

From Pigot's Directory of 1828-9

MACHYNLETH is an ancient borough and market town, in the hundred of its name, and county of Montgomery, 206 miles from London, 70 from Chester, about 17 and a half from Aberystwyth and Dolgelley, and 10 from Aberdovey; pleasantly situated in a valley encompassed by mountains; the high and majestic eminence Arran-y-gessel rises here upwards of 2,220 feet above the level of the sea; the view from this mountain is not so extensive nor so pleasing as it would be, were it not impeded by the more lofty Cader Idris, which is upwards of 2,914 feet high.

This town has little to attract the attention of the antiquary, with the exception of the remains of the house in which Owen Glendwr exercised his first acts of sovereignty in 1402, having assembled a parliament, and formally accepted the crown of Wales. The places of worship here are one church under the establishment, dedicated to St Mary; the present incumbent is the Rev. Geo. Venables, the benefice is a rectory in the gift of the Bishop of St. Asaph; the Independents, the Calvinistic, and Wesleyan methodists and baptists, have each a chapel.

There are slate quarries in the neighbourhood, which are very extensive, particularly those belonging to Mr. J. P. Ellis at Aberlleffenny, and their produce are conveyed to Derwenlas, and shipped in his own vessels to various parts of the globe. There are also several lead mines in the vicinity, which are worked to a considerable extent; but the staple manufacture is that of flannel, which gives employment to many hands. The river Dovey passes within three-quarters of a mile of the town, and is navigable for vessels of about seventy tons burthen to Derwenlas, about two miles distant. Many streams pass through the neighbourhood, upon which are corn mills, others for carding wool, fulling mills, etc.

The principle inn here is the 'Eagles Hotel', a very excellently conducted establishment; there are, besides, other very respectable houses for the accommodation of the traveller. The market day is Wednesday, and there are eight fairs in the year, viz. The the first Wednesday in March, May 16th, June 26th, July 9th, August 7th, Sept. 18th, October 10th, and November 26th, for grain, cattle, horses, sheep, cheese, etc.

The population of the parish and town, in 1821, was 1,595.

POST OFFICE, Maengwyn–street, Jane Lewis, *Post Mistress*. – Letters for LONDON, NEWTOWN, SHREWSBURY and the North are despatched (by a horse post) to WELCHPOOL, every night at nine, and arrive every morning at three, when the letters for ABERYSTWITH and SOUTH WALES are despatched (by a horse post also) to ABERYSTWITH every morning at three, and arrive every evening at eight.

GENTRY AND CLERGY.

Anwyll Jonathan, esq. Llygwy
Bonnar Rev. Rd. Morris, Dolguog
Brett Captain, Esgir
Davies Mrs. Maengwyn st
Duggan Captain, Pentre–rhedyn st
Edwards John, esq. Greenfields
Evans David Pugh, esq. Fronfelen
Griffiths Mrs. Llynllloedd
Hughes Rev. –, Penegoes
Jephreys George, esq. Glandovey
Jones Lieut. Richd. R.N. Pantyllidw
Thurston Captain, R.N. Talgarth
Vaughan Lewis, esq. Penmaen
Vaughan Misses, Pennel cottage
Venables Rev. Geo. Pentre–rhedyn st

ACADEMIES.

Hughes Thomas, Maengwyn st
Jones Richard, Pentre–rhedyn st
Payne Miss (boarding) Maengwyn st

ATTORNEYS.

Davies Hugh, Maengwyn st
Jones & Hughes, Maengwyn st
Owen & Jones, Maengwyn st

BAKERS & FLOUR DEALERS

Evans Daniel, Maengwyn st
Jones Hugh, Pentre–rhedyn st
Lewis Lewis, Maengwyn st
Owen Catharine, Maengwyn st
Owen David, Maengwyn st

BARK MERCHANTS - OAK.

Davies Joseph, Pentre-rhedyn st
Jones Micah, Maengwyn st
Lewis John, Pentre-rhedyn st
Morgan David, Maengwyn st

BLACKSMITHS.

Davies David, Pentre-rhedyn st
Jones John, Maengwyn st
Parry Rowland, Pentre-rhedyn st
Rowland Edward, Pentre-'r-allt st

BOOT AND SHOE MAKERS.

Davies Griffith, Maengwyn st
Davies Maurice, Pentre-'r-allt st
Jones Evan, Pentre-'r-allt st
Jones Matthew, Pentre-rhedyn st
Rees Richard, Pentre-rhedyn st
Samuel Edward, Pentre-rhedyn st

BUTCHERS.

Davies David, Maengwyn st
Jones Evan, Pentre-rhedyn st
Roberts Peter, Maengwyn st
Roberts Robert, Maengwyn st
Rowland Evan, Pentre-rhedyn st
Thomas David, Maengwyn st
Wood Richard

COOPERS.

Ellis Lewis, Pentre-'r-allt st
Evans John, Maengwyn st

CORN MILLERS

Arthur David, Melin y Parcel
Ellis Griffith, MelinCoed
Hughes Hugh, Melin y Fridd
Hughes John, Garth
Hughes Rowland, Melin Pantperthog
Jones Humphrey, Melin Ganol
Lloyd Richard, Dolgai
Rees John, Melin Penegoes

CURRIERS

Davies Humphrey, Maengwyn st
Humphreys John, Pentre-'r-allt st
Rees Howell, Pentre-rhedyn st
Stephens John, Maengwyn st
Vaughan Lewis

DRESS & STRAW HAT MAKRS

Ellis Ellen, Pentre-'r-allt st
Humphreys Ann (straw hat), Pentre-'r-allt st
James Elizabeth (straw hat), Pentre-rhedyn st
Pugh Jane, Pentre-rhedyn st

FLANNEL MANUFACTURERS

Jones Ann, Maengwyn st
Jones David, Maengwyn st
Jones Morgan, Pentre-'r-allt st
Jones Rees, Maengwyn st
Lewis Lewis, Pentre-'r-allt st
Morgan & Davies, Maengwyn st
Morgan John, Pentre-rhedyn st
Morris John, Pentre-rhedyn st
Morris Lewis, Maengwyn st
Morris Rees, jun. Maengwyn st
Morris Rees, sen. Pentre-rhedyn st
Owen Hugh, Maengwyn st
Owen Thomas, Maengwyn st
Wood David, jun. Pentre-'r-allt st
Wood David, sen. Maengwyn st

FULLERS

Hughes Edward, Pantperthog
Morgan & Davies, Maengwyn st
Morris John, Melynyffridd
Roberts Owen, Melynyffridd
Owen Robert, Pentre-'r-allt st
Williams Ellis, Pennal
Wood David, jun. Pentre-'r-allt st

GROCERS AND DEALERS IN SUNDRIES

Edwards Bridget, Maengwyn st
Edwards David, Pentre-'r-allt st
Edwards Richard, Pentre-'r-allt st
Evans David, Maengwyn st
Evans Faulk (and confectioner) Pentre-rhedyn st
Jones John, jun. (and druggist) Pentre-rhedyn st
Jones John, sen. Maengwyn st
Jones Salathiel, Pentre-rhedyn st
Lewis Jane, Maengwyn st
Morgan David, Pentre-'r-allt st
Rees Robert, Pentre-rhedyn st
Roberts Richard (and stamp distributor) Maengwyn st
Smith David, Maengwyn st
Thomas Susannah, Pentre-'r-allt st
Tudor Humphrey, Maengwyn st
Williams Evan, Pentre-'r-allt st

INNS

Eagles Hotel (& posting house and excise office) Elizabeth Pugh, Pentre-'r-allt st
Unicorn (and posting house) David Wood, sen. Maengwyn st

JOINERS

Davies John, Pentre-'r-allt st
Jones David, Pentre-'r-allt st
Owen George, Pentre-'r-allt st
Owen Richard, Maengwyn st
Prince John, Pentre-'r-allt st
Rowland David (& machine maker) Pentre-'r-allt st

LEAD MERCHANTS

Conroy Sir John, Tyissa
Jones Griffith, Dyfngwm
Pughe & Williams, Delive

LIME BURNERS

Davies Joseph, Pentre-rhedyn st
Evans Henry, Gwerniago
Jones John, Maengwyn st
Jones Morgan, Esgirweadan
Parry & Morgan, Pentre-rhedyn st

LINEN DRAPERS & MERCERS

Jones John, Pentre-rhedyn st
Lewis Jane, Maengwyn st
Williams Evan, Pentre-'r-allt st

PAINTERS, PLUMBERS AND GLAZIERS

Edwards John (& brazier, &c.)
Jones Salathiel, Pentre-rhedyn st
Pritchard Rowland (& brazier, &c.) Pentre-'r-allt st

PORTER, &c. MERCHANTS

Davies Joseph (& timber) Pentre-rhedyn st
Evans David, Maengwyn st
Lewis Thomas, Maengwyn st

SADDLERS

Griffiths Thomas, Maengwyn st
James James, Pentre-rhedyn st
Owen John, Maengwyn st

SKINNERS

Jones Ann, Maengwyn st
Jones Morgan, Pentre-'r-allt st
Lewis Lewis, Pentre-'r-allt st
Morgan & Davies, Maengwyn st
Morris Rees, Pentre-rhedyn st
Roberts Richard, Pentre-'r-allt st

SLATE MERCHANTS

Davies Joseph, Pentre-rhedyn st
Ellis John Philip (& ship owner) Pentre-'r-allt st & ABERLLEFFENNEY SLATE QUARRIES

SURGEON

Jones Evan, Pentre-rhedyn st
Lloyd Hugh, Maengwyn st

TAILORS

Evans Evan, Pentre-rhedyn st
Jones John, Pentre-rhedyn st
Parry Wm. (& draper) Pentre-rhedyn st

TALLOW CHANDLERS

Edwards Richard, Pentre-'r-allt st
Ellis John, Maengwyn st
Jenkins William, Maengwyn st

TANNERS

Evans Robert, Pentre-rhedyn st
Jones Micah, Maengwyn st
Pugh Hugh, Bryncaemiler

TAVERNS & PUBLIC HOUSES

Blue Bell, David Evans, Maengwyn st
Boot, Margaret Jones, Pentre-'r-allt st
Bull, Lewis Lewis, Pentre-'r-allt st
Golden Lion, Margaret Jones (& maltster)
Raven, Wm. Griffiths, Pentre-'r-allt st
Skinners Arms, Jn. Davies, Pentre-'r-allt st
White Horse, Ed. Edwards, Maengwyn st
White Lion, Cath Lewis, Pentre-rhedyn st

WHEELWRIGHTS

Evans David, Pentre-'r-allt st
Evans John, Pentre-'r-allt st
Pierce David, Maengwyn st
Pierce Thomas, Maengwyn st
Williams John, Pentre-rhedyn st
Williams Thomas, Pentre-rhedyn st

WOOL CARDERS

Brees Rowland, Dolgai
Jones Ann, Maengwyn st
Jones Morgan, Pentre-'r-allt st
Lewis John, Melingerig
Morgan & Davies, Maengwyn st
Morris John, Pentre-rhedyn st
Morris Lewis, Maengwyn st
Morris Rees, sen. Pentre-rhedyn st
Owen Hugh & Thos. Maengwyn st
Wood David, jun. Pentre-'r-allt st

WOOL MERCHANTS

Morgan & Davies, Maengwyn st

Miscellaneous

Edwards Hugh, hair dresser, Maengwyn st
Edwards Jn. flannel draper, Pentre-'r-allt st
Ellis John, auctioneer, Maengwyn st
Foulkes Jno. Genl. Mercht. Pentre-'r-allt st
Humphrey david, watch &c. maker, Pentre-rhedyn st
Humphreys Mary, earthenware dealer, Pentre-'r-allt st
Jones Joseph, clerk of peace, Maengwyn st
Jones John, maltster, Pentre-rhedyn st
Jones Thos. attorney's clk. Maengwyn st
Jones Wm. Attorney's clk. Pentre-rhedyn st
Owen Hy. hat manufacr. Pentre-rhedyn st
Peters Peter, liquor merchant. Pentre-'r-allt st

COACHES

FROM THE EAGLES HOTEL.

To ABERYSTWYTH, the *Duke of Wellington* (from Shrewsbury) every Friday evening at six, and during the summer on Mondays also – & the Llanbrynmair, every Wednesday afternoon at four.

To SHREWSBURY, the *Duke of Wellington* (from Aberystwith) every Friday morning at eight, and during summer on Mondays also; goes thro' Mallwyd and Welshpool – & the *Llanbrynmair*, every Wednesday morning at nine; goes through Newtown and Welshpool.

CARRIERS

To ABERYSTWYTH, Mary Edwards, from Pentre-rhedyn st, every week.

To SHREWSBURY & WELSHPOOL, Rowland Lewis, every Monday – and Edward Davies, from Pentre-'r-allt st, every week.

To TOWYN, John Matthews, from the Raven, and Robert Roberts, from the White Horse, every Monday.