

## The Dillwyn Collection

The Journals of Lewis Llewelyn Dillwyn (b.1814 d.1892)

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1843

Jany 1

Weather - Fine - mild

January 1. 1848. Sunday. Parkwern

Had a headache in the morning and did not go out much

" 2

Fine - mild -

January 2. Monday

De la Beche left us in the morning by mail - after seeing him off I went to the works - at 12 o'clock attended Harbour meeting - returned home about ½ past 3 P.M.

" 3

slight frost last night - fine & clear this morning wind .N. in the P.M. it changed round to S.W. & became mild

January 3 - Tuesday

Attended the Infirmary meeting this morning at 10 o'clock - afterwards went to the works. In the P.M. went with Bessie to call at Singleton & c -

" 4

Heavy rain all last night, about 7 A.M. it cleared up & was very fine all day - Wind N.W.

January 4. - Wednesday

Went out shooting at Ynisygerwn with A.Jones -

5 - Showery -

January 5, Thursday

Went to the works in the morning & from there went to the Llangafelach Petty Sessions - C.H.Smith & R Miers met me there - afterwards returned home by Swansea

Jany 6

Dark & showery - mild

January 6 Friday. Parkwern

A.M. went to the works & to Sketty -

P.M. Walked with Bessie in the garden and unpacked books -

7 - Rainy

January 7. Saturday -

A.M. Went to the works -

P.M. worked in the garden with Bessie

8. Heavy hail Storms - cold - Wind N.N.W.

January 8. Sunday

Walked to Sketty with Bessie in the afternoon

9. Heavy rain from about 11 am.

January 9. Monday –

Rode into Swansea in the morning & afterwards went out with my Gun to the Llougher Marshes.

10. Wind N W. cold – showery

January 10. Tuesday –

A.M. went to the Infirmary at 10 & after that to the works returned to dinner at 1 P.M.

P.M. Walked with Bessie to Sketty -

11. Fine. Cold last night. Snow on the Mountains – rain in the evening

January 11. Wednesday –

Went out shooting at Ynisygerwn

12. Snow last night – fine all day –

January 12. Thursday –

Went with J Traherne who is staying at Sketty, to Penllergare – we returned to Swansea & walked home from there – I dined at Sketty in the evening –

January-13 - Wind very high. West. Frozen rain part of the day

January 13. Friday Parkwern –

A.M. went to Swansea

P.M. walked over to Sketty

“ 14 – about 11 o'clock a very heavy fall of Snow came which lasted for about an hour and a half – Storms of Snow and frozen rain continued at intervals all day –  
January – 14. Saturday

I went out with my gun & shot over the Llougher Marshes &c – Great numbers of Gulls and Gloden Plover were driven by the storms in shore –

“ 15 – frost last night – fine all day Wind N.W.-

January 15. Sunday

Walked into church in the morning with Mary – in the afternoon walked over to Sketty with Bessie & Minnie –

“ 16 Wind. N. frost last night but not very hard – some Snow fell in the night. fine all day –

January 16. Monday –

Walked into Swansea with Mary this morning & was busy at the works till about 2 P.M. I then went to the Institution about Logans birds, & remained there a couple of hours – walked out afterwards with Mary

“17 – Thaw in the night – heavy small rain from about ½ past 9 a.m. till about 2 P.M. When the rain ceased – but it remained foggy & thick the rest of the day –

January 17. Tuesday

I went out shooting at Ynisygerwn with Iltid Thomas –

--18. Mild, then misty clouds with the sun occasionally breaking out – Wind. S.W.  
January 18. Wednesday Parkwern  
I went to a harbour meeting at 12 o'clock which was adjourned till Friday – I afterwards went to the works from whence I walked out with Mary –

19 – Mild. Fine  
January 19. Thursday  
Went into Swansea and attended a meeting of the Harbour Committee which kept me till about 4 P.M I then came home

20 – fine  
January 20. Friday  
Attended a Harbour Meeting, & wrote up accounts at the Works –

21. fine in the morning. Rain in the afternoon  
January 21. Saturday  
Walked over to Penllergare & shot my way home. Mr Rendell came to us in the evening.

22. Very mild, rainy in the morning fine in the afternoon –  
January 22. Sunday  
Walked in the P.M. with Mr Rendell to the Mumbles –

23. rainy  
January 23. Monday  
Went into Swansea in the morning walked with Bessie in the afternoon Mr Rendell left us today –

- 24 Very mild – fine  
January 24. Tuesday – Parkwern  
Gardened all day

- 25 – Very mild – rainy  
January 25. Wednesday  
A.M. Went into Swansea  
P.M. gardened & went to Sketty

- 26. Very mild. Rainy  
January 26. Thursday  
Went out shooting at Ynisiygerwn

- 27. Very mild. Rainy  
January 27. Friday –  
A.M – went into Swansea –  
P.M. gardened &c –

28 – Very mild – heavy rain  
January 28. Saturday –

Drove over in the gig to Penllergare in the morning, and got some plants which I sent home in the gig – I shot my way home in the afternoon

- 29. Misty rain. Very mild – I have often felt it much colder in the middle of Summer than it is at present

January 29. Sunday

Went into Swansea this morning to see D Edwards about Capt Maxey – got wet foot ? **FEET** & did not go to church – P.M. walked with Bessie

“ 30. Sunny & fine very mild

January 30. Monday

A.M. went to Swansea. P.M. gardened & went to Sketty

Jany.31. rainy & misty. Wind SW. very mild –

January 31. Tuesday Parkwern

Went to Swansea in the morning. Dined at 1 P.M. & gardened afterwards –

Febr-1- Fine. Mild –

February 1. Wednesday –

Went out shooting at Ynisygerwn with Moggridge.

“ 2 – Wind Westerly – heavy rain in the morning & some frozen rain – not so mild as it has been lately –

February 2. Thursday

Went to the works & Attwoods office in the morning; gardened in the afternoon

“ 3 – Cold rain in the morning in the afternoon storms of Snow and hail – Wind very violent during the storms – Westerly

February 3. Friday

Walked to Swansea and then on to Llangafelach where the petty sessions were held to day, from thence I shot my way home

“ 4. Sharp frost & Snow last night – cold all day. Wind NN.W. snow storms in the morning

February 4. Saturday

Went out shooting at Ynisygerwn

“ 5.- Frost last night – cold & raw all day – some rain mixed occasionally with a little snow fell.

February 5. Sunday

AM. Walked to church

P.M. walked to Sketty & in the garden here with Bessie

“ 6 – Sharp frost last night. cold all day. Wind N

February 6. Monday

Works & Harbour meeting till 1½ P.M. afterwards gardened &c till dark – packed books & read to Bessie in the evening

February 7. Sharp frost last night & some snow. Cold Wind all day. Easterly – no frost – rain about 5½ P.M –

February 7. Tuesday Parkwern

A.M. attended the Infirmary meeting & went to the works.

P.M came home to dinner at 1 & afterwards gardened & went over to Sketty

“ 8 Wind N & NE cold no frost

February.8. Wednesday

Went out shooting to Fairwood moor & Llougher Marshes

“ 9. Sharp frost last night cold all day – wind in the morning N.E. in the afternoon it came down to nearly E

February 9. Thursday

Works in the morning; at 11 A.M. attended a meeting of the Harbour committee which lasted for 3 to 4 hours. Mr Rendells report was received –

“ 10. Slight frost last night. Wind N.E. very cold all day.

February 10. Friday

Walked into Swansea with Mary this morning returned to dinner at 1 P.M. – in the afternoon walked with Bessie & to Sketty & packed books.

“ 11 – No frost last night – wind NE – cold all day –

February 11. Saturday –

Walked over to Penllergare & shot my way home

“ 12. Wind cold. N.E. no frost

February 12. Sunday –

Went to church in the morning walked with Bessie &c in the P.M.

February 13 – frost last night very fine all day – Wind E. but very little of it –

February 13. Monday Parkwern

A.M. went to the works. Returned home at 1 P.M.

P.M. Gardened & walked to Sketty

“ 14. Sharp frost last night cold thaw all day. some Snow fell

February 14. Tuesday

Same as yesterday

“ 15. Very sharp frost last night. cold & fine all day

February 15. Wednesday

Walked over to Penllergare & went out shooting with John

“ 16. Very cold last night. Thermr 22°. cold all day wind N.E.

February 16. Thursday

Went into Swansea in the morning, gardened in the afternoon –

17. Sharp frost again last night. fine all day

February 17. Friday

Went up to Ynisygerwn this morning with my gun; about midday John & Emma came up & we walked over Fan Rhew

“ 18 slight frost last night wind high – cold all day, gloomy some Snow – wind blowing tremendously – NE –  
February 18 Saturday –  
A.M. went to Swansea came home to dinner at 1 -

P.M. walked to Penllergare & shot rabbits in Nedfwch with John

February 19. Wind very high last night and all to day – N.E. cold & gloomy – no Snow  
February 19. Sunday Parkwern  
Did not go out much today; arranged my library

“ 20 rain last night. mild this morning – towards evening the wind got to nearly due east again & the weather felt colder –  
February 20. Monday  
A.M. Went to Swansea – P.M. took a walk over Fairwood moor with my gun –

“ 21 – Fine mild –  
February 21. Tuesday  
I went out coursing to Crinant over Gelly galed –

“ 22 – wind NE – cold rain  
February 22. Wednesday  
Wrote at home all morning at 1 went into Swansea to the works – dined with the Sheriff at 2½. Afterwards went out to meet the Judge –

“ 23. Mild. Fine –  
February 23. Thursday –  
Served as a Juror today – dined with the Judge (Maule) in the evening –

“ 24 – Fine. wind E [?S] – mild –  
February 24. Friday –  
Went in to the grand Jury all this morning we were discharged between 2 & 3 PM  
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February 25. Fine – Wind NE rather cold – no frost  
February 25, Saturday Parkwern  
Walked with Mary into Swansea in the morning, she returned to dinner here at 1P.M. and afterwards walked with me to Penllergare & back to call on Lady Mary Cole & the Talbots.

“ 26 cold. Wind high. E  
February 26. Sunday  
Walked with Mary into Church in the morning – walked with Bessie & c in the afternoon –

27 – cold, Wind E – snow on the Aberavon hills –  
February 27. Monday  
A.M. walked to Swansea executed commissions went to the works &c  
P.M. Gardened –

28 – Cold – calm – fine –  
February 28. Tuesday  
Went over to Penllergare – shot rabbits in the afternoon in Nedfwch with Mr J  
[?!] Strangways –

March 1. Fine - frost last night  
March 1. Wednesday  
A.M. Went to Swansea  
P.M. Gardened – dined at Sketty in the evening with Bessie to meet the Talbots

March 2. Sharp frost last night. fine. Wind N  
March 2 Thursday Parkwern  
Gardened all day

“ 3. Sharp frost last night. fine all day  
March 3, Friday  
A.M. Went to the works  
P.M. Gardened & c

“ 4 – frost again, fine all day  
March 4. Saturday  
Went to Swansea unpacked birds at the institution & c

“ 5 wind S. frost in the night but there is every appearance of a change – a little  
rain fell in the evening  
Sunday  
Went to church in the morning.  
Walked with Bessie in the P.M.

“ 6 Rain all morning Wind S.E. fine in the afternoon  
Monday  
A.M. remained home all morning as I have got a bad cold  
P.M. walked to Swansea

“ 7. Fine, E-  
Tuesday  
My cold very bad all day accompanied by a violent headache. I did not go out.

“ 8. Fine. Wind S.E. in the morning – N.E. in the afternoon. Calm in the P.M.  
Wednesday  
My cold better, I gardened in the afternoon –

March 9. Thursday –  
Frost last night – cold all day wind East – clear



Parkwern  
A.M. Went to the works & Institution  
P.M. Went to Sketty and gardened

March 10. Friday –  
Rainy. Wind E –  
Went to Llangafelach Petty sessions & afterwards to Penllergare & walked home from thence –

March 11, Saturday –  
Mild. Drizzling small rain at intervals dark – wind N.W.W.  
Walked over to Penllergare – fished with JDL –

March 12. Sunday –  
Drizzling small rain. Mild – Wind. W.  
Took medicine last night – did not go out much all day

March 13. Monday  
fine. mild – some small rain Wind W.  
Went into Swansea & attended a harbour Meeting

March 14. Tuesday –  
Very fine in the morning. Rainy in the afternoon – Mild. Wind W –  
Went to the works in the morning, afterwards went to the Petty sessions at the Town Hall & to the Institution where I met Dr Nicol about warming the Museum &c –

March 15. Wednesday  
Very mild. Wind W. fine AM. Rainy P.M.  
Went to the works in the morning – gardened the rest of the day

March 16. Thursday  
Fine –  
Parkwern  
I drove up to Ynisygerwn today & fished on the Dulais –

March 17. Friday  
Very fine – Wind S.S.E-  
A.M. went to the works  
P.M. took Minnie for a walk to Blackpill –

March 18. Saturday –  
Sea fog in the morning, very fine all day –  
I went to Penllergare and fished there –

March 19. Sunday –  
Fine. Wind E – fresh – Hot in the sun –  
I did not go to church this morning as Bessie was not very well in the morning

March 20. Monday –

Fine- Wind E. looks rainy & windy this evening -

Went into the works this morning – as 12 o'clock Mary & John joined me and we walked to Britton Ferry, from thence John walked on to Margam and Mary & I returned home –

March 21. Tuesday –

Rain last night – fine in the day. Wind S.E – cloudy

A.M. Went to the works &c

PM Gardened –

March 22. Wednesday

Windy with some rain last night, fine today – mild. Wind S.W. upper current of air. S.E. lower current

Parkwern

Went to the works this morning, at 2 P.M. attended the quarterly meeting of the visiting magistrates of the House of correction –

March 23. Thursday

Mild rain last night – fine all day. Wind SW. in the morning. in the afternoon it changed to SE-

Went out fishing to day at Cadley –

March 24 – Friday –

Some rain in the night & early this morning. fine all day Wind S.E.

Went to the works in the morning – Gardened & went to Sketty in the afternoon

March 25 Saturday –

Wind E. high – dusty – no rain –

Gardened and went to Sketty in the morning. went into Swansea in the afternoon

March 26. Sunday –

Wind very high – E – no rain clear

Walked over to Sketty in the afternoon.

March 27. Monday –

Wind very high. E. darker cold – no frost

A.M. went into Swansea – PM Gardened

March 28. Tuesday

Cold last night. I believe there was frost – fine all day – Wind.E. calm –

Went to the Infirmary in the morning and afterwards to Swansea –

March 29. Wednesday –

Frost last night – very fine all day – Wind. E. but not high – Sun hot –

Parkwern

Gardened all day & went over to Sketty Hall

March 30. Thursday

Wind from S.E. to S.W. rainy all day – mild  
Went into Swansea in the morning – Gardened &c in the afternoon –

March 31. Friday

Mild – heavy rain till about midday – fine in the afternoon

A.M. Went to Sketty & thence to Swansea. At 12 o'clock attended the Petty Sessions at Llangafelach - & afterwards went to Llansamlet with C H Smith – returned home to tea at ½ past 6

April 1. Saturday –

Wind W. mild – showery –

A.M. Went to the works dined at home at 1 P.M. – gardened & went with Minnie to Sketty –

April 2. Sunday

Wind W. high. Mild – rather showery

Went to church in the morning –

April 3. Monday

Cowbridge

I came up here by Mail this morning and attended a meeting of the committee for Auditing &c the County accounts – dined at Clemenstone in the evening –

April 4 Tuesday –

heavy rain the greater part of the day –

Coedriglan

Attended the Quarter Sessions to day – dined with the magistrates in the evening & afterwards came over here with J Traherne –

April 5. Wednesday

Wind high. W. fine –

Parkwern

I came home by mail to day –

April 6. Thursday

Wind W. rain nearly all day, mild –

Went into Swansea this morning, Gardened & went to Sketty in the afternoon

April 7. Friday –

Wind W. mild. Rain morning & evening showery all day –

Went to the Petty Sessions at Llangafelach

April 8. Saturday –

fine. Wind W. high –

Fished on the Llew –

April 9. Sunday –

Heavy rain all day – Wind NE.

Stayed at home all day except in the evening I walked over to Sketty –

April 10. Monday -  
Fine wind N. cold – Snow on the Devonshire & Aberavon Hills –  
Went to the works in the morning in the afternoon went to Sketty & gardened –

April 11. Tuesday –  
Frost past night – heavy snow storm from 9 to 10 o'clock – fine the rest of the day.  
Wind N.W.  
Parkwern  
Went to the Infirmary this morning and afterwards to the Works Institution &c –  
returned home about 5 P.M.

April 12. Wednesday –  
Showers of Snow at intervals during the day – cold last night but no frost –  
Attended at the infirmary on a sub committee this morning at 10 – afterwards  
went to the works – returned home to dinner – Gardened in the afternoon –

April 13. Thursday –  
cold. Wind N. wind high  
A.M. went into Swansea and attended Mr J Davies's (High Street) funeral  
P.M. Gardened & took Minnie to Sketty. Mary came to us to stay here this evening  
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April 14. Friday – (Good Friday)  
Wind high, W. rain about the middle of the day – mild –  
Walked with Mary into Swansea this morning & went to church – in the  
afternoon I went over to Sketty & gardened –

April 15. Saturday  
Mild – misty rain at intervals but not enough to speak of. Wind W.  
Parkwern  
A.M. went to Swansea  
P.M. gardened & walked on the sands with Mary

April 16. Sunday  
fine. mild –  
remained at home the greater part of the day –

April 17. Monday  
Fine – calm – hot & bright  
A.M. Went to the works  
P.M. Gardened & took Minnie for a walk on the Sands –

April 18. Tuesday –  
Very fine – Sea fog in the morning – calm – Wind Westerly –  
Went to the Infirmary in the morning & thence on to Swansea – Gardened &c in  
the afternoon

April 19 – Wednesday

Fine. Wind. S & SE-

Went to Swansea in the morning on my return about 1 P.M. was detained for an hour by a fire at Wateys malthouse – Gardened & went to Sketty in the evening –

April 20 Thursday

Fine. wind S.W. mild

Parkwern

A.M. Went to Swansea

P.M. went to Sketty gardened &c –

April 21. Friday -

Fine in the morning p heavy rain all the afternoon

Went out fishing with Moggridge to Penllergare

April 22 – Saturday

Rainy in the morning fine in the afternoon – there was a Hail Storm about 2 P.M.

A.M, went to Swansea

P.M. – Went to Sketty & walked in the garden with Bessie

April 23. Sunday –

Very fine –

Did not go out much today. walked with Bessie in the garden &c.

April 23 Monday

Fine –

A.M. went to Swansea – PM gardened.

April 25. Tuesday

Heavy storms of rain & hail – fine otherwise – wind N.W. – heavy rain last night –

Infirmary meeting in the morning – had a headache in the evening

April 26. Wednesday

Hail & thunder & lightening last night. fine today with the exception of a few storms – wind high. N.W.

A.M. went to Swansea. P.M. walked in the garden with Bessie & took a ride with Mary –

April 27. Thursday

Fine – looks threatening for rain this evening

Parkwern

A.M. went to the works. P.M. walked in the garden with Bessie & rode with Mary.

April 28. Friday

Fine – heavy rain last night & this morning

A.M. went to Swansea – P.M. Gardened &c –

April 29. Saturday

Fine with the exception of one or two Showers in the afternoon Calm. Wind W..  
A.M went to Swansea – P.M. walked with Bessie

April 30. Saturday

Wind E. in the morning high, calm in the afternoon & SE. fine –  
Bessie not very well to day and I did not go beyond the Garden –

May 1. Monday

Wind high East. dry & dusty & hot –  
Went to Swansea this morning & attended a harbour meeting at 11 oclock –  
Gardened in the afternoon –

May 2. Tuesday

Wind N.E. not so high as yesterday very fine –  
Went to the infirmary this morning & then on to Swansea – returned home about  
1 P.M. Gardened &c the rest of the afternoon –

May 3

Very fine – calm –  
A.M. Went to Swansea. P.M. drove out with Bessie & went to Sketty –

May 4 Thursday –

Rain at night. Wind West – showery all day  
Parkwern  
A.M. attended a meeting of the guardians of the poor law guardians

May 5. Friday

Very fine all day – wind S.  
A.M. went to Swansea –  
P.M. Gardened &c –

May 6. Saturday

Fine –  
A.M. went into Swansea  
P.M. Gardened &c – walked over to Sketty with Minnie

May 7. Sunday

Did not go to church but remained at home with Bessie

May 8. Monday

Fine in the morning Thunder showers in the afternoon  
AM went to Swansea –  
PM Gardened &c –

May 9. Tuesday

Dark & threatening, wind NE. not cold –  
A.M. – went over to Sketty to see Fanny on her birthday. P.M Gardened &c –

May 10. Wednesday

Fine –  
Went to Swansea in the morning Gardened &c in the afternoon –

May 11 Thursday  
Fine –  
Parkwern  
Went to Swansea in the morning & gardened &c in the afternoon –

May 12 Friday –  
fine in the morning – it began to rain about 11½ A.M. & continued to rain heavily  
nearly all the rest of the day  
Went to Swansea in the morning – did not go out much in the afternoon –

May 13. Saturday –  
Fine –  
A.M. rode into Swansea but did not stay there many minutes & returned & wrote  
& walked in the Garden with Bessie  
P.M. Went into Swansea & attended a meeting of the Committee of works at  
which Mr Rendell attended –

May 14. Sunday  
Rainy – Wind S.E.  
Did not go out much today in consequence of the weather.

May 15. Monday –  
Fine in the morning – rainy in the afternoon – heavy rain last night  
Went to Swansea in the morning & afterwards attended a meeting at the House  
of Correction. walked with Bessie &c in the evening

May 16. Tuesday  
Fine –  
Parkwern  
A.M. Went into Swansea  
PM. Gardened & went over to Sketty

May 17. Wednesday  
Wind N.E. fine -  
A.M. Went to the works & afterwards attended a meeting of the Harbour  
committee –  
P.M. went with Minnie over to Sketty - & gardened with Bessie in the evening.  
wrote ornithology –

May 18. Thursday –  
Fine. Wind N.E.  
My dearest Bessie was confined this evening at 10. o'clock - & she has got a boy<sup>1</sup> –  
she is now (11½ PM) going on well.

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<sup>1</sup> Harrie.

May 19. Friday  
Fine. Wind East  
Did not go into Swansea today

May 20. Saturday  
Heavy rain from the East the greater part of the day –  
A.M. Went into Swansea  
P.M. Did not go out –

May 21. Sunday  
Heavy rain in the morning Wind E. in the afternoon the Wind changed to S.W. & it cleared up  
Did not go to church in consequence of the weather –

May 22. Monday  
Very fine – Wind West  
Parkwern  
A.M went to Swansea –  
P.M. rode over to Penllergare with Mary

May 23. Tuesday  
Fine – Wind has changed round to N.E. this evening –  
Went into the works this morning & at 12 o'clock attended the Petty Sessions at the Town Hall

May 24. Wednesday  
Rain in the morning till about 10½ o'clock when it cleared up & was a very fine afternoon  
A.M. I went to the works &c  
P.M. took Minnie a walk on the sands &c read to Bessie &c –

May 25. Thursday  
Very fine – there was a shower of rain in the middle of the day. Wind W.  
Went over to Penllergare fishing &c

May 26. Friday  
Raining in the morning fine in the afternoon Wind W.  
Went into Swansea in the morning walked with J.D.L. part of the way to Penllergare in the afternoon

May 27. Saturday –  
Heavy rain for the best part of the morning fine in the afternoon – wind W –  
A.M. drove into Swansea with LWD –  
P.M. Made calls with Mary –

May 28. Sunday  
showery – in the morning fine the rest of the day –  
Parkwern



I did not go out to day for long – Bessie has been moved into the drawing room for a short time -

May 29. Monday

Heavy storms of Hail & rain in the morning – fine in the afternoon

A.M. went to Swansea

P.M. wrote - & walked with Mary to the sands -

May 30. Tuesday

Fine in the morning heavy rain all the afternoon -

I went up to Cowbridge to day to attend a meeting of the Finance committee – Sir

C Tyler, Oliver Jones & myself met – I returned in the evening by the Cumrw

May 31 Wednesday

Drizzling rain a great part of the day -

Went to the works in the morning returned at 1 P.M, walked over to Sketty &c in the evening -

June 1 Thursday

Showery

Went to the works in the morning & afterwards to the Annual meeting of the

Royal Institution – dined at Sketty in the evening -

June 2. Friday 1843

Heavy rain all day -

Parkwern

A.M. did not go out in consequence of the Rain

PM. Went to the works -

June 3 Saturday

Fine -

Went out fishing with Moggridge at Llew

June 4. Sunday

Rain in the night – fine in the day with the exception of some showers -

Did not go out much

June 5. Monday

Rain in the night, fine in the morning about 1½ PM Rain came on again with

Thunder & lightning & the rain lasted nearly all evening

Attended a Harbour Meeting at 12 - agreed to sell 21 foot frontage of the

Glamorgan Pottery wanted by the Harbour trustees for 19 years purchase at £1

per foot per annum - Allowing £3,5- per running foot to be deducted from

purchase money for Quay wall for remainder of the Quay to be built by trustees -

Also acted on behalf of LWD to have a clear understanding that the sides of the

road out & Ninnros [?] line are to be his -

June 6. Tuesday

Showery in the morning. fine in the afternoon

Parkwern  
A.M. Went to Swansea Petty sessions  
P.M. Walked with Mary to call at Woodlands

June 7. Wednesday  
Dark & Threatening in the morning heavy rain all the afternoon  
A.M. Went over to Sketty & assisted LWD to arrange his Muniment room  
P.M. Went into Swansea

June 8. Thursday  
Wind very high last night & all day – Storms of rain  
Went into Swansea in the morning & attended a meeting of the Harbour  
Committee

June 9. Friday  
Unsettled. wind still high. SW.  
A.M. went into Swansea  
P.M. went with Minnie to Sketty

June 10. Saturday  
Weather unsettled in the morning.  
8 P.M. the glass is getting up & the wind is veering to the north –  
A.M. Went into Swansea – Attwoods office works &c  
P.M. worked in the Garden with Minnie

June 11. Sunday  
Wind N. fine – rather cold –  
remained with Bessie in the morning walked with Minnie in the afternoon –

June 12. Monday  
Fine. Wind NE –  
Parkwern  
A.M. went into Swansea – works &c –  
P.M. took Minnie for a walk on the sands – read to Bessie in the evening –

June-13. Tuesday  
Wind N.E. rain in the morning close & overcast in the evening. no rain –  
A.M. went to the works & a Harbour committee meeting –  
P.M. rode over to Penllergare with Mary.

June 14. Wednesday  
Fine – with the exception of one or two showers  
Attended the Quarterly meeting at the House of Correction – had a bad headache  
in the evening –

June 15. Thursday –  
Thick & rainy till between 2 & 3 o'clock when it cleared up and came out very fine  
– close –

Drove Attwood up to the Rhyd to take an examination of a Pauper near there –  
We fished on the river there in the afternoon – Attwood took 25 trout & I took 34  
– got home about a quarter to 8 P.M. –

June 16 – Friday  
Very fine – hot –  
A.M. Went into Swansea. busy at the works &c –  
P.M. went to Sketty walked with Bessie &c

June 17. Saturday  
Very fine  
Parkwern  
Went to Swansea in the morning, busy at works & Attwoods office – Worked in  
the garden in the afternoon

June 18 Sunday –  
Fine in the morning, rainy in the afternoon.  
Did not go out much today –

June 19. Monday  
Very fine –  
Went out fishing at Penllergare & dined there – Papa & Mama started this  
morning for London

June 20. Tuesday  
Very fine  
Went into Swansea in the morning & saw John & Mary start for London by the  
steam packet – D Edwards came back with me to dinner at 1 o'clock & spent the  
afternoon with us –

June 21. Wednesday  
Very fine –  
Went to Swansea in the morning took Bessie for a drive to the Mumbles in the  
afternoon –

June 22. Thursday  
Very fine  
Parkwern  
Went to Swansea in the morning & from there drove over to Penllergare with  
Bessie & Minnie – in the evening I fished down to Cadley & walked home - -

June 23. Friday –  
Very fine  
A.M. Went to Swansea – busy at Works & Attwoods office  
P.M. drove Bessie in the Pony gig to Fairwood moor & back –

June 24. Saturday  
Very fine  
A.M. Went to Swansea

P.M. Gardened with Bessie –

June 25. Sunday

Fine – wind SE. fresh –

Did not go out much to day Mr D. Edwards spent the afternoon here –

June 26 – Monday

- fine –

A.M. Went to Swansea

P.M. walked with Bessie &c wrote to LWD &c-

June 27 Tuesday

Fine –

Parkwern

Drove Calvert Jones to the Neath Quarter Sessions – Bessie & I dined at Veranda in the evening –

June 28. Wednesday

light rain in the morning fine in the afternoon –

Went to Swansea in the morning took Minnie over to Sketty in the afternoon & rode out with Bessie in the evening –

June 29. Thursday

fine all day – Wind NW in the morning – calm in the evening

A.M. Went to the works

P.M. write &c & walked with Bessie in the Garden –

June 30. Friday

Cloudy & threatening – very little rain

Went into Swansea this morning – attended the Annual meeting of the Infirmary – at ½ past 3 PM. met Bessie & Minnie at the Royal Institution & shewed them the Museum –

Walked with Bessie in the garden in the afternoon –

July 1. Saturday

Fine – cloudy & threatening this evening

Parkwern

A.M. went to Swansea

P.M. went over to Sketty Hall wrote &c

July 2. Sunday

Misty all day – rain in the morning – Wind W.

Drove Bessie in the poney gig over to church this morning at Penllergare – we lunched there afterwards & then returned

July 3 Monday

Heavy rain last night & this morning. fine in the afternoon –

Attended the monthly Harbour meeting in the morning. went to the Works &c – in the evening I walked with Bessie & Minnie over to Sketty –

July 4 Tuesday

Fine in the morning – dark with occasional dropping rain all the day –  
Attended a meeting of the Committee of the Infirmary this morning & afterwards  
attended a Petty Sessions at the Town Hall. Walked with Bessie in the evening –

July 5. Wednesday –

threatening for rain – glass falling – no rain fell

Parkwern

A.M. Went to the works & was busy at calculations till 2½ o'clock when I came  
home to dinner –

P.M – walked over to Sketty with Bessie & Minnie & gardened at home

July 6 – Thursday

this morning it looked threatening but it cleared off & had been a fine day – Glass  
rising

AM – Went to the works –

PM – walked with Bessie & Minnie to Sketty gardened &c

July 7. Friday

Heavy showers this morning fine the rest of the day –

Went with Bessie & Minnie in the Carriage to Swansea & then on to Llangafelach  
whence they went on to Penllergare – At Llangafelach I met JDL & C H Smith &  
Petty Sessions – I afterwards walked to Penllergare with JDL. & walked about  
there with Bessie Fanny &c. We came home to tea

July 8. Saturday

Very heavy rain this morning, fine in the afternoon – Calm Wind NE.

Parkwern

Went into Swansea this morning & returned to dinner at one P.M. afterwards I  
again went & met 10 magistrates respecting the demolition of Bolgoed toll bar &  
house (in our county) & to take steps respecting a threatened attack on Wych  
Tree gate bridge tonight by the Rebecca mob – I am going to set up at the  
Mackworth Arms to night to be ready to accompany the troops in case they  
should be called out – My Hay was cut to day

July 9. Sunday

Very fine –

I returned home about 7 o'clock this morning there having been no disturbance  
as was expected last night – drove Bessie over to Penllergare in the afternoon  
where we walked about with John & Emma for some time & afterwards returned  
to tea –

July 10. Monday

Fine –

Parkwern

Went to Swansea. Attended a Turnpike meeting at 12 & afterwards a Magistrates  
meeting respecting the Rebecca outrage – I am going to sit up with JDL to night at

the Mackworth arms in case the troops should be called out – I am going up to London tomorrow –

July 11. Tuesday

Fine –

London

I left Swansea by the Steamer about  $\frac{1}{4}$  to 7.A.M. & reached London at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 10 – found LWD much better –

July 12 – Wednesday

Fine

Went this morning with Mama Mary & the Royd Smiths to the Horticultural shew at Chiswick – the Duke of Devonshires Gardens adjoining were open to the public and we were much struck with the Magnificent Cedars &c. surrounding the house – in the evening I went with Mary to the Haymarket Theatre –

July 13 Thursday –

Rain in the morning, fine in the afternoon

A.M. executed commissions &c

P.M. Went with Mary to see the exhibition of the pictures of the Royal Academy & the National gallery – in the evening went with Papa Mama & Mary to the Opera

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July 14 Friday

Fine –

Bristol –

Went to Hayters exhibition &c in the morning, & at 5 oclock came down here by the train – Went to see DelaBeche when I arrived at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 9.P.M.

July 15. Saturday

Dark – no rain – fine in the evening

Parkwern

I came home by the Mail today & arrived in Swansea about 10 minutes to 4 P.M. – drove out with Bessie

July 16. Sunday

Fine –

Drove over with Bessie to church at Penllergare in the morning – I walked in to Swansea in the afternoon –

July 17. Monday

Misty in the morning & evening fine in the middle of the day

Went to the works this morning – at 3 oclock attended a meeting of the Magistrates respecting the Rebecca riots – it was agreed to defend the gates (in the event if their being attacked) with armed police & constables, under the direction of Capt<sup>n</sup> Napier – in the evening I walked with Bessie in the garden – read & c –

July 18. Tuesday

Heavy rain till about ½ pas [sic] 3 P.M. when it cleared up –  
Parkwern

I was busy at the works the greater part of the day – the counting house was broken into last night and robbed of between 3 & 4 pounds in silver – We have not been able to discover the thief but have no doubt it was one of our men who knew the place well – W.Evans the Gloss fireman was in the works at the time & several things lead us to have strong suspicions of him –

July 19.Wednesday

Heavy storms in the morning fine in the afternoon –

I walked over to Penllergare this morning & then went on to Swansea JDL was out with the troops last night in search of a party of Rebeccaites but could not find them – In the evening Bessie & L walked over to Sketty & found all the Party there had just returned & pretty well –

July 20 Thursday

Showery & stormy

Parkwern

I went into Swansea this morning & was busy at the works, in the afternoon I sat in Attwoods office with C.H.Smith on a case of stealing rings & c from a shop, by a servant girl --she was committed –

July 21. Friday

Fine –

A.M. went into Swansea called upon E Hickey who arrived last night with 2 companies of the 75<sup>th</sup> Regt

P.M. rode into Swansea with Bessie – E.Hickey dined with us in the evening –

July 22. Saturday

Rainy in the afternoon

I patrolled last night with Capt<sup>n</sup> Napier & 2 mounted police on Fairwood moor as we expected an attack either on Carters ford gate or Kilvrough gate. – all however was quiet, we returned home at day break & I got here [Parkwern] about ½ past 3 A.M. & went to bed – about ½ past 10 I went onto Swansea where I attended a Magistrates meeting & returned home about 4½ P.M. I then walked with Bessie to Sketty – I had a bad headache in the evening

July 23. Sunday

Fine –

I did not go to church this morning as my head was troublesome – at about ½ past 1 P.M. I was sent for to Attwoods office & found that in executing a warrant against a man suspected of having been at the destruction of the Rhyd y Pandy turnpike gate, Captain Napier & 3 Policemen had been set upon & Napier was much cut & wounded about the head – he shot one of his assailants in the groin & he was then taken – John, Moggridge, Bird & several others went up this afternoon with a number of constables & about 40 soldiers to take as many of the other assailants as we could lay hands upon – we went to the house (between Rhyd y Pandy & Velindre) & took 2 women & a man all identified as having been of the party, & brought them back to Swansea – We took the troops to prevent

any resistance being offered. I got back here [Parkwern] about ¼ to 7 P.M. & in the evening walked with Bessie over to Sketty – the Prisoners are to be examined tomorrow at 9 A.M –

July 24. Monday

Very fine.

Penllergare

Bessie & the children came over here about 8 o'clock – I went into Swansea early (at 9 A.M) & remained there all day examining the prisoners for the rescue & some we have for the demolition of Gates – they were all remanded. There was a large bench of Magistrates – John & I came out together in my Poney gig –

July 25. Tuesday

Fine –

John & I went into Swansea at 9 A.M. & remained nearly all day in the case on the examination of the prisoners – we returned here to dinner –

July 26. Wednesday –

fine

Went into Swansea again to day & the Prisoners were committed for trial & admitted to Bail – we also admitted the Rebeccaites to bail till next Wednesday when their examination will be gone into

July 27. Thursday

Very fine

Penllergare

Went into Swansea with JDL in the Poney gig – returned by Sketty & Parkwern

July 28. Friday

Fine with the exception slight showers

Went into Swansea with JDL

July 29 Saturday

Windy

rowed Bessie on the lake in the morning – in the afternoon I drove her into Swansea in the Phaeton - & returned with JDL in his – we waited for the post delivery for a communication from Sir J Graham which we received, informing us that Mr Maule the solicitor to the treasury would be sent down to conduct the prosecution of the Rebeccaites on behalf of the Government

July 30. Sunday

Fine in the morning heavy storms in the afternoon

Penllergare

Went to church in the morning – walked with Bessie & c in the afternoon

July 31. Monday

Fine –

A.M. I drove to Sketty to breakfast & then on through Swansea home

P.M I fished in the lake



August 1. Tuesday

Fine -

AM DelaBeche came here yesterday evening & we had our little boy christened.

[Henry delaBeche Dillwyn]

P.M. John & I drove into Swansea

August 2 - Wednesday

Heavy rain in the morning showery the rest of the day

Went into Swansea with John this morning at 8 o'clock & remained in the Town Hall nearly all day on the examination of the Rebeccaites - Bessie went home to Parkwern to day - we returned here about 7 P.M.

August 3. Thursday

Rain in the morning stormy all day

Penllergare

Drove into Swansea with JDL this morning at 8½ o'clock - We were busy all morning at the Town Hall - at about 2½ P.M. I drove over to Parkwern & back here to dinner - John returned in the Phaeton with Emma

August 4. Friday

Showery -

Parkwern

Came over here at ½ past 10 o'clock this morning with J.D.L. & then we walked into Swansea where we were busy for some time at the Town Hall on a case of the Turnpike toll renter (Bullen) having overcharged a cart - which was proved & he was fined £5 - in the afternoon John walked out with me - he & all his party have gone to Sketty to day -

August 5. Saturday

Fine all day - a heavy storm or rain came on about ½ past 9 PM & lasted about ½

an hour -

Parkwern

Went to the works in the morning & at 3 P.M. attended a meeting of the Magistrates at Attwoods office - the Copper men have struck and about 900 of them walked in procession to the Town, but retired quietly upon being requested to do so - they afterwards met their masters near the Copper works but they could not agree -

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Comment:

August 6. Sunday

Very fine

Went to Swansea church in the morning with Bessie - in the afternoon made some calls with her -

August 7. Monday

Heavy rain in the morning fine in the afternoon

Went to Swansea to a Harbour meeting at 12 o'clock - afterwards walked home with John & Mary - Bessie & I dined at Singleton in the evening -

August 8. Tuesday

Fine -

Parkwern

A.M. went to Swansea where I was busy at the works reducing prices &c till 2

P.M. when I came home

P.M. Walked with Bessie to Dderwen fawr - we dined at Sketty in the evening

August 9. Wednesday

Fine -

Went to Swansea this morning & was busy at the works at the reduction of prices till nearly 4 P.M. I then rode out with Bessie - after tea I walked with her down to the Sands -

August 10. Thursday -

Very fine -

Went into Swansea at about ½ past 9 this morning and was busy at the works till past 6 in the evening except that I went to a Turnpike meeting for about ½ an hour at 12 - in the evening I walked with Bessie to Cassino & home by the sands

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August 11 Friday

Very fine -

Parkwern

Went into Swansea this morning & then went down with Bessie to a Picnic party at three cliffs Bay - We drank tea at Singleton

August 12 - Saturday -

Very fine -

Went into Swansea in the morning where I remained till about ½ past 5 P.M. when I returned home

August 13. Sunday -

Very fine

Walked into Church with John in the morning - attended a Magistrates meeting afterwards & in the evening walked with Bessie on the sands -

August 14. Monday

thick & threatening in the morning fine in the afternoon

We had a cricket party and dance in the evening -

August 15. Tuesday

heavy showers of rain in the morning - calm - fine in the afternoon

Busy at the works the greater part of the day -

August 16. Wednesday

thick & threatening all day - some rain fell in the morning

Parkwern

Went up to the Grouse Hills today with J.D.L 0 & a party -

August 17. Thursday

Misty in the morning - about ½ past 9 the sun came out and it has been very hot & fine all day - thick fog in the evening -

A.M. went into Swansea with Bessie - I left her in the town & went down to the works & returned home about 1½ P.M. -

August 18 - Friday

Very fine all day - extremely hot

Went into Swansea - attended a Magistrates meeting at 10 AM - at about 12 I went over to Crumlyn Burrows to play a Cricket match -

August 19. Saturday

Very hot & fine -

A.M. Went to the works -

P.M. Walked with Bessie & c - in the evening we took a ride to Cline Common

August 20. Sunday

there was a heavy Thunder storm last night - fine to day, cool & fresh. Wind high - N.W.

AM Walked with Bessie in to Church

P.M. we walked down to Cassino to see Fanny -

August 21. Monday

Fine - wind fresh S.W. - looks threatening for rain this evening -

Parkwern

I went over to Crumlyn Burrows this morning to play a Match at cricket - in the evening I went to Sketty -

August 22. Tuesday

Heavy rain last night & in the morning - about Midday it cleared up & with the exception of one or two showers the evening has been fine -

A.M. I went to Swansea

P.M. Walked with Bessie &c.

August 23. Wednesday

Fine -

Went out Rabbit shooting with Capt<sup>as</sup> Fane & Prettie at Penllergare we dined there

August 24 Thursday -

Fine -

I was out all last night with Napier & a body of Police near Llougher looking after a Rebecca mob - they did assemble however - I was in Swansea nearly all day -

August 25. Friday

Fine except a shower in the middle of the day

Parkwern

Went over to the Crumlyn Burrows to play Cricket - Bessie & I dined at Veranda in the evening

August 26. Saturday

Heavy rain in the morning fine in the afternoon. Glass rising –  
Drove over to Penllergare this morning to see JDL who has not been well –  
returned home by Swansea

August 27 Sunday –

Fine all day –  
Bessie & I walked into church this morning – in the afternoon we took a walk –

August 28. Monday

Heavy Rain nearly all day, glass rising  
I went into Swansea in the morning & returned home in the afternoon –

August 29. Tuesday

Rainy in the morning fine in the afternoon – glass rising steadily –  
A.M. went to Swansea  
PM walked with Bessie & c

August 30. Wednesday

Very fine – Glass still rising steadily  
Parkwern  
A.M. went to Swansea  
P.M. Drove Bessie in the Poney gig to the Mumbles & from there we walked over  
Bracelet Bay – we returned home to tea – I named birds &c in the evening –

August 31. Thursday

Very fine –  
A.M. went to Swansea, rode with Bessie in the afternoon – we went to a Ball in  
the evening

Sept<sup>r</sup> 1. Friday

Very fine –  
Went into Swansea – this morning I heard of the Death of my Uncle George which  
was very sudden at Bath –

Sept<sup>r</sup> 2. Saturday

Fine – misty in the evening  
Went into Swansea in the morning & attended a Petty Sessions for ordering the  
payments of Constables & c – in the evening we dined at Sketty

September 3. Sunday

Misty rain most of the day Wind W – mild & muggy  
Parkwern  
Remained at home in the morning walked over to Sketty with Bessie in the  
afternoon –

September 4. Monday

Very fine

Went into Swansea this morning & attended a harbour meeting – I afterwards attended a meeting of the Magistrates -

September 5. Tuesday

Very fine –

A.M. walked into Swansea with Bessie – we returned to dinner at 1 P.M

P.M. practised cricket with F.Benson – in the evening Bessie walked with me over to Sketty Hall –

September 6. Wednesday

Very fine –

Played a cricket match on Crumlyn Burrows – returned home about 6 o'clock

September 7. Thursday

Very fine –

Parkwern

Last night in consequence of information we received of an intended attack upon the Pontardulais gate I drove over to Penllergare at ½ past 8 o'clock with M Moggridge – there we met Napier with Peake & 5 Policemen – at ½ past 10 J.D.L., M Moggridge, Napier, Peake, 5 Policemen & myself set out & went along the common to Pontardulais when within a short distance of the Gate we waited under a hedge and a little before 1 A.M. a Rebecca mob attacked the gate & toll house – our party upon attempting to seize some of the rioters met with a desperate resistance but soon put them to flight capturing 3 of the rioters – from ½ an hour to an hour afterwards the Dragoons came to our assistance from Swansea, & a party of infantry from Llanelly arrived having taken 4 of the Rioters who were escaping – the 3 prisoners we had taken were after some delay placed in a Phaeton as 2 of them were very badly wounded and escorted by the dragoons into Swansea – I then returned home - between 6 & 7 A.M. I went over to see LWD who started for Cheltenham this morning – at 11 A.M. I went into Swansea to a turnpike meeting –

September 8 Friday

Very fine –

I went to the works this morning & then went on the Llangafelach petty Sessions – I walked home by Penllergare –

September 9. Saturday

Very fine –

I went out shooting at Ynisgerwn to day with Captns Fane & Prettie –we had no sport – they dined with me in the evening

September 10 Sunday

Rainy in the morning, fine with the exception of some showers in the afternoon-  
Parkwern

Did not go out in the morning in the afternoon I took a walk with Bessie to Cassino & home by the sands –

September 11. Monday

Fine –

Went into Swansea in the morning – the Prisoners taken on Thursday morning were examined for their committal. I did not act as a magistrate but remained in a room adjoining the Town Hall in case I might be wanted as a witness – at about 5 o'clock the enquiry was adjourned till 11 o'clock tomorrow morning – I then returned home & took a walk with Bessie till tea time –

September 12. Tuesday

Very fine –

Parkwern

I went into Swansea this morning to the Town Hall – the prisoners were committed for trial between 12 and 1 o'clock I then sat at an adjourned Licensing meeting till nearly three PM when I drove over to Penllergare with Bessie – we are going over there tomorrow for a visit –

September 13, Wednesday

Fine –

Penllergare

A.M. Busy at Parkwern packing &c.

P.M. Drove with Bessie into Swansea & then here

Sept 14. Thursday

Fine –

A.M. Drove with Bessie into Swansea

P.M. Shot rabbits with Fane who returned with us from Swansea in the morning –

September 15. Friday

Fine –

Penllergare

I went into Swansea with JDL this morning to attend a meeting respecting Barracks & c. Bessie & I are going to a Ball to night –

September 16. Saturday –

Fine –

We slept at Parkwern after the Ball – I came home through Swansea Bessie came straight home –

September 17. Sunday

Fine

John & I went down with Napier & a body of troops to Pontardulais last night as an attack was threatened upon the gate – none however took place – We went to church this morning – walked in the afternoon

September 18. Monday

Very fine –

Penllergare

A.M. walked with Bessie & c –

P.M. went out shooting –

September 19. Tuesday

Very fine –

Went with Napier to Crumlyn burrows where we played a cricket match –

September 20. Wednesday

Very fine –

I walked to Swansea this morning where I remained till the afternoon & then walked home -

September 21. Thursday

Very fine –

A.M. walked with Bessie to the lower lake where we rowed about. returned to Lunch

P.M. went out shooting with JDL – Franklyn who is staying here walked with us but did not shoot – Lady S Murray & Miss E Murray came here today for a visit-

September 22. Friday

Fine

Penllergare

Went to Swansea and Parkwern with Bessie – the Franklyns left to day –

September 23. Saturday

Very fine –

Went to Swansea – the rest of the party went to Oystermouth Castle to day –

September 24. Sunday

Very fine

We all went to church in the morning – Bessie & I took a walk on the Coetrennig meadows in the afternoon –

September 25, Monday

Very fine –

Drove into Swansea this morning with Bessie – we returned by Parkwern – Capt<sup>a</sup> Napier came back with us – Lord Bute & Lord Jas Stewart came here to day to meet the Magistrates tomorrow in Swansea

September 26. Tuesday

Fine – much colder than it has been – the glass is falling

Penllergare

Attended a Meeting of the Magistrates in Swansea this morning. went out Shooting with Napier in the afternoon –

September 27. Wednesday

Showery – cold –

AM Walked with Bessie –

PM. went out shooting –

September 28 – Thursday

Fine – cold – Hoar frost this morning –

Drive with Bessie into Swansea in the morning in the afternoon we went to Parkwern & then called at the Hill House in my way home

September 29. Friday

Fine -

Attended the Llangafelach Petty Sessions with JDL - the principal business was revising the Jury lists -

September 30. Saturday

Fine - thick & cloudy -

Penllergare

Attended Petty Sessions in Swansea for revising Jury lists -

October 1. Sunday

Fine -

Went to Church in the morning - walked with Bessie in the afternoon -

October 2. Monday

Fine -

Went into Swansea with JDL & Bessie - John & I walked home in the evening

October 3. Tuesday

Fine -

Attended Petty Sessions at Swansea

October 4. Wednesday

Very fine.

went out shooting -

October 5 Thursday

Fine

I drove Bessie this morning to Swansea & then on to Parkwern - We then went down to Singleton where there was a cricket match - in the evening we went to a Ball at Dderwen Fawr - & returned to Sleep at Parkwern

October 6 Friday

Fine in the morning heavy rain in the afternoon

Penllergare

I walked to Swansea and back from Parkwern this morning in the afternoon I drove Bessie back here -

October 7. Saturday

Fine in the morning heavy rain in the afternoon

Parkwern -

We returned home for good to day - I shot my way home -

October 8. Sunday

Showery -

A.M. the weather being uncertain we did not go to Church



P.M. walked out with Bessie –

October 9. Monday

Showery in the morning fine in the afternoon –

A.M. Walked into Swansea with Bessie

P.M. E Hickey came out & spent the afternoon & dined with us –

October 10. Tuesday

Fine in the morning rainy in the afternoon

Parkwern

Went into Swansea attended petty Sessions & c –

October 11. Wednesday

Showery – cold in the evening –

Went out Shooting at Ynisgyerwn

October 12. Thursday

Showery. Cold. Wind NW.

A.M. Went to the works & c

P.M worked in the garden & c –

October 13. Friday

Fine -

Attended a Petty Sessions at the Town Hall to hear an application from Bullin for compensation for the damage done to the Toll House at Pontardulais – the amount claimed was ordered to be recovered from the Hundred of Swansea – in the evening I gardened with Bessie –

October 14. Saturday

Fine –

Parkwern

Drove into Swansea with Bessie in the morning, we returned about 12 o'clock & gardened till dinner at 6.

October 15. Sunday

Very fine

Went into church with Bessie in the morning – We took a walk in the afternoon –

October 16. Monday

Frost last night – fine.

I went out shooting to day, up to Llenllan – we dined at Singleton in the evening to meet Lord Bute who is come down for the Quarter Sessions which commence tomorrow –

October 17. Tuesday

rainy –

I went into Swansea with Col Jones – attended the Quarter Sessions – dined with the magistrates in the evening –

October 18. Wednesday

fine -

Parkwern

Attended the Quarter Session to day - Nichol came home and dined with us & will remain here to night -

October 19. Thursday

fine -

Drove Nichol in to Swansea to the Town Hall this morning - the Sessions terminated at about ½ past 5 this evening -

October 20. Friday -

Unsettled. Wind rather high in the afternoon - W - Heavy rain at night.

A.M. went into Swansea to the works & c -

P.M. took a walk with Bessie gardened & c -

October 21. Saturday

Fine -

A.M. Gardened & c

P.M. went down to Park & shot with Vivian Lindsay & A Jones -

October 22. Sunday

Rainy all day -

Parkwern

We did not go out today

October 23. Monday

Rather showery - but fine on the whole

Went with Bessie into Swansea in the evening we went to a concert of Hullahs system class

October 24. Tuesday

Showery

Went out shooting at Ynisgyrwn with M Moggridge

October 25. Wednesday

Fine in the morning showery in the afternoon

A.M. Went to the Works & executed some commissions in Swansea

PM. Gardened &c -

October 26. Thursday

Fine

Duffryn St Nicholas -

I came up to Cardiff by mail this morning, attended at the opening of the Special Commission for trying the Pontardulais rioters &c - I walked out here with Henry Bruce to dinner -

October 27. Friday

Fine in the morning - heavy rain in the evening

Duffryn (St Nicholas)

Attended at the Special commission and gave my evidence – returned here to dinner –

October 28. Saturday

Fine. Wind high & showers –

Went in to Cardiff this morning – remained nearly all day in the Town Hall – returned here to dinner –

October 29. Sunday

Showery –

A.M. went to Church at St Nicholas –

P.M. took a walk with H Bruce H<sup>2</sup> & G Thomas & c to Wenvoe –

October 30. Monday

Heavy rain all day – wind N.E.

Parkwern

The Special Commission at Cardiff closed to day & I returned home by Mail –

October 31. Tuesday

Fine – Wind N. –

A.M. went to Swansea

P.M. went out coursing to Penyfody – in the evening we had a party –

November 1. Wednesday –

White frost last night fine all day – glass rising –

Parkwern

A.M. Went over to Sketty with Minnie –

P.M. went out shooting to Penyfody –

November 2. Thursday

Very fine –

A.M. went in to Swansea

P.M. Planted shrubs –

November 3. Friday

threatening – no rain

Rheola

A.M. Planted & c

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<sup>2</sup> Henry Thomas of Llwyn Madoc. Born 16th January 1808. Married 10th September 1835 Clara, daughter of Thomas Thomas of Lanbradach, co Glamorgan. Magistrate for Glamorganshire, Brecon and Radnor. Deputy Lieutenant for Brecon. He had a son Llewelyn and a daughter Clara. Llewelyn became engaged to Amy Dillwyn but said died of small pox whilst in Paris in February 1864, just for months after their engagement. See *Amy Dillwyn*, University of Wales Press, Cardiff, by David Painting 1987, for more about the family.

P.M. Drove up to Rheola

November 4 Saturday

Showery

Parkwern

Went out shooting at Rheola – drove home with A Jones in the evening –

November 5 Sunday

Very fine –

Walked with Bessie part of the way to church but returned as her feet were wet – in the afternoon we walked to Sketty & home by the sands.

November 6. Monday

Rain last night – fine all day – but rather cloudy & wind high –

Parkwern

A.M. Walked with Bessie in to Swansea & back –

P.M. walked to Penllergare & back –

November 7. Tuesday

Rain in the night & fine in the day

I went this morning into Swansea & attended the Petty Sessions at 12 o'clock – I afterwards walked home & again drove into Swansea with Bessie & walked home with her

November 8. Wednesday

Showery. cold –

Went out shooting at Ynisgerwn with N.E. Vaughn H Rickards & A Jones –

November 9. Thursday

fine in the day - heavy rain set in in the evening –

A.M. Went to Swansea –

P.M. Walked with Bessie, in the evening we dined at the Hill House –

November 10. Friday

Heavy rain till about 12 o'clock when it cleared off a little – Wind S.E.

Parkwern

Did not go out in the morning in the afternoon took a walk with my gun to Penyfody

November 11. Saturday

Rather rainy this morning. fine afterwards –

Went into Swansea this morning to a Harbour committee meeting at 11.a.m. afterwards went to the works – at 3½ P.M. met Bessie in Swansea & walked out with her –

November 12 – Sunday

Slight frost last night – fine all day

A.M. Walked with Bessie to church

P.M. Walked with Bessie

November 13. Monday

Dark Wind N.E. threatening but no rain –

A.M. went to the Works & c –

P.M. Walked to Penllergare

November 14. Tuesday

Fine

Went out coursing at Ynisygerwn with Vivian & a party –

November 15. Wednesday

Fine in the day – rain in the evening after dark –

Parkwern

A.M. Walked into Swansea & back with Bessie –

P.M. Gardened & c –

November 16. Thursday

Fine.

Went into Swansea in the morning and afterwards went over with JDL to

Penllergare Bessie & Minnie had got there before us & in the afternoon I

returned home with them and gardened till dinner time -

November 17. Friday –

Heavy rain till about 3 o'clock P.M. when it cleared up. Wind S.W.

Read & wrote all morning – about ½ past 12 I walked with my gun in my hand to

Penllergare & shot there – I got back to dinner –

November 18. Saturday

Stormy – bright sun & heavy storms between whiles –

Went to Swansea in the morning busy at the works and at Attwoods office till

about 3 P.M. when I walked out - & walked with Bessie till dinner time – in the

evening I worked at ornithology –

November 19. Sunday

Showery in the morning in the afternoon it clouded over and now 10 P.M. it is

blowing & raining tremendously Wind S.W.

Parkwern

It was too showery to go to Church this morning – we dined at ½ past and in the

afternoon, Bessie & I got out for a short walk –

November 20. Monday

Stormy in the morning fine in the afternoon – in the night the wind was

tremendously high –

Penrice

A.M. I went to Swansea & returned to Parkwern about 1 P.M.

P.M. Bessie & myself came down here for a visit –

November 21. Tuesday

heavy rain the greater part of the day

Went with Cameron & Talbot out shooting in Nicholston wood

November 22 – Wednesday  
tolerably fine –  
We went out shooting today again

November 23 – Thursday  
Stormy  
today we shot in Oxwich wood – tomorrow we intend to return home

November 24. Friday  
Showery –  
Parkwern  
We left Penrice this morning & reached home about 1 P.M. in the afternoon I  
went in to Swansea –

November 25. Saturday  
Heavy rain last night & this morning – small rain nearly all day  
I went out shooting at Ynisgyerwn to day

November 26. Sunday  
Unsettled in the morning – rain in the evening  
Bessie has got a cold & we did not go to church this morning – I went for a walk  
on the sands in the afternoon –

November 27. Monday  
Showery  
A.M. Went to Swansea  
P.M. rode to Penllergare

November 28. Tuesday  
Fine in the morning unsettled in the afternoon  
A.M. went to the Infirmary in the morning & then on to the works at 12 I went to  
the Petty sessions at the Town Hall –  
P.M – Gardened & c –

November 29. Wednesday  
Fine –  
Parkwern  
I went out Shooting up to Cassino with Cap<sup>t</sup> Brown –

November 30. Thursday  
unsettled all day  
A.M. went to the Works & c  
P.M. Gardened & c –

December 1. Friday  
Fine –

I went to the Works this morning & then on to the Petty Sessions at Llangefelach after which I walked home by Penllergare

December 2. Saturday

Misty, rain all day – foggy

I went out shooting with Iltid Thomas at Ynisygerwn.

December 3. Sunday

Misty & dark all day

Took a walk with Bessie in the morning –

December 4. Monday

Misty rain the greater part of the day

Parkwern

Went to the Works this morning & then to the Monthly Harbour meeting – I afterwards went to the rooms & at 4 P.M to Attwoods office on some justice business, got home to dinner at 5 P.M.

December 5. Tuesday

Heavy rain nearly all day Wind S.W.

I went out shooting to Penyfody & the Llougher marshes – We had a party in the evening.

December 6. Wednesday

Fine on the whole, rather showery

Went into Swansea in the morning & remained there the greater part of the day – We had a second party this evening –

December 7. Thursday

Bristol

I came up here by Mail to day on my way to London

December 8. Friday

Fine -

London

Came on here by railroad this morning; in the afternoon executed commissions – dined with LWD at the Athenaeum in the evening –

December 9. Saturday

Foggy – still. no rain

A.M. called upon Yarrell executed commissions & c –

P.M. Went with Mary to the Zoological Gardens – dined at the Athenaeum –

December 10. Sunday

Rain in the morning, thick & gloomy the rest of the day

A.M. went to the Athenaeum & read there in the library –

P.M. Went to church with Mary I also went with LWD to call upon Babbage

December 11. Monday

Fine –  
A.M. went to Bohns with LWD & shopped  
P.M, shopped with Mary

December 12. Tuesday  
Heavy fog all day, we could hardly see without candles  
London  
Went to the British Museum & Linnean Society with Mary shopped & c

December 13. Wednesday  
Foggy but clearer than it was yesterday  
Bristol  
I went this morning to see Gould & Leadbeater & finished a few commissions –  
left town by the 2 o clock train & arrived here at 6½ P.M

December 14  
Fine –  
Parkwern  
Came down from Bristol by Mail to day – Met Bessie in Swansea and we walked  
out together –

December 15. Friday  
Fine –  
A.M. went to Swansea  
P.M. Gardened & c

December 16. Saturday  
Fine.  
A.M. went to the works & c.  
P.M – took a ride with Bessie & afterwards we walked over to Sketty. Papa &  
Mama & Mary came home this evening –

December 17. Sunday  
Fine –  
A.M. went to church with Bessie & Mary  
P.M. went with Bessie to Sketty & Singleton

December 18. Monday  
Fine –  
Went to Swansea in the morning – at 10½ AM went down to Park where I shot  
with H H Vivian & A Jones –

December 19. Tuesday  
Fine –  
Went to the Works in the morning & then to the Town Hall (Petty Sessions)  
where I remained till about 3 P.M. I then returned home.

December 20. Wednesday  
Fine –



Went out shooting at Ynisygerwn

December 21. Thursday

Fine – there was some rain in the night –

Parkwern

Went to Sketty with Minnie in the morning and afterwards to Swansea – where I was busy at the works till the afternoon

December 22. Friday

Rainy

A.M. Went to the Works & c

P.M. Drove Bessie over to Penllergare – we dined at the Bryn in the evening

December 23. Saturday

Misty rain nearly all day

I went out shooting at Ynisygerwn –

December 24 Sunday

Dark & Gloomy – misty rain in the afternoon – very mild

A.M. Went to church

P.M. walked to Sketty with Bessie

December 25. Monday

Fine – Dark. very mild

A.M Went to church with Bessie.

P.M. We went to call at the Hill House & in the evening we dined at Sketty

December 26 Tuesday

Fine – cloudy damp

Parkwern

A.M. went to the works & executed some commissions in Swansea

P.M Walked with *[sic]* to Sketty & on the sands –

December 27. Wednesday

Fine – cloudy damp

A.M. Went to the works & c

P,M went over to Penllergare Bessie & Minnie came over to dinner & in the evening we let off fireworks – we returned home afterwards –

December 28.Thursday

Fine – cloudy damp

A.M went with Bessie and Minnie over to Sketty & afterwards gardened

P.M at 1½ Bessie & I walked into Swansea I went to the works DelaBeche came by the Mail & I walked out with him –

December 29. Friday

Fine – cloudy. damp

Perkwern

Went with DelaBeche to Swansea where we remained the greater part of the day – he was busy making enquiries for the Health of Towns Commission of which he is a Commissioner – in the evening we all dined at Sketty –

December 30. Saturday

Fine – cloudy damp –

Went to Swansea with DelaBeche – he was busy on the Health of Towns Commissions and I went to Attwoods office on Justicing business – I then went to the works – at 1 P.M I met DelaBeche & we walked with Bessie to Woodlands to call on Mrs Berrington

December 31. Sunday

Threatening in the morning wind high – West – heavy rain in the evening Parkwern

A.M. walked with DelaBeche on the Sands –

P.M. We did not go out much in consequence of the rain –

*[End of diary entries]*

Summary of Weather  
for 1843 –

	Dry	<u>Days</u> Showery	Wet
Jan <sup>r</sup>	11	12	8
Feb <sup>r</sup>	21	4	3
March	19	6	6
April	13	12	5
May	15	9	7
June	17	9	4
July	18	9	4
August	21	5	5
Sept <sup>r</sup>	27	2	1
Oct <sup>r</sup>	14	11	6
Nov <sup>r</sup>	12	12	6
Dec <sup>r</sup>	<u>20</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>
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