



Neuadd y Sir,
Stryd Caerfyrddin
Shire Hall,
Carmarthen Street

Tywi Traders Through Time Dossier

details on the history of the property and its inhabitants

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Plaque Text

Adeiladwyd yn wreiddiol ym 1802 fel ystafell lys, cyfnewidfa yd a gorsaf heddlu. Ym 1901 cafodd y blaen ei ailfodelu ac roedd yr adeilad yn gartref i gwnstabl John Jones a'i deulu.

Originally built in 1802 as a courtroom, a corn exchange and a police station. In 1901 the frontage was remodeled and the building was home to police constable John Jones and his family.

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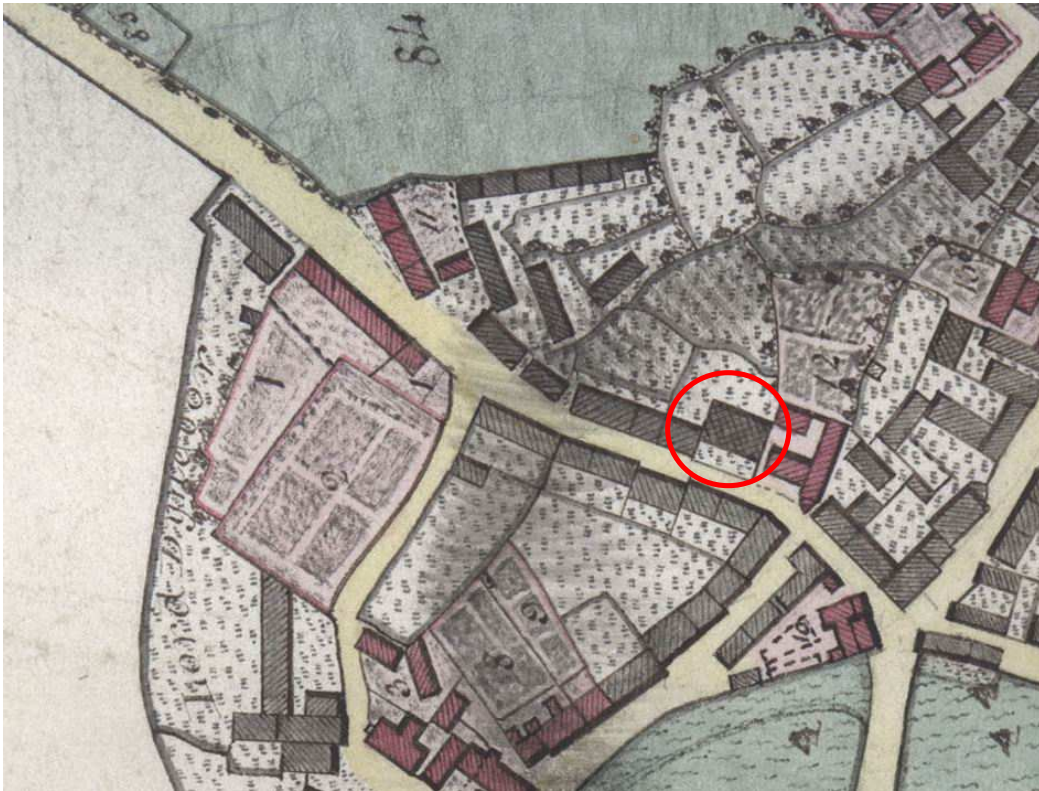
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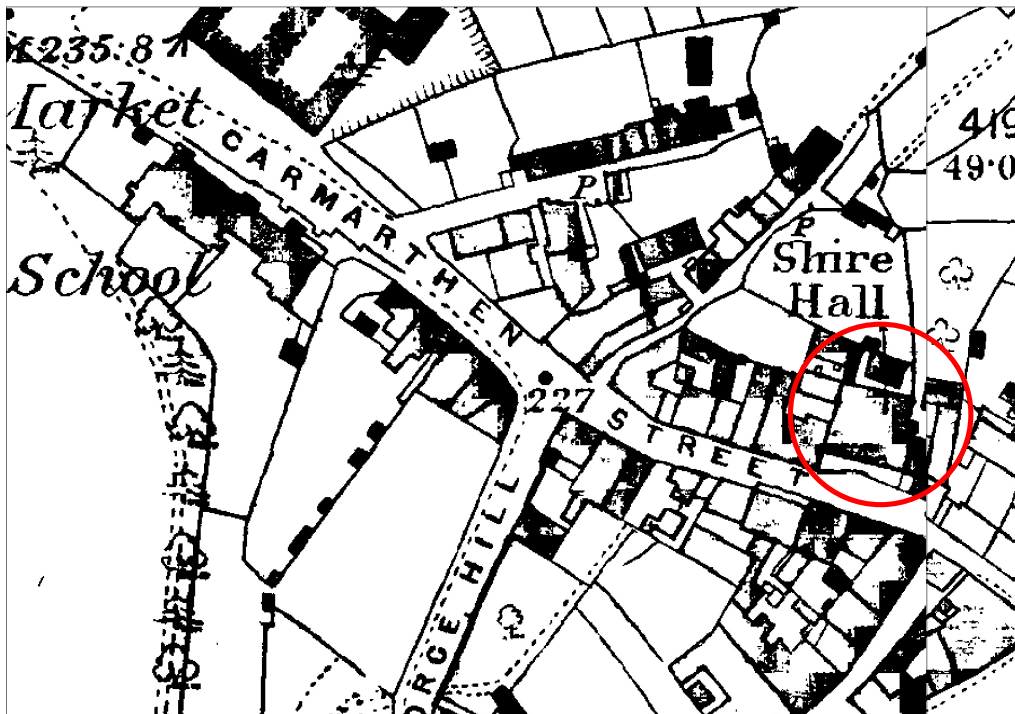
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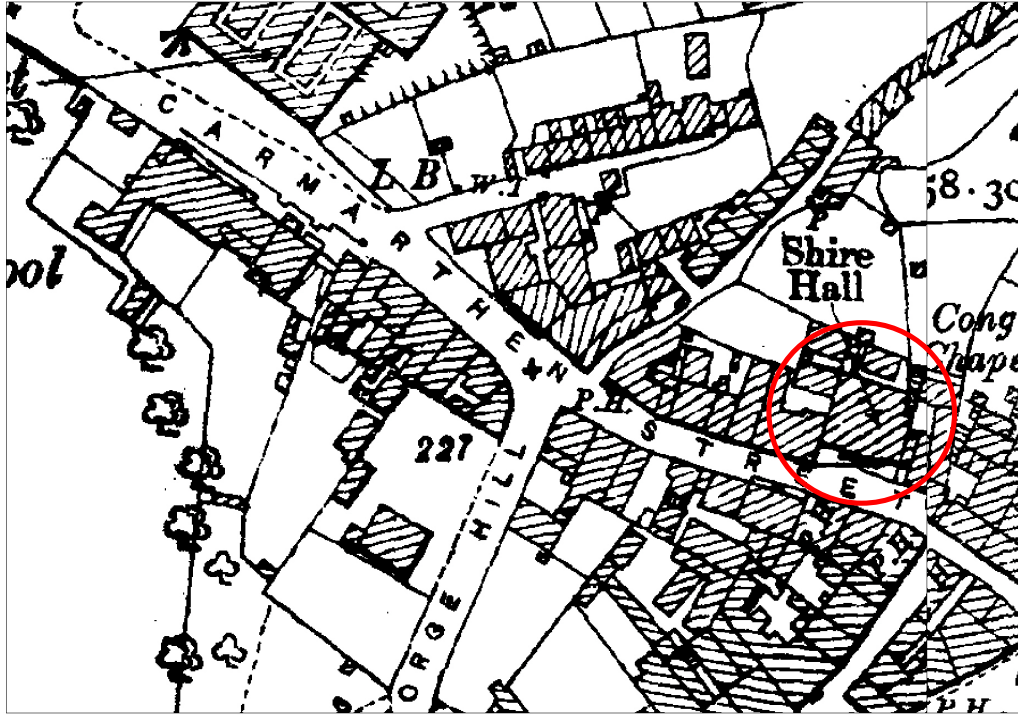
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Census Returns

Every 10 years, since 1841, Government has collected information on the population of the United Kingdom. This property by property report holds a wealth of information not only about the individuals living or staying at each address but also information about their relationships to each other, whether they were married or not, their professions and where they were originally from.

Below are the returns which it has been possible to identify with the Shire Hall.

1901 Census Returns – Town Hall

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Name	Sex	Relationship to head	Marital Status	Age	Profession	Where Born
John Jones	M	Head	Married	30	Police constable (employed)	Carmarthen Llanfihangel ar Arth
Mary A Jones	F	Wife	Married	30		Carmarthen Llanelly
Cyril B Jones	M	Son	Unmarried	4		Carmarthen Llanelly
Sydney H Jones	M	Son	Unmarried	9mo		Carmarthen Llanelly
Lizzie Thomas	F	Sister in law	Unmarried	22		Carmarthen Llanelly

1901 Census Returns – Rear Town Hall

Name	Sex	Relationship to head	Marital Status	Age	Profession	Where Born
George Mitchelmore	M	Head	Married	40	Police constable	Devon Slapton

					(employed)	
Elizabeth J Mitchelmore	F	Wife	Married	48		Carmarthen Llanfair ar Bryn
Ernest V Mitchelmore	M	Son		12	Scholar	Carmarthen Laugharne

Trade Directory Entries

1926 Public Establishments (Kelly's)

County Constabulary, Shire Hall, William Picton Phillipps¹, chief constable
County Court, Shire Hall, His Honor John Lloyd Morgan K.C, B.A, J.P judge; David Evan Stephens registrar and bailiff. The court is held here quarterly & bi monthly at Ammanford.

Shire Hall, Carmarthen Street, David Gwynne, hall keeper.

1891 Public Establishments (Kelly's)

County Court Shire Hall; His Honor William Beresford judge; Lewis Bishop registrar and high bailiff. Court held every alternate month.

1868 Court (Slater's)

Quarter sessions held in Town Hall; Chairman: John Johnes² Esq; Clerk: Charles Bishop

Petty sessions fortnightly on Saturdays at the Town Hall; Judges: The Magistrates.

1852-3 County Court (Slater's)

County Court held at Town Hall monthly; Judge: John Johnes Esq; High Bailiff: Richard Gardner; Clerk: Nathaniel Davies; Bailiff: Benjamin Davies.

¹ 1871 residing at No 5 King Street (Peppercorn) possible family connections to Cwmgwili House Abergwili and Ty Gwyn Rhosmaen.

² Of Dolaucothi House. Murdered aged 76 by his butler Henry Tremble who shot him in the stomach at the house on Saturday 19th August 1876

Additional Entries

Date	Directory	Owner/ Occupier	Trade/ Listing	Address
1926	Kelly's	David Evan Stephens	Court Registrar and High Bailiff	Shire Hall Carmarthen Street T N 19
1926	Kelly's	Wm Picton Philipps	Chief Constable Carmarthen County Constabulary	Shire Hall Carmarthen Street T N 19
1926	Kelly's	David Gwynne	Hall keeper	Carmarthen St T N 19
1914	Kelly's	Henry Gomer M. Inst. Mun. E.	County Surveyor for Eastern Division of Carmarthenshire	Shire Hall Carmarthen Street
1914	Kelly's	William Picton Philipps	Chief Constable Carmarthen County Constabulary	Shire Hall Carmarthen Street
1914	Kelly's	His Honor John Lloyd Morgan	Judge	Shire Hall Carmarthen Street
1914	Kelly's	Lewis Bishop	Court Registrar and High Bailiff	Shire Hall Carmarthen Street
1906	Kelly's	William Philipps	Chief Constable Carmarthen County Constabulary	Shire Hall
1891	Kelly's	William Williams	Hall keeper	Shire Hall Carmarthen Street

Descriptions of the Building

<http://www.llandeilo.org/buildings.php>

Hardly sited to impress, in this steep narrow street, the Shire Hall was built in 1802 by Thomas Humphreys of Carmarthen, as a hall for Quarter Sessions over an open market. A more elaborate design by William Jernegan was abandoned when the committee offended the architect. Successive county surveyors made changes through the 19th century and nothing is discernible of the original save two iron columns inside. In 1901, David Jenkins remodelled the front heavily but without panache. Rusticated ground floor with arched windows, a porch with blocked columns and balcony, and part-fluted Ionic pilasters above, under a shallow gable. In the early 20th century, the Shire Hall became the headquarters of the Carmarthenshire County Constabulary. Earlier, the head-quarters had been in a block of houses in Church Street, near Canton. The Court Room was on the first floor of the Shire Hall; previously it had been at the back of Manchester House (present day Smithfield). The local Rifle Volunteers drilled in the Shire Hall.

The Shire Hall

(W Davies 1858 Llandeilo Vawr and its Neighbourhood. Llandeilo W & G Jones pp8-9)

'This is a respectable building and was erected in A.D 1802. It contains courts for the sessions, and a grand jury room, with a commodious area underneath, in which the corn market is held every Saturday. Legislative affairs were carried on previously to its erection in the long-room at the back of Manchester House, and which is at present employed as a parochial school room'

A Llandilo Almanac for 1868

Law &c Appointments

County Court

Judge:	<i>H R Bagshawe, Q C</i>
Registrar:	<i>N Davies, Solicitor</i>
High Bailiff:	<i>R. Gardnor, Solicitor</i>
Deputy Bailiff, Appraiser and Seller:	<i>B. Davies</i>

Petty Sessions

Clerk:	<i>N. Davies, Solicitor</i>
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Police

Superintendent:	<i>W. Philipps³</i>
Sergeant:	<i>John Crow</i>

(*W Davies 1858 Llandeilo Vawr and its Neighbourhood. Llandeilo W & G Jones*)

Account of a Murder Trial at the Shire Hall 1954

14th September 1954

Michael Onufrejczyk farmer of Cefn Hendre Cwmdy and former warrant officer in the Polish Army appeared before a special court consisting of five magistrates at the Shire Hall to answer the charge of murdering Stanislaw Sykut at the farm they occupied.

November 1954

Onufrejczyk tried before Mr Justice Oliver at the Shire Hall for murder and following a twelve day trial was convicted of the charge following three hours of jury deliberations. Onufrejczk was sentenced to death which was to be carried out on 26th January 1955. However, the sentence was commuted to life imprisonment on the 24th January 1955, with Onufrejczk serving ten years.

The body of Stanislaw Sykut was never found although it is thought that following the killing the body was dismembered in the kitchen of the farmhouse and fed to the pigs kept on the farm.

(Bob Hinton 2008 *South Wales Murders*. The History Press Stroud)

³ 1871 rank of Deputy Chief Constable residing at 5 King St; 1891 Chief Constable.