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ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF THE NEW CATTLE MART SITE (W/1345/RB) AND GLYN SIW FARMHOUSE

I. SUMMARY

An archaeological survey of Glyn Siw farmhouse and the surrounding landscape was conducted by members of the Field Operations Department of Archaeoleg CAMBRIA Archaeology, prior to the construction of the new cattle mart (see Figure 1 for area of survey). The survey of the farmhouse revealed there is a written record of a house on the site dating back to the 14th century, evidence of which may survive beneath the present building. The present farmhouse has sections which may date back to the 16th century, although the majority of the house was constructed in the 19th or 20th century.

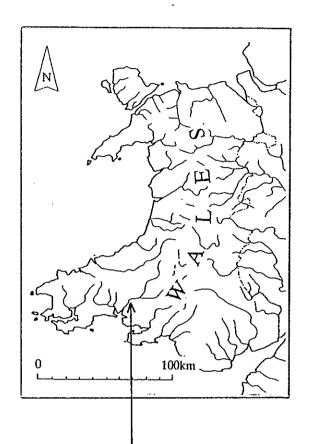
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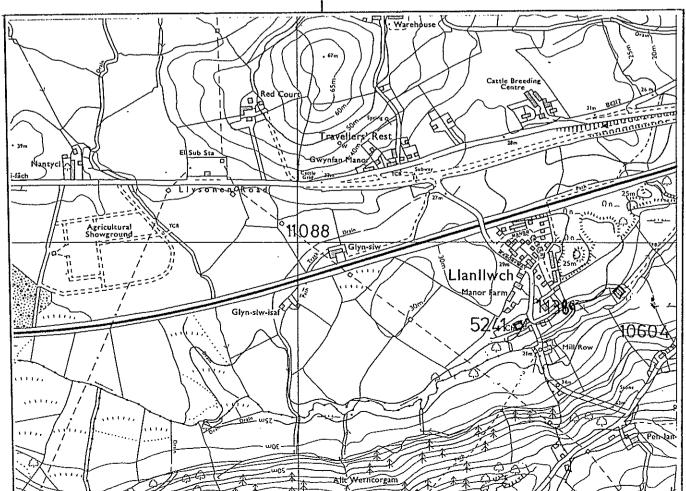
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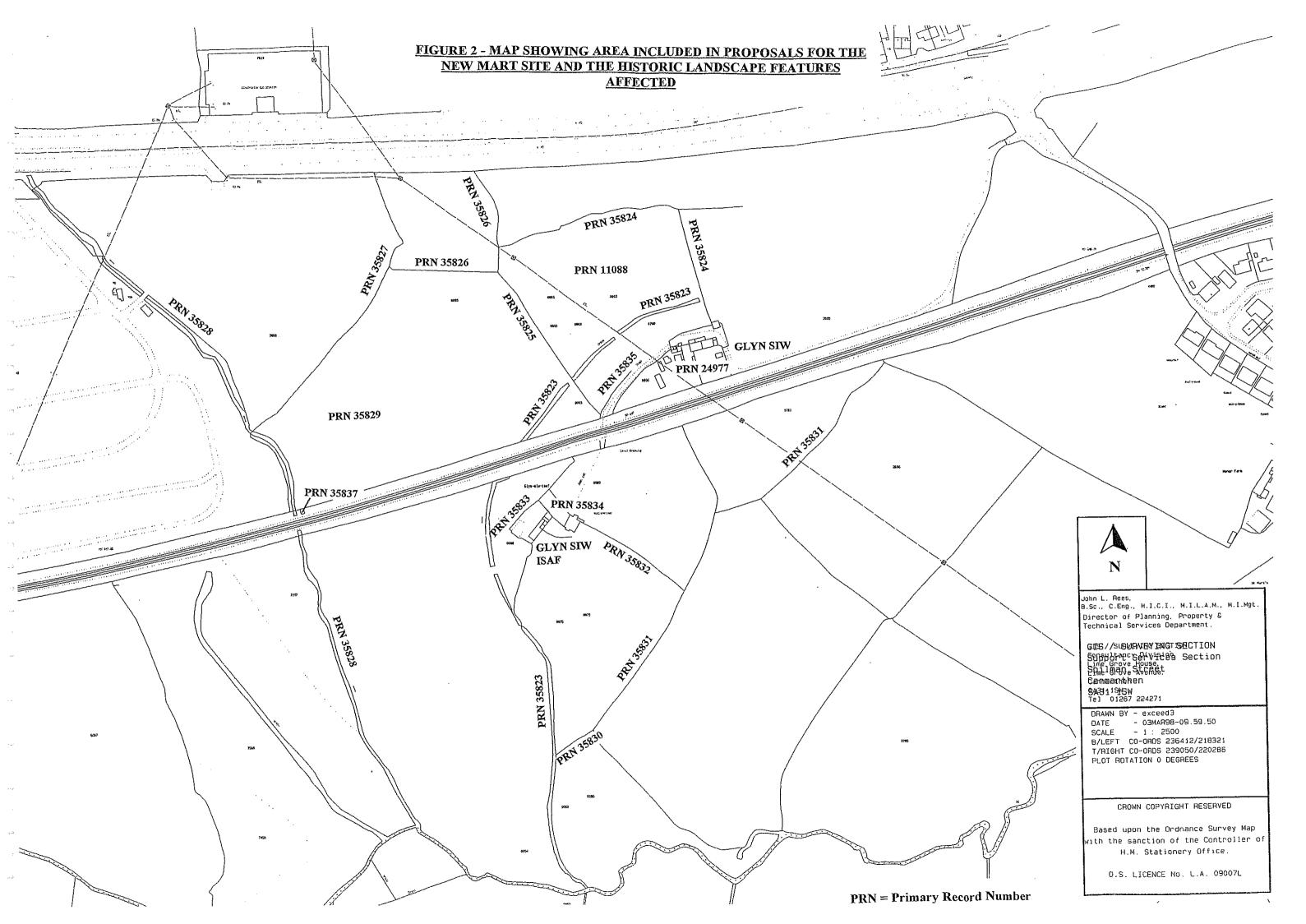
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FIGURE 1 - LOCATION MAP SHOWING SITE OF NEW CATTLE MART







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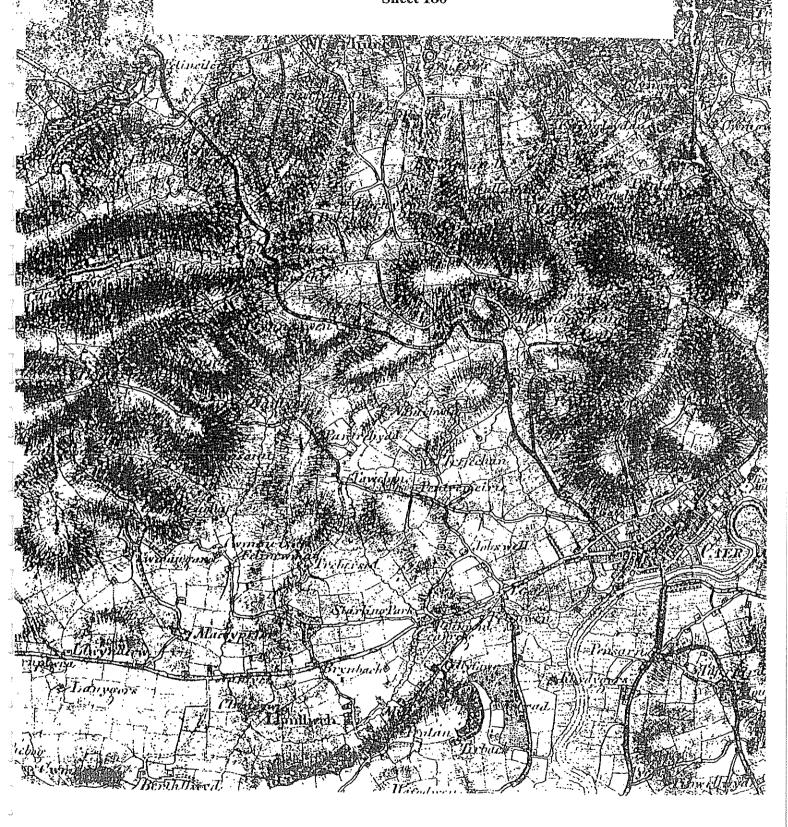
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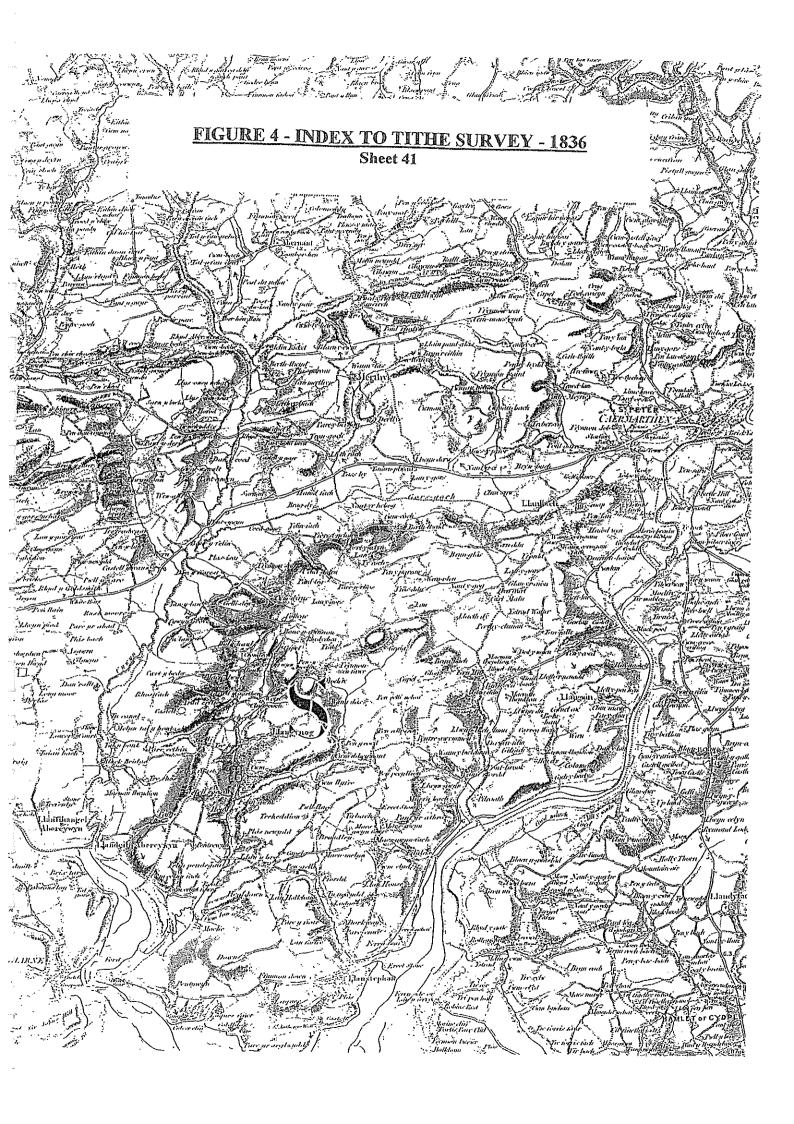
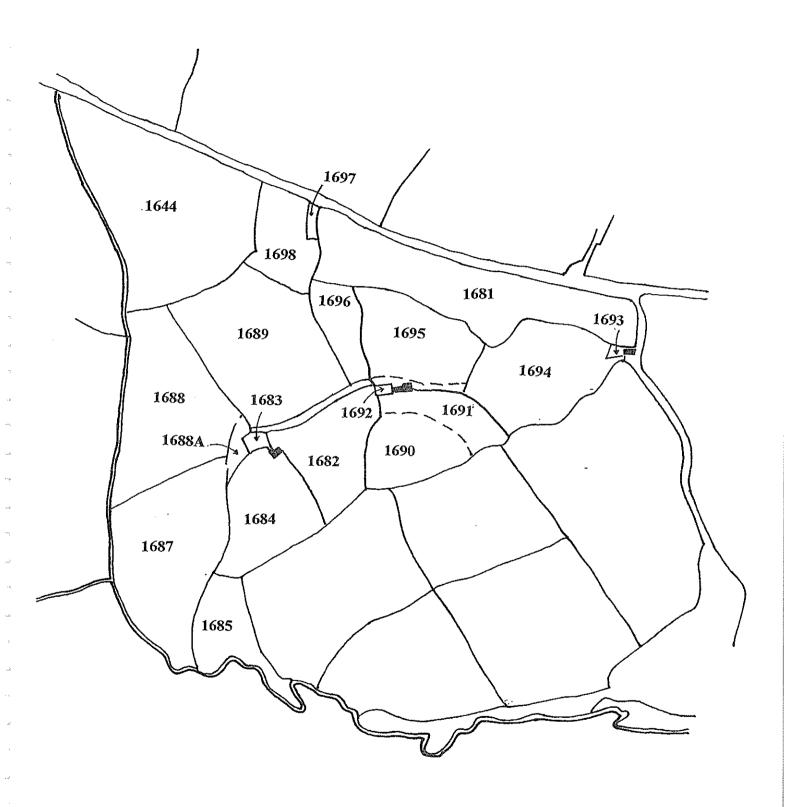


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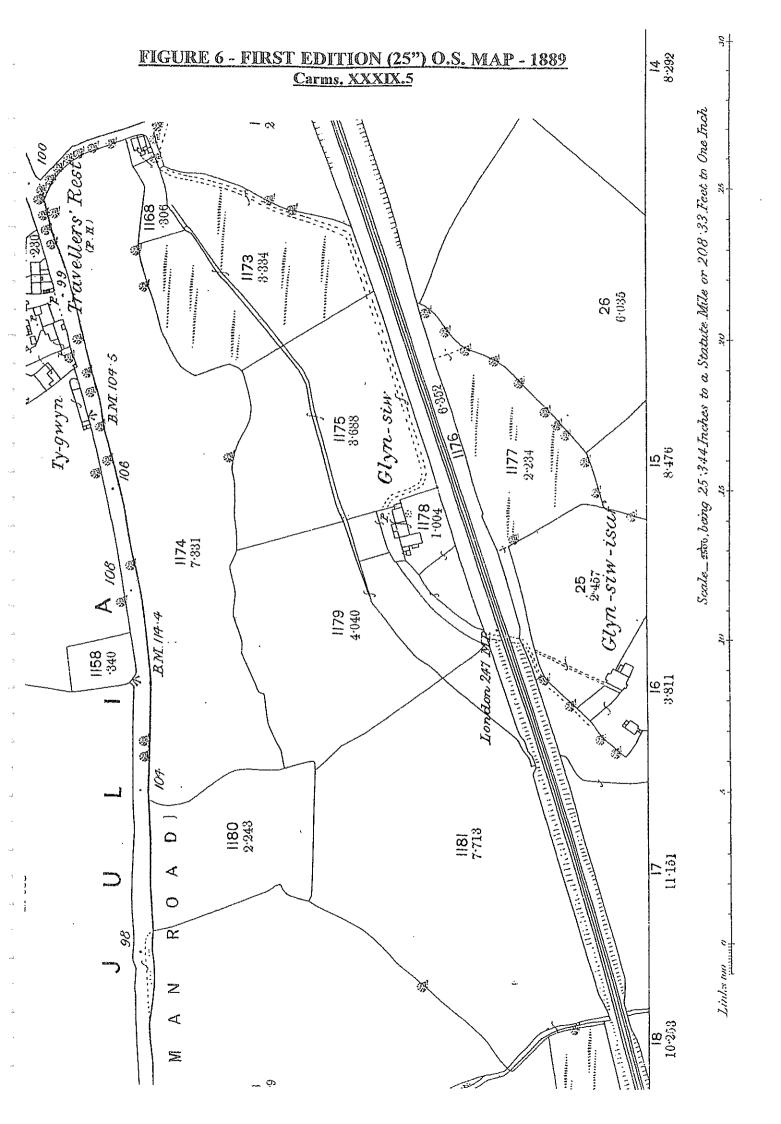
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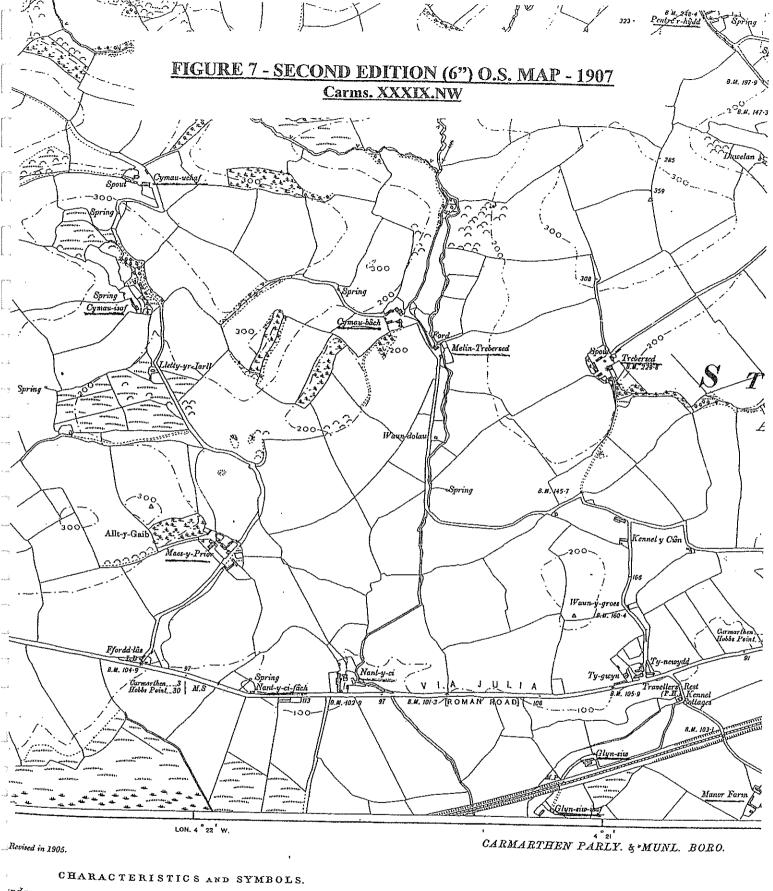
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2.2 RESULTS OF BRIEF SURVEY AND RECORD OF THE FABRIC AND PLAN OF GLYN SIW FARMHOUSE

Glyn Siw farmhouse is a two-storey single pile house with four rooms on the main, ground, floor (see Figure 8). Nearly all of the present openings are early or mid 19th century in date (one is 20th century), while most of the internal partitions, the present fireplaces, some of the doorways and much of the roof structure are late 19th/early 20th century. All finishes are 20th century. However, at its core may lie a sub-medieval two-storey house, possibly as early as the 16th century, but equally possibly as late as the early 18th century.

The two middle rooms at least, (and probably one or both of the end rooms), constitute the original house. Between these two rooms is a thick masonry wall which, unlike the other partitions, extends right up into the roof space. It carries a flue leading from a large, but altered, fireplace in the western of the two rooms. The eastern of the middle rooms, meanwhile, displays within its eastern half a doorway in both the long (i.e. north and south) walls. This room appears to represent the crosspassage, but with the passage to one side of an empty bay which backs onto the fireplace. The northern half of this space is now occupied by the stair, and this latter feature may or may not represent the original arrangement.

This arrangement of fireplace and passage would appear to broadly fall into Smith's Type B 'chimney backing on entry' sub-medieval house category (Peter Smith, Houses of the Welsh Countryside, 172-197). The original form of the rest of the house is more difficult to ascertain. However, it appears most likely that the two rooms east of the thick central wall were originally one - the brye - with the passage passing through its west side. This interpretation is supported by the lack of any further original entries into this part of the house. According to this interpretation it is unlikely that the adjacent stair is in its original position, but likely that the doorway present in the south wall of the westernmost room is an original feature.

However, it is possible that the eastern rooms may have been domestic in origin, and the stair an original feature. Indeed, the doorway into the westernmost room mentioned above, and possibly the room itself, may be a later feature.

All other features are demonstrably later. All of the openings in their present form are from the early-mid 19th century. The one exception is a pair of french doors in the south wall of the easternmost room, which were installed in the 1970's. The 19th century openings all have raised surrounds externally, and the windows in the main north facade still have their six-pane sash windows (unusual in that the cords ore not controlled by spool wheels but are loose, and mound around hooks in the open / closed position.

None of the roof timbers appear to relate to the sub-medieval house. The trusses west of the thick central wall are all pegged and roughly sawn, displaying very low collars / slightly high tie beams. The southern purlin, and some of the rafters, appear contemporary, i.e. all of broadly late 18th / early 19th century date, and possibly roughly contemporary with the refurbishment of the openings. The remaining timbers are late 19th / early 20th century. All timbers in the eastern half of the building, bar one, are late 19th / early 20th century. The trusses are simple, without posts or collars, and are nailed. The southern purlin, however, here too appears to be a re-used early 19th century timber. All fireplaces have been rebuilt in the 20th century, and it is now impossible to ascertain the date of those in the two end walls. All three chimneys are brick and may relate to the latest refurbishment of the roof.

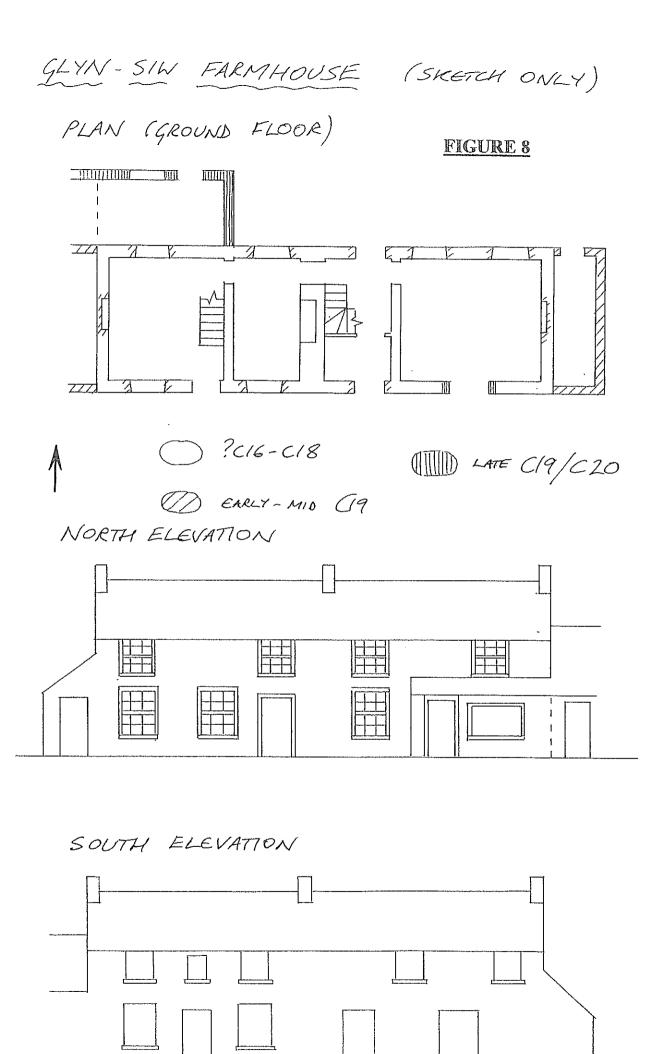
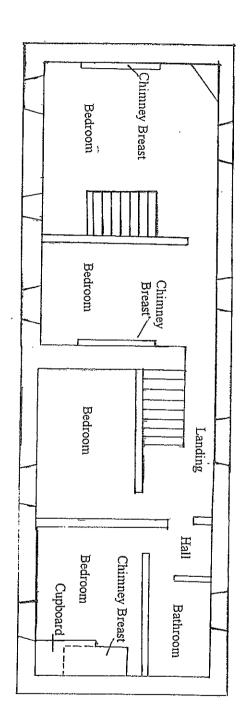


FIGURE 9

GLYN SIW FARMHOUSE - 1ST FLOOR

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All internal partition walls have recent finishes and cannot properly be examined, but appear to reflect the sub-medieval divisions of the ground floor including the locations of the interconnecting doors. The external doorway in the westernmost room may not be original (see above) and may relate to the stairway here which certainly is not, being early 19th century at the earliest. The partitions on the first floor are slender and the original layout here may be lost (see Figure 9). The ceilings on this floor are of chip-board.

2.3 RESULTS OF BRIEF SURVEY AND RECORD OF THE HISTORIC LANDSCAPE FEATURES.

A survey and record of the historic landscape features was conducted on Tuesday 3rd March, 1998.

The following historic landscape features were recorded and will be discussed individually below.;

- · Field boundaries & trackways
- · Ridge and furrow earthworks
- Drainage ditch
- Glyn Siw Isaf farmhouse
- Pill box (WWII)

The location of all the features is illustrated in Figure 2.

Every feature identified was allocated a category from A to E, which relates to its importance. The categories are defined below:

Category A = Sites of national importance

Category B = Sites of regional or county importance.

Category C = Sites of district or local importance.

Category D = Minor sites, or sites which are so badly damaged that too little remains to justify there inclusion in a higher grade.

Category E = Unknown / Unclear importance - requiring further investigation to specify category.

2.3.1 FIELD BOUNDARIES & TRACKWAYS

Each field boundary within the survey area was recorded and given an individual Primary Record Number (PRN), its location is shown on Figure 2. A brief description of each boundary / trackway is given below.

PRN 35824 Category C

NGR - SN37961905;SN38141900

Earth boundary bank topped by frequent hawthorn trees. Eastern boundary is approx. 0.5m high and 2m wide. Northern boundary is higher on southern side (1m high x 2m wide) than northern side (0.5m high by 2m wide). This may be a results of the dumping of spoil north of the boundary during the construction of the A40 dual-carriageway. There is some evidence of stones being set into the earth bank.

PRN 35825 Category C

NGR - SN37951904;SN38031892

Earth boundary bank c.0.4m x 2m which is topped by hawthorn and ash trees. Evidence of layering which is now overgrown.

PRN 35826 Category C

NGR - SN37941913;SN37951915;SN37881905

Earth bank c 0.5m high x 2m wide, topped with small hawthorn trees. Occasional medium angular and sub-angular stones in bank.

PRN 35827 Category C

NGR - SN37771890;SN37881906;SN37851912

Earth boundary bank c. 0.5m high x 2m wide. Topped with small hawthorn trees. Extensive evidence of rabbit burrows in certain areas

PRN 35828 Category C

NGR - SN37571911;SN37881858

Natural boundary, i.e. a stream which has cut its own channel. No earth banks adjacent. Channel is lined by frequent mature trees such as oak ash and hawthorn

PRN 35830 Category C

NGR - SN37981862;SN38031868

Earth boundary bank topped by several large oak and hazel trees. May possibly be older than surrounding hedges due to the size of the trees on top and its substantially damaged condition. No longer functions as a stock proof boundary.

PRN 35831

NGR - SN38131858;SN38021867;SN38261894 Category C

Earth boundary bank c.1m high x c.2m wide. Topped by hawthorn bushes which had been recently trimmed at the time of recording.

PRN 35832 Category C

NGR - SN38001885; SN38101875

Earth boundary bank approx. 1m high x 2m wide topped by hawthorn bushes which had been recently cut at the time of recording.

PRN 35833 Category C

NGR - SN37951894

Earth bank c1m high and c2m wide topped with mature oaks. Originally acted as boundary for Glyn Siw Isaf but now substantial destruction has occurred. No longer in use.

PRN 35835 Category C

NGR - SN38031891;SN38101898

Trackway approx. 50m long with earth banks either side (C.1m high & 2m wide) topped with mature ash and oak. Evidence of layering although now grown out.

2.3.2 RIDGE & FURROW

PRN 35829 Category B

NGR - SN37801893;SN37841896;SN37921894;SN37841890

Possible ridge and furrow visible in field adjacent to field containing existing ridge & furrow (PRN11088). This is on the same alignment as PRN11088 although not as clearly visible.

PRN 11088 Category B

NGR - SN381190

Ridge and furrow with furrows approximately 2metres wide and 0.3metres deep. Ridges approximately 3metres wide.

2.3.3 DRAINAGE DITCH

PRN 35823 Category B

NGR - SN38161903;SN38001852

Curved drainage ditch which runs to the west of Glyn Siw farmhouse and Glyn Siw Isaf. Originally would have continued in a NE direction at eastern end of ditch although no longer visible. Continues running south until merges with stream running east west. Appears to be pre-enclosure in form.

2.3.4 GLYN SIW ISAF

PRN 35834 Category C

NGR - SN37981882

Small derelict farmhouse probably 19th century as is present building at Glyn Siw

2.3.5 PILL BOX

PRN 35837 Category B

NGR - SN37801885

Rectangular brick built pill box, located at the intersection of the railway line and the stream (PRN 35828). Approximate dimensions are; 5m long x 4m wide x 2m high. Concrete splays and lintels.

3.0 CONCLUSIONS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY

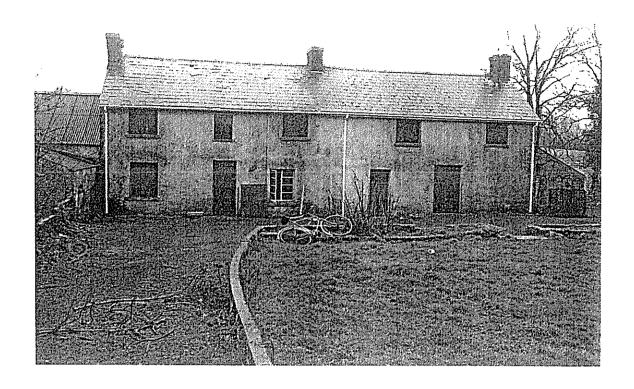
The archaeological survey has produced the following conclusions about Glyn Siw farmhouse and the surrounding landscape:

- There is a recorded history of a house on the present site of Glyn Siw farmhouse extending from the 14th century to the present day. Remains of this earlier building may survive beneath the present farmhouse.
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 structure are 19th or 20th century. The present house is therefore of regional archaeological
 significance.
- The historic landscape surrounding Glyn Siw farmhouse contains many features of archaeological importance. Several sites were recorded as being of regional importance. These included two fields containing evidence of ridge and furrow agriculture (PRN 35829 & 11088), a pre-enclosure drainage ditch (PRN35823), and a brick built pill box (PRN 35837). The field boundaries and trackways within the survey area were all assessed as being of local importance, as was Glyn Siw Isaf farmhouse (PRN 35834).

4.0 APPENDICES

4.1 Appendix One: Photographic record of features of archaeological significance.

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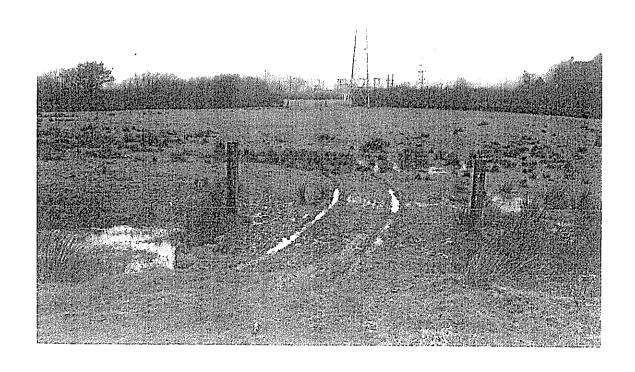
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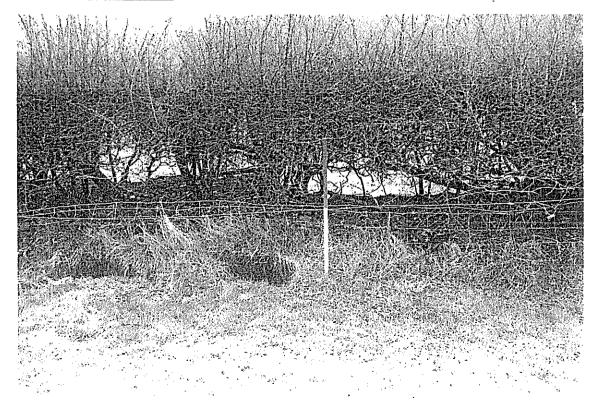
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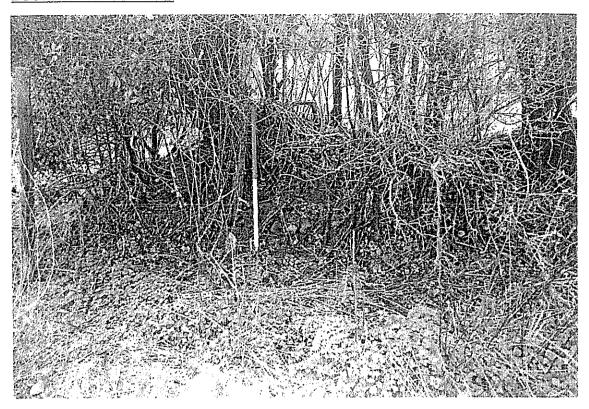
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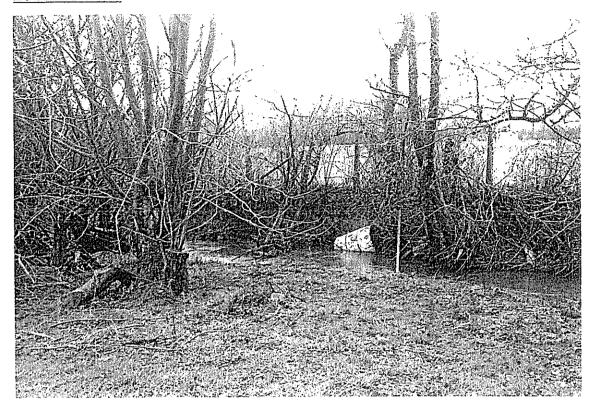
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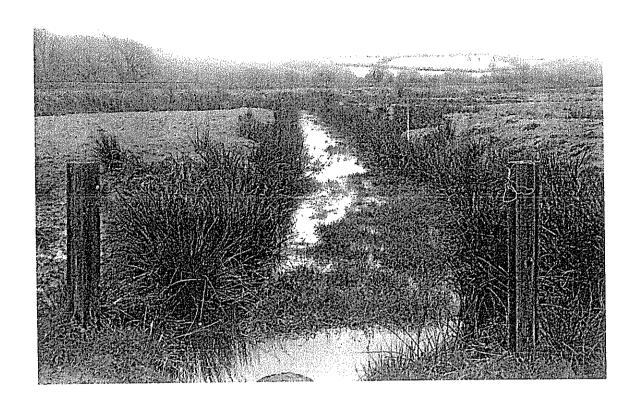
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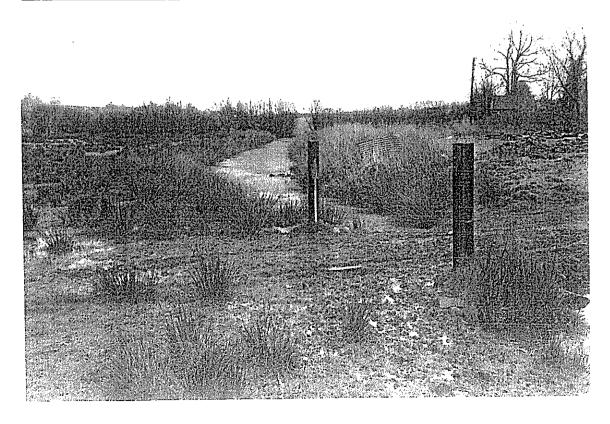
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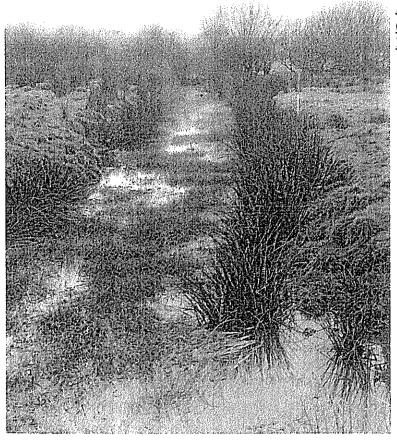


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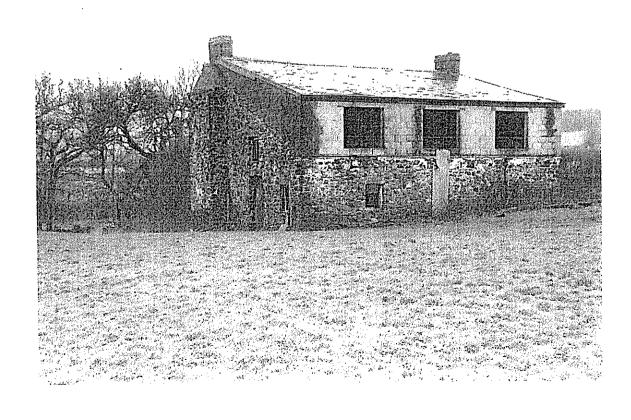
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GLYN SIW ISAF FARMHOUSE (PRN 35834) NORTH-WEST FACING ELEVATION



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GLYN SIW ISAF FARMHOUSE (PRN 35834) SOUTH FACING ELEVATION



GLYN SIW ISAF OUTBUILDINGS NORTH-WEST FACING ELEVATION



4.2 Appendix Two: Catalogue of archaeological survey archive

The project archive has been indexed and catalogued according to National Monument Record (NMR) categories and contains the following:

- A. Copy of final report.
- B. Site records.
- C. Drawing catalogue and site drawings.
- D. Site photographs catalogue, colour slide and b/w contact sheets.
- G. List of references, including primary and secondary sources.
- I. Archive report and draft copies of final report.
- J. Publication drawings.
- M. Miscellaneous correspondence.

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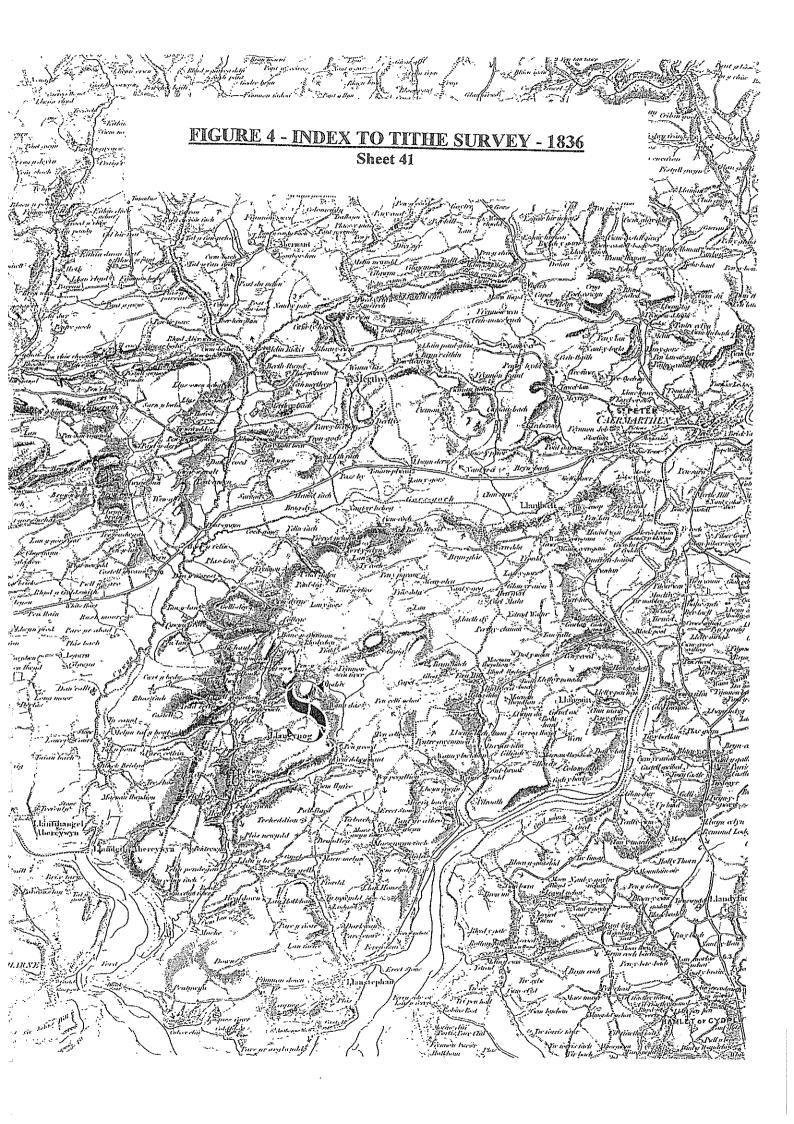
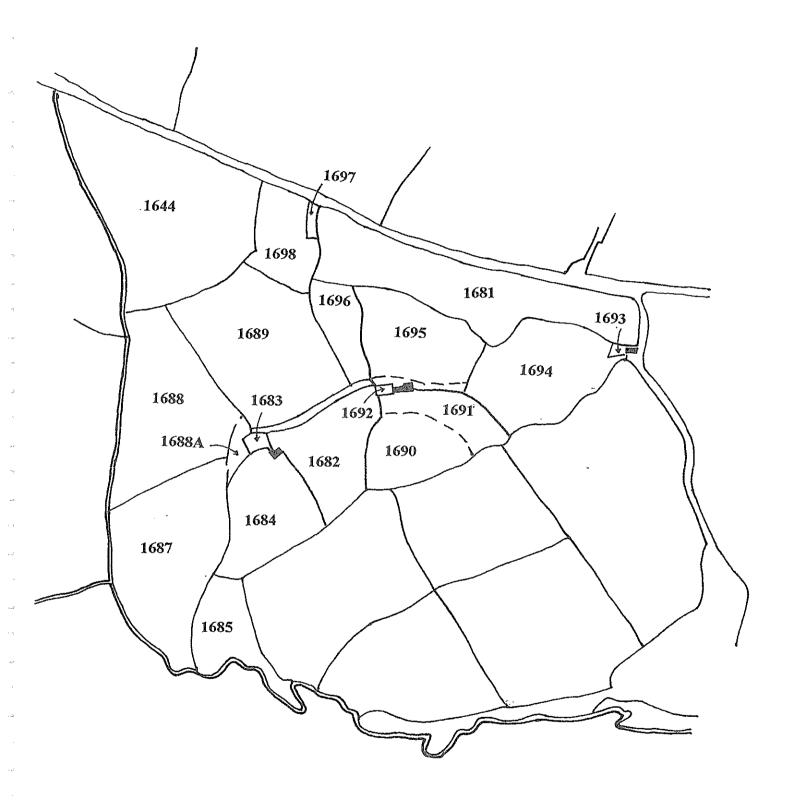


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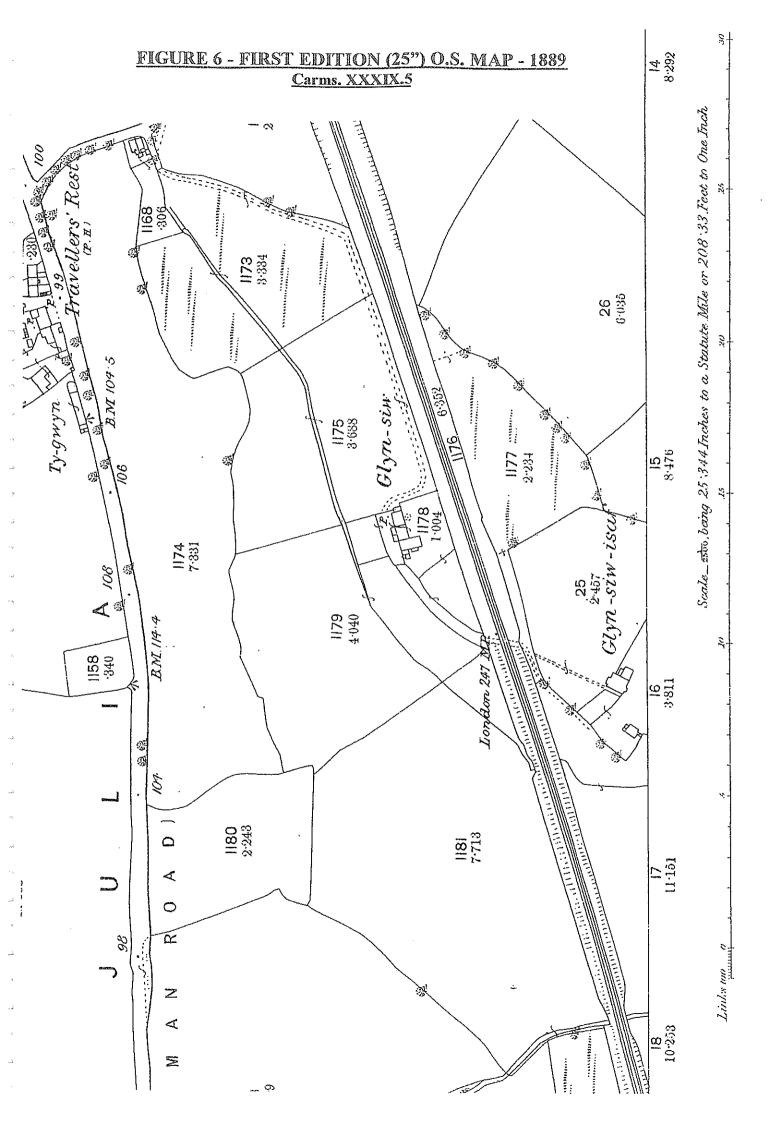


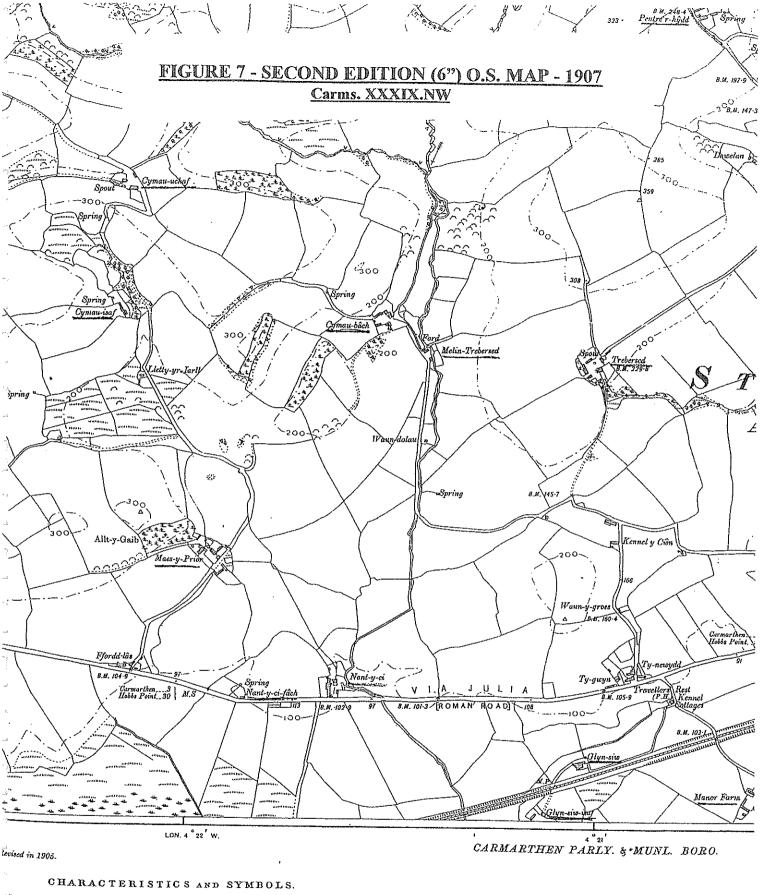
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