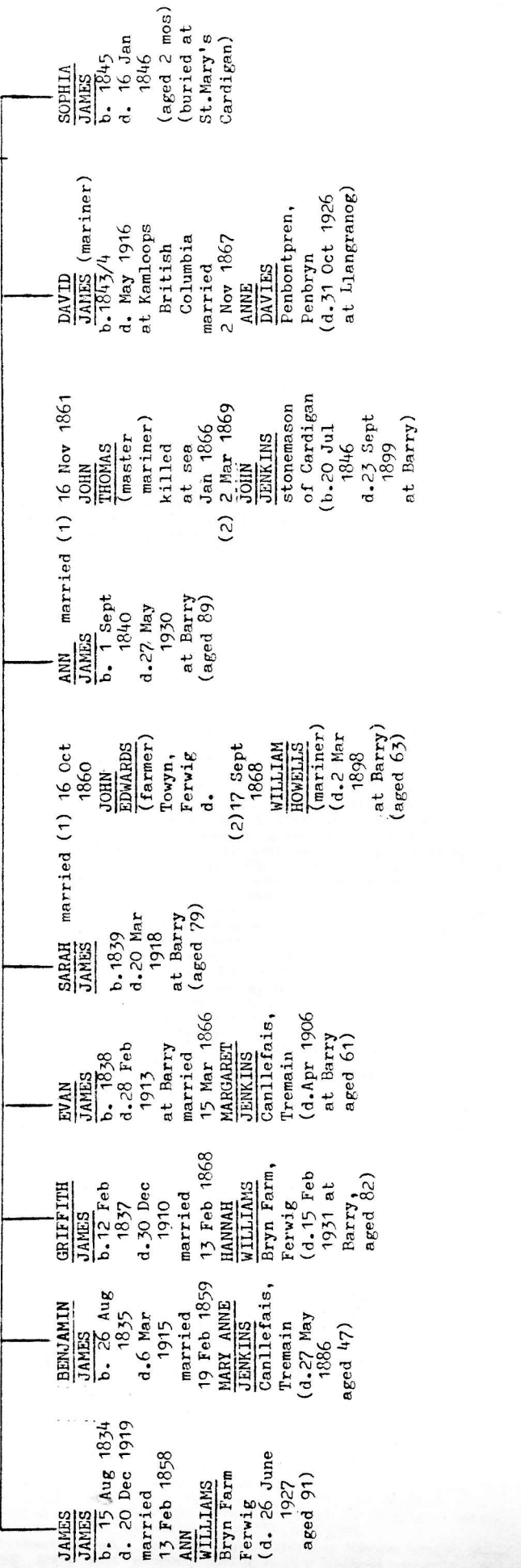
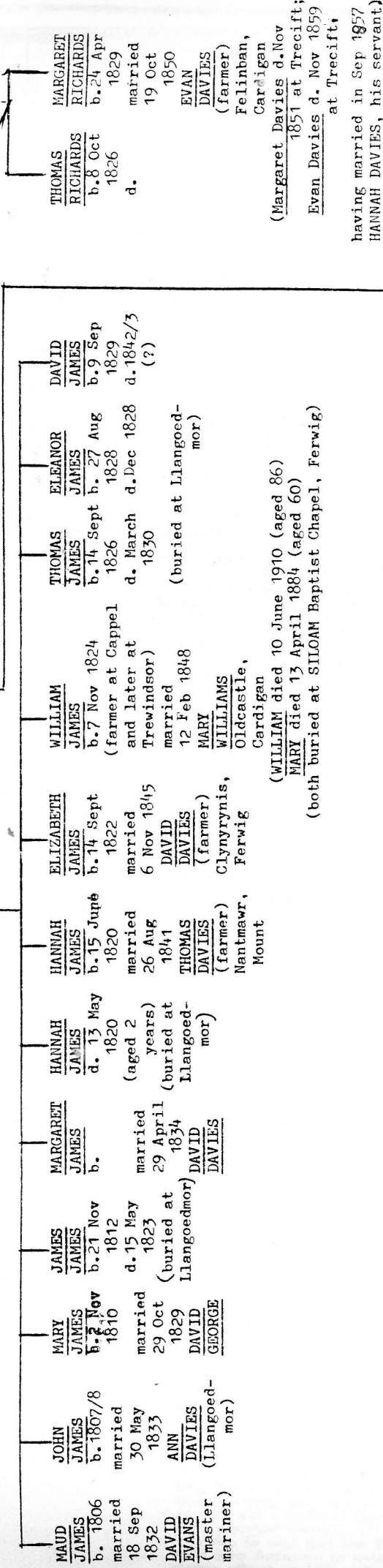
The fate of the David James who was born in 1829, apparently the last child of the first marriage, is unknown to me. He appeared in the census return for Tregiby on 7th June 1841 and was said to be then 11 years of age. The death indexes at the General Register Office list many David Jameses who died in the Cardigan registration area during the 1840s - no less than 12 in the years 1842/44 - and several more in the neighbouring districts; to make things difficult for the searcher the indexes in those years do not give the ages of the deceased persons. David must have died quite young, because if he had not done so the second David James, born about 1843/44, would not have been so named.

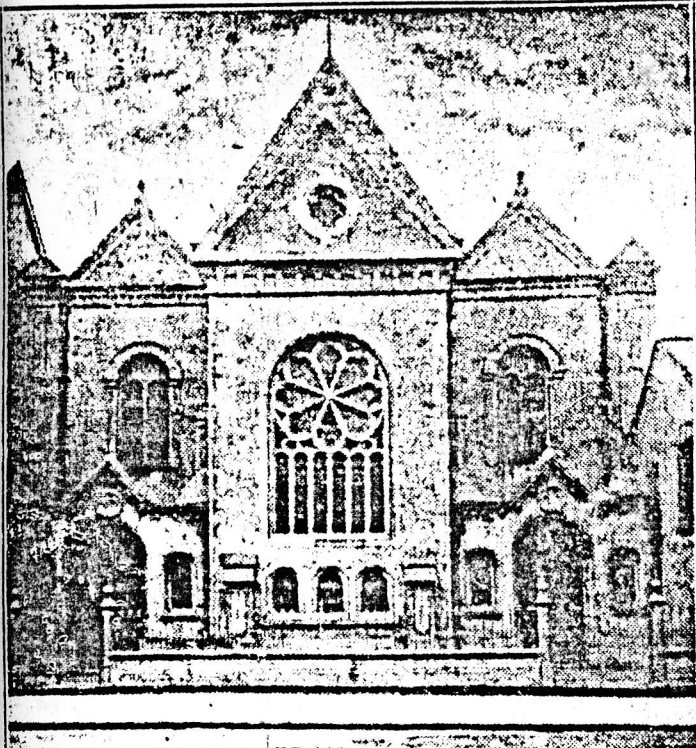
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m. 3 Dec 1805(1)  
 MARGARET JONES  
 died 22 Sept 1831  
 (aged 45)  
 (buried at Llangoedmor)

WILLIAM JAMES  
 Farmer, Tregiby  
 died 7 Mar 1859  
 (aged 77)  
 (buried at St. Mary's  
 Cardigan)

(2) m. 4 Jan 1834  
 SOPHIA RICHARDS widow of DANIEL RICHARDS (mariner)  
 (formerly THOMAS)  
 died 14 Aug 1846  
 (aged 44)  
 (buried at St. Mary's  
 Cardigan)





THE TABERNACLE.

Tabernacle, where the General Assembly was held, is the oldest Nonconformist Church in Cardigan, and also one of the oldest Methodist Churches in Cardiganshire. Its history goes back to 1740, when a small number of Calvinistic Methodists met for worship in a cottage occupied by a woman named Rachel Evan, which stood on the ground on which the present chapel buildings now stand. Shortly after 1740 the place was registered as a lawful place in which to hold religious services.

Traditionally, the "cause" had its origin in the fiery ministry of George Whitfield and Howell Harris, but this does not seem to be borne out by the known facts.

After the registration of the house other Nonconformists joined with the little band of Methodists in carrying on religious services there. The Baptists helped considerably in this way, and the good feeling then engendered between these two denominations persists until the present day.

The first chapel was built in 1700, and it was called "Tabernacl" because this was the name given by Whitfield to all his chapels almost without exception. Trustees of the new cause were appointed at the Association at Woodstock in 1778, and in the "History of the Connexion appears the following: "That the Rev. Mr. Jones of St. Dogmaels, Messrs. David Morris, Sampson Thomas, Enoch Davies, and William Lloyd be appointed Trustees for the Meeting House at Cardigan, and they are authorized to collect Money in order to discharge the arrears due for building the said Meeting House, provided Messrs. Roger and Ben Thomas deliver up the Trust into their hands." This quotation is taken from the diary of the Rev. Nathaniel Rowlands (son of Daniel Rowlands). The Rev. Mr. Jones named was the Vicar of St. Dogmaels, who was in close sympathy with the Methodists and often went to Cardigan to assist them.

Although the Tabernacl was built in such early days, it is not the oldest Methodist Chapel in the County, Abernourig Chapel having been built in 1660, Twrgwyn being built in 1750, and Llwynpied in 1753. Next in order came The Tabernacl and Llangetho which were built in the same year.

Although this is the first time for the General Assembly to visit the Tabernacl, many notable "Cymanfa Brogethu" have been held there. There is record of two outstanding during the 18th century. One is notable for the machinations of enemies of the cause, who planned to break up the "cymanfa," and they would undoubtedly have succeeded were it not that Sir Herbert Lloyd of Ffynonbedr, the chief official of the town at that time, came to the aid of the Methodists and scattered the schemes. The other notable "cymanfa" was one in which the redoubtable Rev. Robert Roberts, Clynog, preached. This "cymanfa" was immortalised by a descriptive song composed by Mr. John Evans, Argoed, which included the texts of the sermons preached thereat.

It can be said that the Tabernacl has always been fortunate in securing good and strong officers to look after its interests through the years. It was very fortunate at

the outset in having the Rev. William Jones, Vicar of St. Dogmaels, and the Rev. Mr. Williams, Ebenezer, a Baptist minister, to assist so willingly and well. The Connexion did not appoint anybody to look after the cause for some years, but since then faithful men have been at the helm.

Perhaps the first that should be named in this connection is John Thomas, who was born in 1760 in the year the chapel was built. He was a faithful elder for many years, and when a revival broke out in Cardigan and St. Dogmaels in 1794 he began to preach. Seventeen years after this, in 1811, he was ordained at the Llandilo Cymanfa. John Elias, the great apostle of Methodism, expressed the opinion that John Thomas was the most sensible in the Methodist Connexion. He died at the age of 89, after serving the Connexion in the pulpit for 55 years.

Another who gave priceless service to the Tabernacl was Ebenezer Richard. He was born on Dec. 5, 1781, at Trefene, Pem. He was converted in the revival when about 20 years of age and soon afterwards began to preach. In 1806 he came to Cardigan as family tutor with James Bowen, Esq., of Llwyngwair, the friend of Wesley, and he rendered service to the cause at Cardigan, the effects of which remain to this day.

Two others rendered such service as to deserve mention — Mr. William Williams and the Rev. Robert Evans, the latter of whom was ordained at Bala in 1828.

The first pastor of the church was the Rev. Robert Roberts, the brother of Ieuan Gwylt, the pioneer of the "Cymanfa Gann." Like his brother he was a good musician. He was instituted at the Tabernacl in 1858 and he rendered great service to the Church, and especially to the young people.

He was followed by the Rev. Meidrym Jones in 1870, but he only stayed a short time.

In 1881 the famous Rev. Griffith Davies became pastor, coming to Cardigan from Nassau Street, London. During his pastorate the Rev. William Jones was a member of the Church. He rendered great public service to the town and was elected Mayor.

In 1896 the Rev. Dr. J. G. Maelwyn Hughes, M.A., Ph.D., was instituted to the pastorate. He enriched the pulpit in his long pastorate of 21 years, and he left for Birkenhead, much to the regret of his flock.

Dr. Maelwyn Hughes was followed by the Rev. R. R. Williams, M.A., who was made pastor in 1923, who afterwards left for Colwyn Bay and who has now a pastorate in America.

In April 1929 the Church gave a "call" to the present pastor, the Rev. C. Currie Hughes, B.A., and he commenced on his duties in September of that year.

The present chapel is the fourth to be erected at Cardigan. The first was built in 1700, the second in 1776, the third in 1807, and the present building in 1832, extensions being made in 1864 and 1902.

In 1837 Mrs. Catherine Baynes bought the property and it is now freehold property. A spacious new vestry was opened at the back of the chapel in 1923.

Some extracts from the BAPTISM REGISTER of the WELSH CALVINISTIC METHODIST Chapel TABERNACLE, CARDIGAN  
 The chapel was founded in about the year 1775; the Register dates from 19th January 1808.

The Register was deposited with the Registrar-General pursuant to the NON-PAROCHIAL REGISTERS ACT of 1840  
 (4th Victoria Cap.92) and is now held at the PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE, in Chancery Lane, London W.C.

Child's Name	Father and Mother	Mother's former name	Father's profession or business	Parents' residence	Father's Parish	Mother's parish before marriage	When child born	In which parish	When baptised	Where baptised	By whom baptise
HANNAH	William and Margaret JAMES	Margaret Jones spinster	Farmer	Tregiby	St. Mary's Cardigan	Llangoedmor	15th June 1820	St. Mary's Cardigan	30th July 1820	Tabernacle	Ebenezer Morris, m Tregar John Tho Cardigan
ELIZABETH	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do	14th Sept. 1822	Do	4th Nov. 1822	Do	Do
WILLIAM	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do	7th Nov. 1824	Do	15th Dec. 1824	Do	Do
THOMAS	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do	14th Sept. 1826	Do	29th Oct. 1826	Do	Do
ELEANOR	do	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do	27th Aug. 1828	Do	5th Oct. 1828	Do	Thomas E Carmart
DAVID	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do	9th Sept. 1829	Do	22nd Nov. 1829	Do	William R Clynog, Carnarvon
THOMAS	Daniel and Sophia RICHARDS	Sophia Thomas spinster	Mariner	Cardigan	St. Mary's Cardigan	St. Mary's Cardigan	8th Oct. 1826	St. Mary's Cardigan	5th Nov. 1826	Tabernacle	John Tho Cardigan
MARGARET	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do	24th Apr. 1829	Do	14th May 1829	Do	Ebenezer Tregaron
GRIFFITH	William and Sophia JAMES	Sophia Richards widow	Farmer	Tregiby	St. Mary's Cardigan	St. Mary's Cardigan	12th Feb. 1837	St. Mary's Cardigan	23rd Apr. 1837	Tabernacle	W. Morr St. Dav
MARGARET (see (2) below)	David and Margaret Davies	Margaret James spinster	Farmer	Tregiby	Verwig	Cardigan	24th Feb. 1835	Cardigan	15th Apr. 1835	Tabernacle	John Thomas

NOTE:-(1) The REGISTER of BAPTISMS at the parish church of ST. MARY'S, CARDIGAN (now deposited with the National Library of Wales at Aberystwyth) contains the following entry:-

5th November 1835 JAMES son of William and Sophia James of Tregiby - Farmer  
 (born 15th August 1834)  
 and BENJAMIN son of William and Sophia James of Tregiby - Farmer  
 (born 26th August 1835)

Some extracts from the BAPTISM REGISTER of the WELSH CALVINISTIC METHODIST Chapel, BLAENANERCH, ABERPORTH

The chapel was founded about the year 1795; the Register dates from 1806

The Register was deposited with the Registrar-General pursuant to the NON-PAROCIAL REGISTERS ACT of 1840 (4th Victoria Cap.92) and is now held at the PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE in Chancery Lane, London W.C.

Child's name	Father and Mother	Mother's former name	Father's profession or business	Parents' residence	Father's parish	Mother's parish before marriage	When child born	In which parish	When baptised	Where baptised	By whom baptised
MARY	MARGRET and WILLIAM JAMES	MARGRET JONES spinster	Farmer	Cringa, Llandygydd	Llandygydd	Llan-goedmor	2nd Nov. 1810	Llandygydd	9th Nov. 1810	Blaen- anerch	Rev. Mr. Lloyd
JAMES	MARGRET and WILLIAM JAMES	MARGRET JONES spinster	Farmer	Cringa, Llandygydd	Llan-dygydd	Llan-goedmor	21st Nov. 1812	Llandygydd	24th Dec. 1812	Cringa- mawr	Rev. Eben. Morris

From the BAPTISM REGISTER of BLAENCEN WELSH CALVINISTIC METHODIST Chapel, VERWICK

The Register dates from 1808

WILLIAM	DAVID and MARGARET DAVIES	MARGARET JAMES Spinster	Farmer	Blaenwain	Mount	Cardigan	31st Dec. 1836 in Mount	Mount	15th Jan. 1837	Blaen- cefn	Jenkin Davies, Pensarn.
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A search of the 1841 Census Returns failed to reveal any trace of DAVID and MARGARET DAVIES. They were not at Blaenwain (or Blaenywaun) in the parish of Mount, nor in any of the neighbouring parishes. In 1851 they were not to be found at Mount, Ferwig or St. Mary's Cardigan.

This is the last Will and Testament of me William  
 James of Tregiby in the parish of Saint Marys Bardigan in the  
 County of Cardigan, former Chief Justice that all my just debts funeral  
 and Testamentary expences be paid as soon as conveniently may be  
 after my decease I give and bequeath to my daughter Maude Evans  
 the sum of forty five pounds I give and bequeath to my son John  
 James the sum of five pounds I give and bequeath to my daughter  
 Mary George the sum of five pounds I give and bequeath to my daughter  
 Margaret Davies the sum of five pounds I give and bequeath to my  
 daughter Hannah Davies the sum of five pounds I give and bequeath to  
 my daughter Elizabeth Davies the sum of five pounds I give and  
 bequeath to my son William James the sum of five pounds all the  
 above legacies I direct to be paid within twelve months after my decease  
 I give and bequeath to my son Griffith James the sum of One hundred  
 pounds I give and bequeath to my son Evan James the sum of One  
 hundred pounds I give and bequeath to my son David James the  
 sum of One hundred pounds I give and bequeath to my daughter  
 Sarah James the sum of One hundred pounds I give and bequeath  
 to my daughter Anne James the sum of One hundred pounds I give  
 and bequeath unto my son Benjamin James the sum of One hundred  
 pounds I give and bequeath unto my son James James the sum of  
 One hundred pounds The seven last mentioned legacies I direct to be  
 paid on their attaining the age of twenty one years or days of marriage  
 if demanded I give devise and bequeath unto my Executors in trust  
 hereinafter named my two Dwellinghouses and Gardens with their  
 appurtenances situate in the Village and parish of Saint Dogwells in the  
 County of Pembroke together with all other my estates both real and  
 Personal (including also my Trust Estates) upon trust to dispose of the  
 same (if requisite) by public Auction or private contract and applying the  
 proceeds thereof after deducting the expences of Sale and all other  
 incidental expences in the first place in payment of my just debts funeral  
 and Testamentary expences and then to pay the residue or surplus moneys  
 of such my said Estates unto between and amongst my said children  
 James James Benjamin James Anne James Sarah James, David  
 James Evan James and Griffith James in equal shares parts and  
 proportions and I direct the same to be paid by my Executors or Assigns

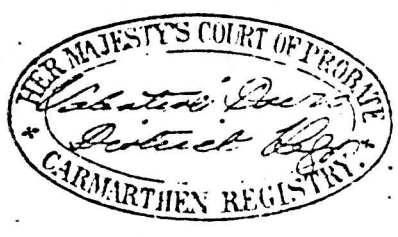
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named at the same time as I have directed the legacies hereunto  
bequeathed to be paid to them and I appoint my son William James  
Mr David James of Lawrence in the parish of Llangoedmore and  
The Reverend Daniel Davies of the Town of Cardigan Minister of the  
Gospel to be joint Executors in trust of this my Will hereby revoking all  
former Will or Wills by me at any time heretofore made and constituting  
as my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand this Twenty fifth day of September One thousand eight  
hundred and fifty six \_\_\_\_\_ William James \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by the said testator William James as and for his last Will  
and Testament in the presence of us being present at the same time  
at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have  
subscribed our names as Witnesses \_\_\_\_\_ Joshua James - Emlyn Owen  
David Jenkins Trecefnisow

*Ex. at by will  
1859*

"A correct copy"



The WILL of WILLIAM JAMES late of Tregibby in the parish of  
St. Mary's, Cardigan in the County of Cardigan, Farmer, who died  
on the 7th March 1859 at Tregibby aforesaid was proved at  
Carmarthen by the oaths of WILLIAM JAMES of Cappel in the said  
parish, farmer, the Son, and DAVID JAMES of Cawrence in the  
parish of Llangoedmore in the said County, farmer, the Nephew,  
and the Rev. DANIEL DAVIES of Cardigan aforesaid, Dissenting  
Minister, the Executors.

1859





Tregiby farmhouse  
(with standard lens)  
(1982)



Tregiby farmhouse  
(with wide-angle lens)  
(1984)



- and, in the yard below  
the farmhouse, the silo  
from the top of which the  
photographs were taken.



Gwbert and  
Cardigan Island  
from Poppit



Bryn (Pedr)  
Farm  
Ferwig

The Family of WILLIAM and MARY JAMES at Cappel and Trewindsor Farms as shown by the CENSUS RETURNS of 1851 to 1881

Cappel Fm. Trewindsor Cappel Fm. Trewindsor

N A M E	Relation to Head of Family	married or unmarried	stated age 30 Mar 1851	stated age 7 Apr 1861	stated age 2 Apr 1871	stated age 3 Apr 1881	Where born	Occupation
WILLIAM JAMES	Head	marr	26	36	46	56	St. Mary's	Farmer of 88 acres in 1851 and 1861: of 194 acres in 1871, and of 172 acres in 1881.
MARY do	wife	do	25	35	45	55	Ferwig	
MARGARET do	daughter	unm.	2	12	-	-	St. Mary's	
JOHN do	son	unm.	8 mos.	11	20	-	do	
WILLIAM do	do	do	-	9	19	-	do	
ELIZABETH do	daughter	do	-	8	(see Elizabeth Thomas below)	-	do	
MARY ANN do	do	do	-	5	15	do	do	
MAUD do	do	do	-	3	(see Mary Ann Davies below)	do	do	
DAVID do	son	do	-	1	24	do	do	
BENJAMIN do	do	do	-	-	9	do	do	
ELLEN do	daughter	do	-	-	5	do	do	
THOMAS LEWIS do	son	do	-	-	4	do	do	
HANNAH do	daughter	do	-	-	1	do	do	
ELIZABETH THOMAS, wife of ?	daughter	marr	-	-	18	-	do	
WILLIAM do	grandson	unm.	-	-	11 mos.	-	Llangoedmor	scholar
MARY ANNE DAVIES, wife of ?	daughter	marr	-	-	-	26		do
ELIZABETH do	Grand-daughter	unm.	-	-	-	2		do
MARY do	do	unm.	-	-	-	10 mos.		do

NOTE: WILLIAM JAMES died on 10 June 1910 at the age of 86 }  
 MARY JAMES died on 13 April 1884 at the age of 60 }  
 both of them are buried at Siloam Baptist Chapel, Ferwig.