

THE BUILDINGS OF MORFA BORTH

- the Marsh Harbour

Ceredigion



That part of Borth Village on a pebble bank with the sea on one side and the Cors Fochno marsh some reclaimed and the railway on the other. In the distance is the River Dyfi. Photograph Michael Lewis

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BAY VIEW

Morfa Borth - the Marsh Harbour

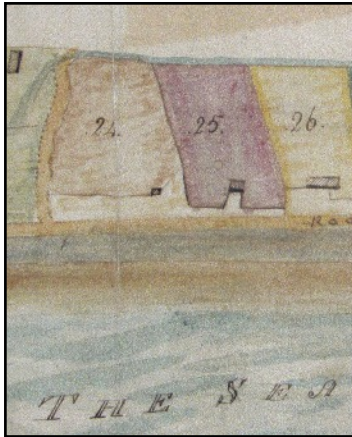
In Princess Street to the north of the High Street. Built for Captain John Arter between 1910 and 1911.



LEFT Bay View in February 2009.

The house front could not be very wide, and the south wall is butted up against Mor Awel. There is a small passageway on the other side.

This is a tall house of almost three storeys - the roof space being used for an upper floor, with two gables on the front of the roof. It has a tiled gable roof parallel with the road, and brick chimneys at both ends of the roof. There are five chimney pots on the northern chimney, so five flues which suggest a very well warmed house. The walls are rendered, and are likely to be brick at this date. There are canted bay windows for the ground and first floor, with matching measurements between and above, resulting in a wide top to the upper window, decorated by a curve cut into it. It is a nicely proportioned front, the right hand first floor window, the gable windows, and the recess for the front door all having matching measurements. There is a small front garden enclosed by a low wall. The design of the house is very like that of Surrey, built by another master mariner, Captain Hugh Jones, between 1905 and 1910, but Surrey's windows are slightly narrower.



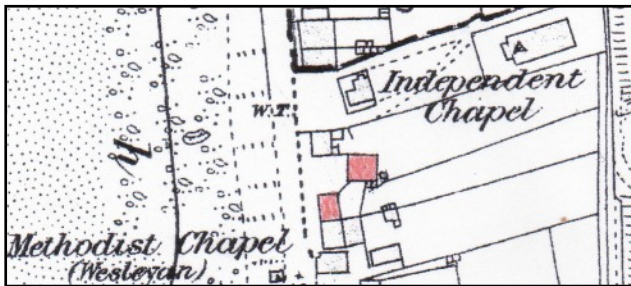
The ground on which the house stands is part of David Morgan's enclosure of one and a quarter acres of the pebble bank which the Crown Manor who owned it called 'waste' as it was no good for farming.

LEFT David Morgan's cottage and ground was Number 25 on this detail from a Crown Manor Map of 1829. A later map stated that David bought the ground in February 1825 and it cost him £10. The cottage has survived as Pant Gwyn (Detail from a map, National Archives, LRRO 1/3060)

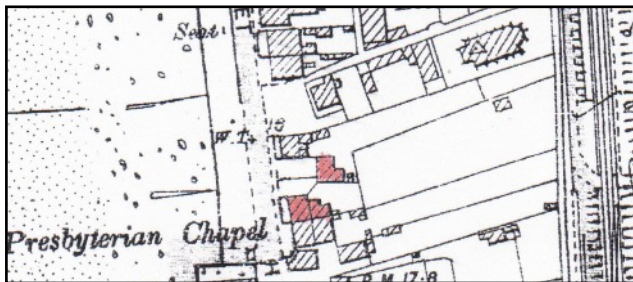
He was the commander of the Eleanor and Betsy and had 8 and then 10 shares in her. She was a smack, a small wooden sailing vessel built at Aberystwyth in 1831 and could carry 55 tonnes.



LEFT In 1848 Number 10 was the plot on which the house would be built. It was part of The Morgan's garden, with the cottage now Pant Gwyn on one side, and the cottage now Mor Awel on the other. They are marked in red (Detail from the Tithe Apportionments Map for Llanfihangel Genau'r Glyn, Cyfoeth Township, on-line at CYNEFIN)



LEFT In 1886 Pant Gwyn and Mor Awel are marked in red. They had the same owner (Detail from the 25 inch Ordnance Survey Map surveyed in 1886 and published in 1888, Cardiganshire NW III.10)



LEFT By 1904 Pant Gwyn had a front garden and there is a small space left partly open to the street on which Bay View would be built. Môr Awel had grown bigger at the back (Detail from the 25 inch Ordnance Survey Map revised in 1904 and published in 1905 Cardiganshire NW III.10)

In a valuation for a tax planned but not levied in 1910, there was a building plot already called Bay View, and the owner was a master mariner Captain John Arter, then aged 56. It was valued at £48. Captain John also owned Mor Awel Cottage next door. This would have made it more convenient when erecting the new house. He had a tenant in it, Richard Rees, another mariner. Captain John and his family were to move from Brigadon then also called Bay View which was a smaller house with ten main rooms. His new Bay View was to have eleven main rooms and the family took the name Bay View with them to their new house.

By the 1911 Census the house was built. At home were Captain John Arter and his wife Ann, their son David, aged 27 and a mariner, their son David A. Arter aged 25 who was not married and in business as a coal merchant and their daughter Phyllis B. Arter who was 14 and still at school.

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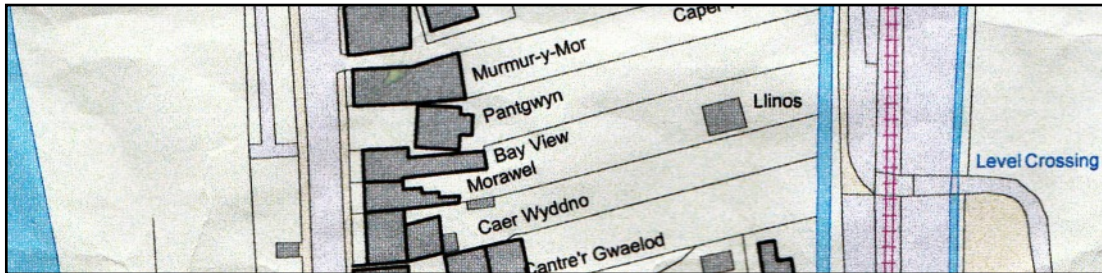
For the Rates in 1925 it was listed as a house and premises, with £12.15s to pay and £15 gross. Mrs Ann Arter was the owner. She too owned Môr Awel next door and Pant Gwyn. Her sons David born in 1883 a mariner and Thomas (born in 1880 and a ship's engineer also lived at Bay view, and there is a bit about them in Terry Davies's book 'Borth A Maritime History' page 29. The family moved away to Manchester.

In 1934 and still in 1938 David Benjamin was the owner and occupier of Bay View and its garage.

By 1949 and still in 1957 there was another owner, Richard D. Hughes. For rates it was valued at £20, with £8.6.8d to pay and gross £10.6s.8d, and 8s.4d. and gross 10s.4d. for the garage. This was the same Rate as Glan Dylan then called Snowdon.

A Mr Preece paid the rates in 1963, and with votes for the house were Edward Llewellyn Preece, and Avice Rachel J. Preece (Rates and Electoral Registers Ceredigion Archives).

In September 1970 planning permission was approved for a conversion to two self contained flats (County Council Minute Book, Ceredigion Archives)



ABOVE This detail from a Council Map shows how Bay View was fitted in between the old cottages on either side of it (Map courtesy of Councillor Ray Quant who provided it for research for a village event).

LEFT Bay View is so much taller than its neighbours, and has a long wing on the rear. In the foreground is the building called 'Linos' on the Council Map near the end of the Bay View garden.

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