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Site Name: No. 6 BRIDGE STREET, GLENROY HOUSE; HIGH HOUSE.

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Site Type: House; Shop

N. G. Ref.: SN 1772 4592

Period: Post-Medieval; Modern

History:

The property stands on the west side of Bridge Street and is attached to Dudley on the north side. On August 4th 1829 Mr. William Jones Baynes, the son of the late Capt. Baynes of the Royal Navy, married a widow named Catherine Griffiths, nee' Davies, the fourth daughter of the late Capt. William Davies, of Cardigan, and the niece of Thomas Davies, Esq. of Bridge House, a former High Sheriff for the County. She was also the step-daughter of David Richards, a merchant and staunch Methodist (d. 08/06/1833). The couple were married at St. Mary's Church, by the Rev. Griffith Thomas. Glenroy House must have been built at about that time or possibly shortly afterwards and may have been built for the couple. William Baynes, the son of William Jones Baynes and Catherine Baynes, was born in about 1832. On December 11th 1833 David Richard Baynes, the second son of Catherine and William Jones Baynes, was born. Glenroy is shown on John Wood's Map of Cardigan, which was produced in 1834. From at least 1834 until 1871 Catherine Baynes lived here. On October 23rd 1834 Mr. William Jones Baynes died after a short illness, aged 36 years, leaving a widow and two small orphans. He was buried at St Mary's Church. In 1836 Catherine Baynes, a widow, owned shares in the 78 ton Cardigan ship '*Fame*'. In 1837 she owned shares in the 37 ton Cardigan ship '*Expedition*'. In 1838 Catherine Griffiths of this address, the daughter of Catherine Baynes and her first husband, the late William Griffiths of Penywenallt, Llandygwydd, was found to be a person of unsound mind. Between 1841 and 1881 David Richard Baynes, the son of Catherine Baynes, lived here intermittently.

On 6th June 1841 at the time of the Census, Catherine Baynes, aged 40 years, an independent woman, lived here, with her sons William Baynes, aged 9 years, and David Richard Baynes, aged 7 years. The following persons lived here in a separate unit: Catherine Griffiths, aged 20 years, the daughter of Catherine Baynes; Catherine Richards, aged 85 years, an independent woman, the mother of Catherine Baynes; David Jones, aged 35 years, a carpenter; Elizabeth Rees, aged 15 years, a servant; and Hannah Thomas, aged 40 years, a servant. In 1842 Catherine Richards wrote her will. She referred to a house on Quay Street which had formerly been occupied by John Davies, a smith, and which was now occupied by Benjamin James, a mason. This

house she left to her grand-daughter Hannah Jones, the wife of a master mariner named Thomas Jones. She referred to Catherine Baynes, her daughter, the widow of the late William Jones Baynes; two houses "...in or near *Quay Street*..." which were occupied by David Owen, a servant, and Martha Evans, a spinster; Anne Edwards, her daughter, the wife of Llewelyn Edwards; three houses in Quay Street then occupied by David James, a tea dealer, David Jones, a smith, and Catherine Griffiths, a widow; Parkypis, St. Dogmaels; shares in the Cardigan brig "*Fame*" (the master of which was Owen Lewis) and shares in the Cardigan brig "*Speedwell*" (the Master of which was David George); and she left a sum to the Tabernacle Calvinistic Methodist Chapel on Pendre, Cardigan – of which her late husband – David Richards – had been a staunch member. Catherine Richards died on June 21st 1842 and was buried at St Mary's Church.

From 1847 until 1860 three rooms at Mrs. Catherine Baynes' house were occupied by the new Cardigan 'Mechanics' Institute'. On 30th March 1851 at the time of the Census, the following persons were living at No. 6: William Jones, aged 80 years, a retired merchant, born at Clydach; Mary Jones, aged 43 years, his daughter, a housekeeper, born at Llechryd; Henry G. Jones, his son, aged 32 years, a rope maker, born in Cardigan; Louisa Jones, aged 30 years, his daughter, a milliner, born in Cardigan; and Mary Thomas, aged 17 years, a general servant, born in Cardigan. On April 7th 1859 farmer David Richard Baynes of Bridge Street, the son of the late solicitor William Jones Baynes, married Margaret Evans of Tynewydd, the daughter of master mariner David Evans. The wedding took place at St Mary's Church and was witnessed by Richard Jones and Griffith Miles. In 1860 Thomas Phillips, a shipwright, possibly of No. 6, owned shares in the 153 ton Cardigan ship '*Hermione*'. The same year Catherine Baynes, the daughter of David Richard Baynes and Margaret Baynes, was born.

On 7th April 1861 at the time of the Census, No. 6 was occupied by the following persons: Catherine Baynes, aged 60 years, born in Cardigan; Catherine Griffiths, aged 30 years, her daughter, born in Cardigan; Ann Edwards, her sister, born in Cardigan; Mary Edwards, aged 30 years, her niece, born in Cardigan; Catherine Baynes, aged 78 years, a relation, born in Cardigan; David Palmer B. A., aged 28 years, a lodger, the master of an academy, born at Llanfallteg; and Margaret Jenkins, aged 19 years, a servant, born in St. Dogmaels. A separate unit was the home of Thomas Phillips, aged 29 years, a shipwright; Ann Phillips, aged 27 years, his wife; and Margaret Ann Phillips, aged 2 years, their daughter. All of them had been born in Cardigan. In 1861 Maud Mary Baynes, the daughter of Margaret and David Richard Baynes, was born. In 1869 David William Baynes was born to the same parents. In 1870 Henry Stanhope Baynes, the son of Margaret and David Richard Baynes, was born.

On 2nd April 1871 at the time of the Census, the following persons were living here: Catherine Baynes, aged 76 years, a widow; Catherine Griffiths, aged 54 years, her daughter; David Richard Baynes, aged 37 years, her son; Margaret Baynes, aged 37 years, her daughter-in-law, born at Tregibby, Cardigan; Catherine Baynes, aged 11 years, her grand-daughter; Maud Mary Baynes, aged 10 years, her grand-daughter; David William Baynes, aged 2 years, her grandson; Henry Stanhope Baynes, aged 9 months, her grandson; Margaret John, aged 19 years, a servant, born at St. Dogmaels; Anne Edwards, aged 68 years, their visitor, a merchant's widow; and Mary Edwards,

aged 45 years, their visitor, a merchant's daughter. Except where noted otherwise all of them had been born in Cardigan. In 1873 Evan Lewis Baynes, the son of Margaret and David Richard Baynes, was born. On August 26th 1879 farmer John Davies, aged 28 years, of No. 6 St. Mary Street, the son of John Davies, a gentleman, married Sarah Phoebe Rees, aged 22 years, of No. 6 Bridge Street, the daughter of Captain Evan Rees. The wedding took place at St Mary's Church and Alfred George Roch and James Evans were the witnesses.

On 3rd April 1881 at the time of the Census, the following persons were living here: No 5) David Richard Baynes, aged 47 years, a Relieving Officer; Margaret Baynes, aged 47 years, his wife; Catherine Baynes, aged 21 years, their daughter; Maud Mary Baynes, aged 20 years, their daughter; David William Baynes, aged 17 years, their son; Henry Stanhope Baynes, aged 10 years, their son; Evan Lewis Baynes, aged 8 years, their son; and Mary Francis, aged 15 years, a domestic servant. All of them had been born in Cardigan. No 6) Jane Thomas, aged 32 years, a milliner; Margaret Thomas, aged 30 years, her sister; and Marianne Thomas, aged 24 years, her sister. The Thomas sisters had lived previously at No. 9 William Street. All of them had been born in Cardigan. From at least 1881 until 1908 Miss Margaret Thomas, a milliner, lived here. In 1883 Margaret and Kate Baynes of Bridge Street were members of Tabernacle Calvinistic Methodist Chapel in the town. In 1884 Margaret Thomas, a milliner, and Duncan Maclean, a supervisor of the Inland Revenue, occupied No. 6. On May 21st 1886 David William Baynes, Henry Stanhope Baynes and Evan Lewis Baynes of High House, Bridge Street – the sons of Relieving Officer David Richard Baynes and Margaret Baynes, were baptised at St Petrog's Church, Ferwig.

On 5th April 1891 at the time of the Census, the following persons were living here: Jane Thomas, aged 39 years; Margaret ("Mag") Thomas, aged 37 years, her sister; and Marianne Thomas, aged 28 years, their sister. All of them had been born in Cardigan and were bilingual in Welsh and English. Between 1895 and 1909 Miss Margaret Thomas, a milliner, had a shop here. On 31st March 1901 at the time of the Census, Glenroy was occupied by the following persons: Jane Thomas, aged 49 years; Margaret Thomas, aged 47 years, her sister, a milliner; John W. Thomas, aged 43 years, her brother, a master mariner (on the 'Glenroy' in 1861); and Mary Anna Thomas, aged 37 years, her sister, a milliner's assistant. All of them were bilingual in Welsh and English and had been born in Cardigan. On November 21st 1902 Captain John W. Thomas of Glenroy died aged 46 years. On November 28th 1902 the following item appeared in the '*Cambrian News*':

"...FUNERAL OF CAPTAIN THOMAS.

On Wednesday afternoon, the remains of Captain John Thomas, of Glenroy House, Bridge-street, were interred at Siloam Burying Ground, Verwig. Deceased who was single and resided with his sisters, had been incapacitated by illness (paralysis) for years, was much respected, as the very large number of relatives and friends which gather together to pay the last tribute of respect to him, ample proved. The Rev J Williams, Bethania, officiated..."

In 1904 Catherine Thomas of Glenroy sold No. 9 William Street to her former tenant there – Jenkin Jones. On September 8th 1905 Miss Jane Thomas of Glenroy

died aged 57 years. In September 1908 Miss M. L. Griffiths, a milliner, formerly of Bayvil, took over the business of Miss Thomas of Glenroy. On April 28th 1909 Cyril George Jeffs was born here – the son of Wyndham Jeffs and Ivy Agnes Jeffs of No. 6. Wyndham Jeffs was a hairdresser. William Jeffs remained resident in 1910. In 1910 D. D. Griffiths, a builder & contractor, traded here. In 1919 the Misses Thomas lived here. On February 17th 1923 Margaret Thomas of Glenroy died aged 75 years. She was buried at Netpool Cemetery. On June 14th 1923 Mari Anna Thomas died aged 65 years. She was also buried at Netpool Cemetery.

From 1924 until 1938 auctioneer Hugh Ladd lived here. In July 1926 the 4 bedroom and attic property was advertised for sale. On November 16th 1927 Gladys Winifred Wadley, aged 21 years, of Glenroy, possibly a housekeeper, the daughter of bailiff William Henry Wadley, married Victor Henry Reed, the gardener at Castle Green (Cardigan Castle), the son of gardener James Reed. The wedding took place at St Mary's Church and Edwin Reed, Kate Ladd and Alfred Reed were the witnesses. In April 1929 the 4 bedroom property was advertised for sale or let. On June 17th 1932 Miss Lilian Davies opened a draper and milliner's shop here. In 1933 Hugh Ladd was a member of Mount Zion English Baptist Chapel in the town. In 1938 Mrs. Ladd lived here. Between 1943 and 1946 William Davies lived here. On January 15th 1943 Mrs. Elizabeth Davies, the wife of William Davies, died aged 73 years. In August 1946 William Davies of 'Glenroy' died. He was a native of St Dogmaels and was at sea for more than fifty years. He was buried at Blaenwaun Baptist Chapel, St Dogmaels.

In March 1974 Councillor David John Gray of No. 6 Bridge Street died aged 71 years. He left a widow and a married daughter – Eileen Lloyd-Jones. In 1984 No. 6 Bridge Street was '*The Music Shop*'. In May 1985 Cllr. Eileen Lloyd-Jones became the Mayor of Cardigan. Cllr. Eileen Lloyd-Jones became the Mayor of Cardigan again in May 1992. In 1992 No. 6 became a listed building. Between 1998 and 2003 Elsie ("Eileen") Lloyd-Jones lived here. In late summer 2003 Glenroy was sold to builder Paul Edwards.

Work began on refurbishing No. 6 in December 2004. In January 2005 the interior was gutted. Work continued into 2006. On July 3rd 2006 the ground floor became the premises of "*Snowdrop Care & Mobility*" a supplier of mobility cars. They were located here between 2006 and 2008. The shop closed in November 2008. In September 2009 *Cardigan Women's Aid* opened an office here and were based here from 2009 until 2014, and under the name 'Canolfan Branwen Centre' continued operating here in 2021.

Description:

Glenroy and Dudley were described by CADW in 1992:

"...Earlier C19 pair of houses in blue lias rubble stone with imitation slate roof and brick end stacks. Three-storey, 4-window range, hornless sashes to right, hardwood replacement to left, 6-pane to upper floor, 12-pane to first floor, with cambered heads, cut blue lias stone voussoirs and slate sills. Bracketed eaves. Ground floor has two centre doors and outer shop fronts. Left late C20 shop window with slate pent roof, carried over door. To right, original 6-panel door with overlight

and late C19 or early C20 shop front with plate glass window, recessed door and overall fascia and cornice. Original timber lintel over most of ground floor.

Rubble stone end walls. Rear wall 4-window with inner windows at half level as stair lights...”

ADDITIONAL (2007) – Following 2003-05 renovations, all windows are hornless sash. Both shop fronts replaced with Georgian-style fascia boards and tripartite plate glass windows. Interior gutted. First floor front room formerly had reeded stucco cornice. Mid C19 staircase also removed.

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