

Bryn Cottage



Bryn Cottage in 2023 – the lean to on the left and the section on the right are later extensions to the original cottage.

Bryn (Hill) Cottage is one of the many properties that used to have a different name. Called Ty Canol (Middle House) in 1841, and owned by the Wynnstay Estate, this tiny cottage was lived in by 2 families. Isaac Powel and Robert Davies were agricultural labourers, probably working on the nearby Ty y Graig (House of the Rock) Farm (now simply Rock Farm). Isaac Powell died soon after this and Robert Davies and his family moved across the road to Ty Nant. Isaac's wife, Alice, continued to rent the cottage until 1871, when Evan Jones, a labourer, and his wife Margaret moved in.



A good local tale concerns Edward Jones the molecatcher, who lived in Bryn in the 1930s. It is said that he was passing Pen y Clawdd Farm when he caught a glimpse of the daughter of the farmer through the window. At once smitten he decided to woo her, and they were married soon after. We hope to have a more complete story of Bryn Cottage available soon

The tithe map of 1844 shows Bryn Cottage as number 178. Courtesy National Library Wales.