

Inquiry received from L. Thompson, Forest Enterprise about disused graveyard in Coed Gyleision near Bettws Bleddius:

On Bettws Bleddius Title map and schedule, a "meeting house & yard" is depicted at this location (New, 1839)

According to New Angels database, the site of former chapel is known as 'Pen-y-Coed or Pen-coed-gleision'. Year of closure is given as 1839. Records / entries relating to cause stored in New dating from 1781 to 1857. The denomination is given as Baptist (New Ref: 1164).

Samuel Lewis (Topog Dict Wales) states that there are two places of worship for dissenters in the parish - for Baptists and Calvinistic Methodists. The site of the second chapel has not been identified from the sources consulted to date.

The OS 1st edition 6" map (1886-7 survey) does not appear to depict any building and no other description is attributed to the site. However, the 2nd edition 6" survey (of 1904) 'attaches to the enclosure - built ground (disused)'. There is no local tradition or knowledge of any person being buried there although this is probably a result of its long period of subsequent disuse.

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