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Site Name: No. 3 GREEN STREET, TY CASTELL.

PRN: 57346

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Site Type: House; Shop; Office; School

N. G. Ref.: SN 1775 4592

Period: Post-Medieval; Modern

History:

The name means 'Castle House'. The building stands on the south side of Green Street, and must have been built shortly before 1828. From at least 1828 until 1855 Joshua Morgan Thomas, a grocer and draper, the son of the Rev. Timothy Thomas of Aberduar, lived and traded here, and was probably the first occupant of the building. His brother was another Rev. Timothy Thomas of Newcastle Emlyn. Prior to coming to Cardigan, he had kept a school at Nefyn in Caernarfonshire. From 1827 until 1832 Joshua Morgan Thomas, a staunch Baptist, edited '*Greal y Bedyddwyr*', a Baptist magazine begun in Cardigan, which moved production to Cardiff in 1833. On November 25th 1828 Joshua Morgan Thomas married Mary Davies, the widow of the late Captain Evan Davies of Cardigan, and the second daughter of Stephen Williams of Cardigan. The wedding took place at St Mary's Church. The building is marked on John Wood's 1834 map of Cardigan. Between 1834 and 1839 Joshua Morgan Thomas owned shares in the 63 ton ship '*Ardent*'. Between 1835 and 1842 Joshua Morgan Thomas was regularly named as a burgess of Cardigan. About the year 1835 John Thomas, the son of Mary Thomas and Joshua Morgan Thomas of No 3, was born. On January 18th 1837 Joshua Morgan Thomas and Eleanor Waldron dissolved their partnership in a Cardigan drapery business. In 1837 Joshua Morgan Thomas owned shares in the 37 ton Cardigan ship '*Expedition*'. In 1838-39 Griffith Jenkins may also have lived here as may Lewis Jones, a schoolmaster.

At the time of the Census on 6th June 1841 the probable occupants were: Mary Thomas, aged 30 years, a baker; John Thomas, aged 5 years, her son; and in a separate unit: Joseph Higgon, aged 30 years; Maria Higgon; Griffith Jenkins, aged 70 years, a plasterer, and Elizabeth Jenkins, aged 30 years. This was the location of Joshua Morgan Thomas' school between 1844 and 1852. At the time of the Census on 30th March 1851 the occupants were:- Joshua Morgan Thomas, aged 57 years, a schoolmaster, born in Carmarthenshire; Mary Thomas, aged 56 years, his wife, born in Cardigan; and Ann Lodwick, aged 21 years, a house servant, born in St Dogmaels. On February 19th 1855 Joshua Morgan Thomas, a Deacon of Bethania Baptist Chapel, William Street, died aged 60 years. Between 1855 and at least 1861 Mary Thomas, the widow of Joshua Morgan Thomas, lived here. At the time of the Census on 7th April 1861 Mary Thomas, aged 67 years, a widow, born in Cardigan, lived here.

From at least 1861 until 1888 No. 3 was the office and town house of Asa Johnes Evans, a solicitor, of Penalltcadwgan in the parish of Cilgerran. By December 2nd 1870 he had been elected a member of the new Cardigan School Board. At the time of the Census on 2nd April 1871 Miss Evangeline Evans, aged 15 years, a solicitor's daughter, born in Cilgerran; and Frances Jenkins, aged 19 years, a housemaid, born at Castell, lived here. On 11th February 1872 Asa Johnes Evans was elected onto Cardigan Town Council. On November 9th 1875 Asa Johnes Evans became the Mayor of Cardigan. He was re-elected Mayor in November 1876. Ivor Evans of Penalltcadwgan, Cilgerran, the son of Asa Johnes Evans, was also a solicitor here between 1876 and 1914. In 1878 Ivor Evans of No. 3, a solicitor, owned shares in the 'Cardigan Mercantile Company'. At the time of the Census on 3rd April 1881 the sole occupant was Eleanor Davies, aged 23 years, born at Bridell, a domestic servant. On April 19th 1883 Miss Evangeline Evans, the daughter of Asa J. Evans, married Thomas Morris of Broyan Mill, Llantood and Broyan House on Priory Street, Cardigan. On March 21st 1888 Asa Johnes Evans died aged 77 years.

On 5th April 1891 the following persons lived here at the time of the Census: Jane Timothy, aged 47 years, a general servant; Sarah Jane Timothy, aged 22 years, her daughter, a dress-maker; Mary Timothy, aged 19 years, her daughter, a dress-maker; and David Timothy, aged 14 years, her son, a fitter's apprentice. All of them had been born in Cardigan and were bilingual in Welsh and English. In 1891 James Stephens went into partnership with Ivor Evans. From 1891 until 1914 Ivor Evans and James Stephens, solicitors, traded here. In 1891 Ivor Evans stood as a candidate in the Cardigan Municipal Election. On November 9th 1894 Ivor Evans was elected as the Mayor of Cardigan. James Stephens was also the clerk to the Cardigan Intermediate School. Ivor Evans was a solicitor, a commissioner for oaths, the clerk to the Cardigan School Board and the Coroner for the Upper Division of Pembrokeshire. On June 16th 1899 Ivor Evans advertised for tenders for plastering the rooms of the Cardigan Board School.

On 31st March 1901 the following persons lived at the 4 room property at the time of the Census: Jane Timothy, aged 56 years, a widow; Sarah Jane Timothy, aged 30 years, her daughter, a dress-maker; and Mary Timothy, aged 28 years, her daughter, a dress-maker. All of them had been born in Cardigan and were bilingual in Welsh and English. On September 10th 1907 Miss Kate Timothy, the youngest daughter of Mrs. Jane Timothy of No 3, married Arthur Beetham of Cambridge. In 1908 Ivor Evans became a J. P. On 2nd April 1911 the following persons lived in the 9 room property here at the time of the Census: Jane Timothy, aged 69 years, a widow; Sarah Jane Timothy, aged 40 years, her daughter, a dress-maker; and Mary Timothy, aged 38 years, her daughter, also a dress-maker. All of them had been born in Cardigan and were bilingual in Welsh and English. On November 9th 1911 Ivor Evans became the Mayor of Cardigan. On January 10th 1914 James Stephens retired as Ivor Evans' business partner. On November 4th 1914 Ivor Evans died aged 65 years. Williams & Williams took over the solicitor's business the same month. In 1915 Jane Timothy, S J Timothy, Mary Timothy and David Timothy of No. 3 were members of Cardigan's Bethania Baptist Chapel.

From 1914 until at least 1955 Messrs. Williams & Williams, solicitors, traded here. By the summer of 1916 all three of their clerks had been sent for military

service. In 1918 David and Sarah Davies lived here. Alfred Benjamin Williams was one of the partners in a solicitors' business, Walter L. Williams was a second, Hugh Llwyd Harries Williams was the other. On November 6th 1918 Evelyn Mary Cox, daughter of M. H. Cox of No. 3 Green Street, died aged 6 months. From at least 1923 until 1937 Mr. & Mrs. G. J. Morgan lived here. In March 1927, following the death of her husband, Mrs. Annie Davies, mother of Mrs. G. J. Morgan, moved here to live. On November 4th 1929 Mrs. Annie Davies, the widow of cattle dealer David John Davies of Brynteg, Rock Terrace on Quay Street, died here at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. G. J. Morgan, at the age of 74 years. At that time the following persons lived here: Mr. & Mrs. G. J. Morgan, and their sons – Messrs. John Ivor Morgan and Hugh Meiron Morgan. From at least 1930 until 1932 J Ivor Morgan of No. 3 was a member of the town's Capel Mair Welsh Congregational Chapel, and from at least 1930 until 1937 G J Morgan was a member of Capel Mair. On 28th November 1930 J Ivor F Morgan of No. 3 purchased a maroon Morris Minor saloon car, registration number EJ 2995. On 23rd May 1931 John Ivor Felix Morgan of No. 3 purchased a blue Rover saloon car, registration number EJ 3153. On 19th August the same year he purchased a black Morris Minor tourer, registration number EJ 3228.

On June 30th 1935 John Ivor Morgan, the son of Mr. & Mrs. G. J. Morgan, married Miss Lily Teifi Morris of No. 37 High Street. In 1936 Mrs. Ivor Morgan lived here. In May 1936 W J Philipps Williams traded here as a solicitor. In 1937 Mrs. Llwyd Williams lived here. In February 1939 Messrs. Williams & Williams were faced with bankruptcy. In September 1939 there was nobody living at No 3. On January 27th 1940 Mrs. Morgan, late of No. 3, died aged 65 years.

In 1945 W. J. Phillips Williams solicitors traded here. H. Llwyd H. Williams, solicitor, was still trading here between 1950 and 1955. In June 1967 the property was advertised for sale. On October 2nd 1967 the 'Halifax Building Society' moved to the offices of Messrs. 'Pritchard & Co.', accountants, at this address. In 1970 this was the office of 'Pritchard, Griffiths & Co.', accountants, and the 'Halifax Building Society'. On March 16th 1973, October 17th 1975 and March 2nd 1979 the building was advertised for sale, comprising Hallway; Front Reception Room; Kitchen; Dining Room; Living Room; 4 double bedrooms; bathroom; and two stores in the yard to the rear. By September 26th 1979 planning permission was being sought to turn the basement into a fish & chip shop. The house became a Grade II listed building in 1992. 'Quick Chip' fish & chip shop still traded here between 1993 and 2007.

In 1995 planning permission was granted for reinstating sash windows and other features which had been removed in the 1980's refurbishment. A refurbishment of the building followed. There was a minor fire at the chip shop on June 11th 1999. The property was leased to tenants in 2003. It was advertised for sale in July 2005. *The Cadwgan Building Preservation Trust* expressed an interest in buying the property in December 2005. They acquired it with assistance under the auspices of a new trust called the 'Cardigan Castle Trust' in September 2008.

Work began on replacing the roof covering, repointing and internal works in November 2008. The basement shop was advertised to let in early 2010. In 2010 'Flower Pot' moved into the basement shop and traded here in 2010-11, and Welsh classes were held on the ground floor. 'Flower Pot' closed in 2011. From 2011 until 2013 the building was used for classes and meetings. In 2013 the rear range was

demolished and extensive renovations were conducted as part of building a new restaurant and holiday accommodation. Alterations continued throughout 2014 and into January 2015 – the building to serve as part of the Cardigan Castle restaurant with holiday accommodation over. It was furnished in March 2015 and opened that Spring as '1176'. It traded as a cafe/restaurant with bed & breakfast accommodation on the upper floors between 2015 and 2021. On 27th January 2021 '1176 Deli' opened in the basement in response to the COVID-19 pandemic having caused a temporary closure of the restaurant.

Description:

The building was described by CADW in 1992:

“...Early to mid C19 house in blue lias rubble stone with slate eaves roof and brick end stacks. Two storeys with full height basement to west and rear. Three-window range of C20 plate glass windows replacing sashes, slate sills, timber lintels to upper windows, cambered stone heads below, also to centre doorway. Modern door. Timber deep eaves cornice with mutules. Rear wall stuccoed with C20 windows and C20 rear addition...”

By 2007 the façade had new plate-glass sashes and large aluminium vent-pipe to right end. In 2008 12-pane sashes and a panelled door and door-case were installed to the facade, and the vent-pipe was removed.

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