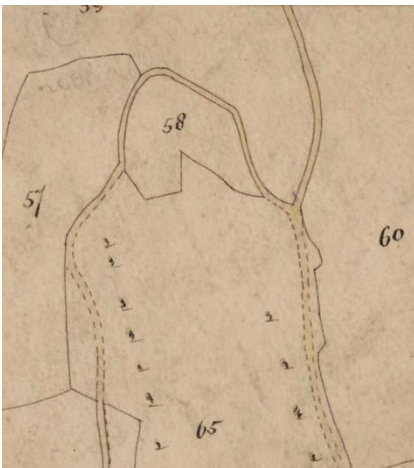


## Abbey Terrace / Maes y Llyn Cottages



*Abbey Terrace with Velvet Hill behind.*

Maes y Llyn Cottages probably owe their origins to the slate industry and the haulage of slate to the slate mill at Pentrefelin. It is unclear when they were built. Maes y Llyn (Field of the Lake) Cottages and Abbey View are the older of the three buildings here – Plas Eliseg is much more modern. In the tithe survey of 1844 the area (No. 58) was marked as a cottage belonging to the Wynnstay Estate, lived in by a rockman, a boatman and two agricultural labourers. Both Abbey View and the cottages appear on an 1868 map of the area, when it is noted that Thomas Lloyd, one of the agricultural labourers, still lived at Abbey View.



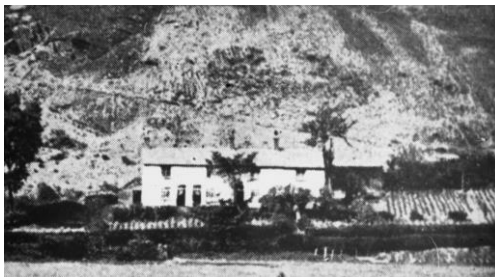
*The 1844 tithe map.*

On the 1873 Ordnance Survey map three buildings are marked in that area of land – Maes y Llyn Cottages, Abbey View and Hendy.



*The 1873 OS map.*

William Henry Davies was born in Llantysilio in 1894, the son of R. Thomas Davies. Thomas was a machine minder at the slate quarry, and lived at No 3 Maes y Llyn Cottages, with Ellen his wife. Thomas Davies was also sexton at Llantysilio Church, where William became a chorister. William attended Llantysilio School, where he was taught by J. Jenkins, who later said how impressed he was with William's thorough conscientiousness. With regard to local men being called up for duty in World War 1, Mr Jenkins added - 'although he was not robust and could have appealed for exemption from service on these grounds, he considered it his duty to go'. On leaving school he had become an under-gardener at Llantysilio Hall before becoming private 25971 with 17th Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers. He received shrapnel wounds during their advance in France in 1916, and was evacuated to Kings Hospital London, but died after a few days on 20<sup>th</sup> July 1916. The body was conveyed to Llangollen by train on the 25<sup>th</sup> and from there to Llantysilio by lorry, where he was given a full military funeral.



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NAME AND BIRTHNAME	RELATIONSHIP TO HEAD OF FAMILY	AGE	SEX	MARRIAGE	PARTICULARS AS TO MARRIAGE		PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION				BIRTHPLACE OF every Person	BIRTHDATE of every Person	EDUCATION	LANGUAGES SPOKEN	
					Wife	Child	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployed	Unemployed					
1. Thomas Davies	Head	44	M	Married	7	2	Headman	1	0	0	0	Llantysilio, Denb.	1867	Denb.	Engl.
2. Ellen Davies	Wife	43	F	Married	1	0	Headman's	1	0	0	0	Llantysilio, Denb.	1868	Denb.	Engl.
3. William Henry Davies	Son	17	M	Single	0	0	Gardener (in the school)	0	0	0	0	Llantysilio, Denb.	1894	Denb.	Engl.
4. Thomas Davies	Son	15	M	Single	0	0	School	0	0	0	0	Llantysilio, Denb.	1900	Denb.	Engl.
5. George Davies	Son	10	M	Single	0	0	School	0	0	0	0	Llantysilio, Denb.	1905	Denb.	Engl.
6. Nellie Jones	Niece	10	F	Single	0	0	School	0	0	0	0	Llantysilio, Denb.	1905	Denb.	Engl.

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I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: *Thomas Davies*

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We hope to have a more complete story of Abbey Terrace soon!