

# THE BUILDINGS OF MOREFA BORTH

- the Marsh Harbour

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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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## Morfa Borth - the Marsh Harbour

A modern two storey wooden building alongside the old ditch, behind Leronian and Heathfield once Wellington Place. Formerly a 'Riverside' building on the site - a carpenter's workshop.

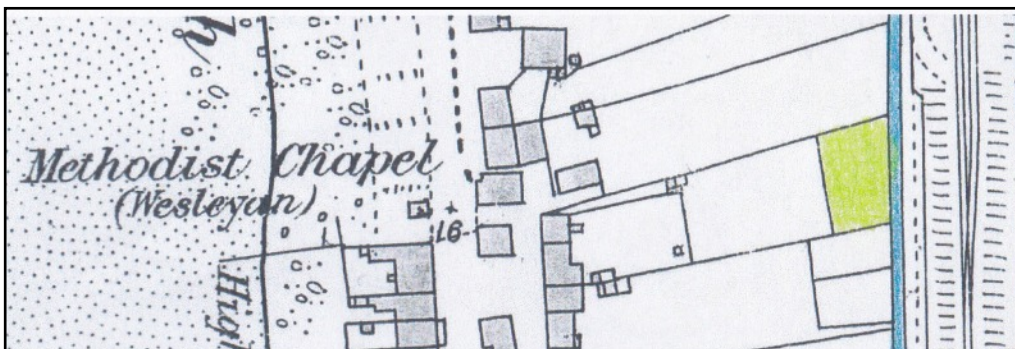


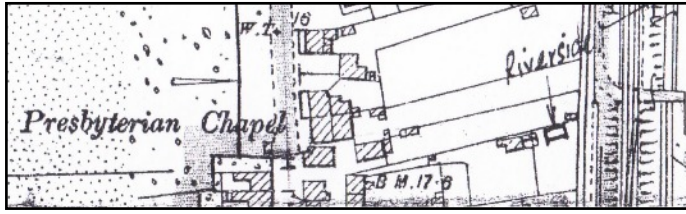
*ABOVE* the east side of the bungalow and *BELOW* The west side in 2014.



The house is single storey under a gable roof parallel to the ditch and the railway. The roof is a corrugated material.

*BELOW* In 1886 this was the plot of land on which it would be built. It was beside a stream of fresh water, now a ditch (Detail from the 25 inch Ordnance Survey Map surveyed in 1886 and published in 1888, Cardiganshire NW III.10)





*LEFT In 1904 there had not been a building on the site - but this map belonged to the Council in 1910 and they had drawn in a building they called 'Riverside'. It followed the angle of the boundaries of the gardens unlike the present building.*

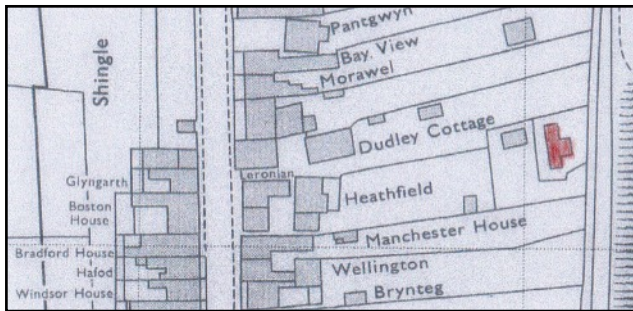
In 1910 for a tax planned but not levied this plot was 393 and on it was a workshop of Thomas Tibbott, a joiner, who both owned and occupied it. It was valued at £27 10s, the site at £7.10s and he would have paid a rate of 12 shillings. (Ceredigion Archives T/DV/18 and map at the National Library of Wales) His home was Bradford in the High Street. He was born in Machynlleth and with his wife Catherine had two sons and two daughters, and the family spoke both Welsh and English. He was already working in Borth in 1901 and called himself both a carpenter and a cabinet maker (Census) His building was not given a name at that time.

It was not in the rates list of 1925 or 1934 or 1938 but was there in 1949, still Thomas Tibbott and valued at £3 only - so still a workshop.

In the rates of 1957 it was described as a 'Riverside Bungalow'. It seems that Thomas Tibbott had been using his skills to make a bungalow. He left on the 30<sup>th</sup> of January 1958, and then the rates were paid by M. E. Davies. The value had increased to £6.

In 1945 Miriam E. Davies had a vote for the bungalow and it had the name Sea Wyf.

In 1963 M. E. Davies was replaced on the list to pay the rates by Richard Stanley (Electoral Registers and Rates Ceredigion Archives)



*LEFT This was the building in 1975 - the one we see today with an extension on the east side. Part of the 1886 plot had been given to the old stone cottage close by. The stream of fresh water had gone when the village was given a supply of fresh spring water for their houses and the old brook was no longer wanted (Detail from a Historical Map on-line)*

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