

*This mill stream was constructed c 1251 as can be seen:-*

Inquisition A.9.D., File 1, No. 20.

1251, 17 September.

Inquisition made pursuant to an order of our lord the King before Sir Robert Walerand, the 17th day of September, 1251, by the oath of Ralph le Lorimer, John Baret, Sigmont Dunneger, John Kist junior, Dod son of Alot, Howel, Adam Towy, William Halster, Martin Luringer, Eynon Hen, John Cumin as to whether it would be to the advantage or to the injury of our lord the King and his town of Carmarthen, if he permitted Henry Le Arblaster to turn the course of the water of Tawelan to his mill outside the town.

wine for having the course of the said water to his mill. But the Prior of Carmarthen came and offered to our lord the King 20 marks so that the said water be not diverted to any fill of the town of Carmarthen. And the aforesaid jurors came and say on oath that it is to the greatest advantage to our lord the King that the said water be diverted to the mill of the said Falco and John Luringer than otherwise, because if the said water be diverted to the mill of Henry le Arblaster our lord the King would only have the half of one mill, and then his town of Carmarthen would be enclosed for a third part only by the course of the said water. But if the course of this water be turned to the mill of the said Falco & John, then our lord the King shall have half of the said mill, one third of the mill of Henry le Arblaster and thus the whole half of the said town will be enclosed by the course of the said water; and so they say that for the advantage of our lord the King, and for the improvement of his town, it is advisable that the said water be diverted thus than otherwise according to the aforesaid schemes, provided that the aforesaid water be not arrested or obstructed in the ponds of the said mills, except in the usual manner, so that it shall have its reasonable and usual course to the neighbouring mill constructed below. ⑤

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*Thought to be:*

- ① DAM MILL
- ② BOB MILL
- ③ ST CATHERINE'S MILL
- ④ REDCORIE MILL
- ⑤ MILL OF TOWY

of Carmarthen, or not, and if advantageous to what advantage, and if injurious to what injury. And the said Henry le Arblaster comes and offers to our lord the King, the half of his entire mill for having the course of the said water to his mill. And Falco Boneker and John Luringer offer to our lord the King the half of their mill for having the course of the said water to their mill. Accordingly if the course of the said water shall be diverted to the mill of the aforesaid Falco and John, the said Henry le Arblaster will give to the King a third part of his mill. Henry Vincent comes and offers 10 marks to our lord the King that he may turn the course of the said water to a place suitable to himself, and there build a new mill at his own expense, on condition that our lord the King have half of the said mill, and the said Henry Vincent the other half. Then Richard Ony came and offered to our lord the King two tuns of

*The role of this mill stream has escaped the notice of Carmarthen historians although as can be seen from the above, it served as both a mill stream and for the enclosing of the north and west side of Carmarthen. The TAWELAN brook was diverted at SN40352140 to run into the marshy basin where the water from the Wellfields district ran. The Wellfields stream was diverted along Little Water Street and ran E-W along Woods Row to join the major stream near the junction of John St / Brauburn Place. The two streams were still largely uncovered in the late 19th being shown on the 1786 property map of the Town.*

OWNERSHIP AND TENANCY DETAILS

*Terence A James  
February 16, 1976*