

The Owners & People Of Island House 1778 – 1900

1900

Captain Thomas Jones

Captain Thomas Jones bought Island House in 1900 from Mr Percy Hughes-Garbett when he dismantled the Laugharne Estate via auction held at the Browns Hotel for the sum of £1,000 and it is said it had a rentable value of £75 per annum. Captain Jones at this time was said to be from Llanelli but he noted in the newspaper during a court case about water leading through his land which was contaminated from the slaughterhouse that he had lived in Laugharne practically all his life except when at sea.

It is of our thinking that Captain Jones bought Island House with the view of renting it out to tenants as the Schneiders were residents of Island house from 1903 for quite some time onwards although he may have taken up residency between 1901 until that time.

In 1905 Captain Jones bought Balmoral Villa in the village of Pendine at an auction held at the Beach Hotel for the sum of £250 where he then took up residence, after he established himself in Pendine it would seem that he then sold Island House to Mr Thomas Titley who was the father of the wife of Major Congreve (Schneider) Mary Hudson Congreve.

Mr. J. Henry Thomas conducted the sale on Thursday last at the Beach Hotel, Pendine, of that beautifully attached dwelling-house known as Balmoral Villa, the property of Mr. J. Isaac. The property was knocked down to Capt. Jones, Island House, Laugharne, for £250. Messrs. Morgan Griffiths, Son, and Prosser, Carmarthen, were the solicitors for the vendor.

1885

Percy Llewellyn Garbett (Hughes-Garbett)

Percy Llewellyn Garbett was born in Middlesex on December 10th 1852 to the Reverend Edward Garbett and Elizabeth Garbett (Lewis – Daughter of John Lewis of Henllan), Reverend Garbett was born on December 10th 1817 in Hereford and his wife Elizabeth was born around 1826 in Henllan Pembrokeshire.

When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parent's Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	Date of Birth. By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
1853 Feb 18 No. 729	Percy Llewellyn	Edward	Garbett	Percy Circus	Black	Dec 10 1852 E. Garbett

Percy married Caroline Gordon Lennox Fyfe in 1882 at the age of 29, Caroline was from St Pancras in Middlesex, they went on to have 2 daughters together, one of them used the name Abra Faith Hughes-Garbett which would have come about from Mary Abra Hughes Skyrme (Wienholt) from whom he inherited the estate from in 1885. Maybe the as part of the condition of the inheritance of such a valuable estate it was a condition set out in the will that he prepended the name Hughes to his given name of Garbett thus making it Hughes-Garbett.

In the last will and testament of Mary Abra Hughes Wienholt one of the executors was listed as the brother of Percy, namely Montague George Hubert Garbett, apart from the land she bequeathed Percy she had a personal estate of £1,450 2s which equates to £187,000 in today's money with inflation.

Percy from the records we have found worked in insurance for the New Zealand Insurance Company and was manager in their Calcutta office.

From our research Mr Hughes-Garbett Returned to Laugharne briefly in 1886 as it is mentioned in the Newspaper that he had won several sections of the Laugharne Farm And Garden Show of that year, he then returned to Calcutta to carry on in the insurance position he held there.

Carved Monogrammed Marble Shield situated in the ballroom of Island House upon the grand fireplace.



Commissioned work like this example would not have been cheap to buy in the late 19th century and would really have shown the extent of Mr Garbetts wealth to all the visitors of Island House.

LAUGHARNE.
TEA AND CHRISTMAS TREE AT ISLAND HOUSE.—On Tuesday last Mrs Hughes-Garbett invited the wives and children of all Mr Garbett's tenants to tea and Christmas tree at Island House. In spite of the inclemency of the weather between fifty and sixty assembled at 6 o'clock. Tea was served to the guests on their arrival, after which a curtain was withdrawn, revealing to the delighted youngsters the Christmas tree, which was decorated with flags, bonbons, coloured lights, &c. The presents, which were numerous and had been very carefully selected, were displayed on tables around the room. All had two or three presents each, in addition to which there was a bran pie into which each had several dips, and each time obtained a prize. At nine o'clock the party, which had been a most delightful one, separated, but, before doing so, three hearty cheers were accorded to Mrs Garbett.

The next time he shows up in the local news was in 1890 where we believe he then took up residence at Island House, he and his wife Caroline seem to have been very charitable as you can see from this extract taken from the newspaper called "The Welshman" in January 1890:-

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Mr and Mrs Hughes-Garbett were seemingly held in very high regard in Laugharne and Mr Hughes-Garbett was the chair of many committees and judging panels around this time between 1890 until 1900 where he sold off the Laugharne estate by way of auction at the Browns Hotel in August 1900, the sale included many properties, land and farms including Island House and it is said that the proceeds of the sale was in the region of £25,000 which equates to £3,100,000 in today's money.

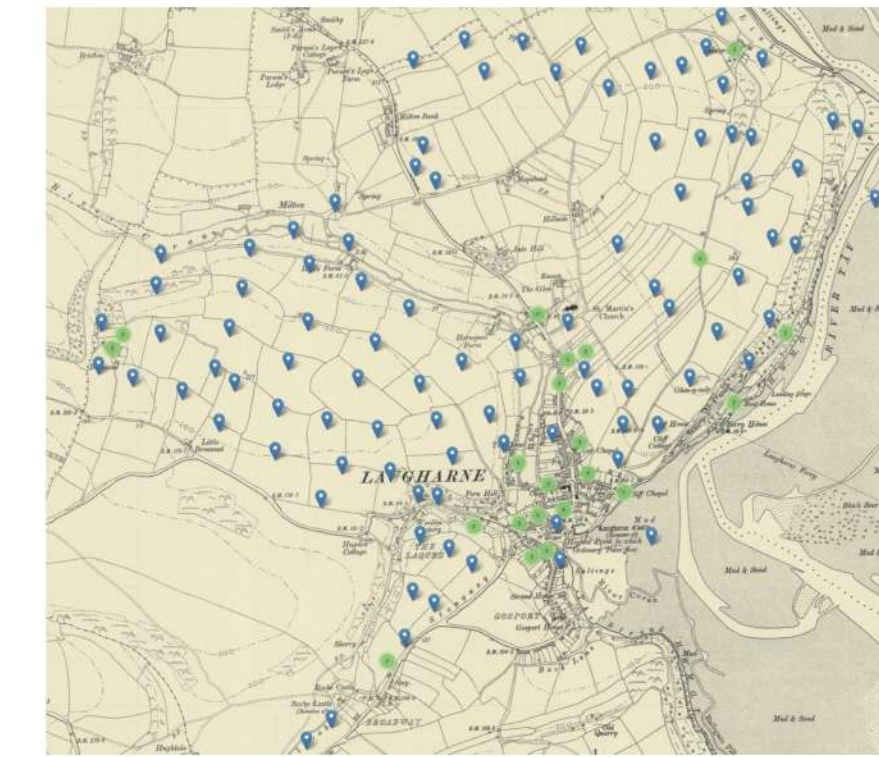
In the 1901 Census it shows Mr Hughes-Garbett living at 29 Cedar Hall in London now aged 49 and is a branch manager of Norwich Insurance Company. Mr Hughes-Garbett passed away in 1924 at the age of 71.

George Bosville Wentworth Stackpole

George Bosville Wentworth Stackpole Esq. was born on 24 February 1795 in Middlesex London, he married Emma Marie Williams on 16 April 1818 in Teignmouth, Devon. They had five children in 16 years.

Emma died as a young mother on 6 September 1825 in Portsmouth, Hampshire, at the age of 27 and he later married Mary Lewis (Skyrme) the widow of William Skyrme III and mother of Mary Abra Hughes Wienholt nee Skyrme on the 14th of October 1828.

George must have been a man of significant wealth as from the 19-century census's we can see that he rented several parcels of land and properties which belonged to his wife's daughter Mary Abra Hughes Skyrme, we can not determine the exact date of his residency at Island house but the 1841/51 census shows him as a resident there and some of his children in other properties such as Cliff House and Glan y Môr.



Street	No.	Owner	Value	Rate	Other
Stackpole George	179	Lower Street	12	1/6	1/6
	180	Upper Street	12	1/6	1/6
	171	St. Peter's	12	1/6	1/6
	172	St. Peter's	12	1/6	1/6
	173	St. Peter's	12	1/6	1/6
	174	St. Peter's	12	1/6	1/6
	175	St. Peter's	12	1/6	1/6
	176	St. Peter's	12	1/6	1/6
	177	St. Peter's	12	1/6	1/6
	178	St. Peter's	12	1/6	1/6
	179	St. Peter's	12	1/6	1/6
	180	St. Peter's	12	1/6	1/6

George Bosville Wentworth Stackpole Esq. died on 1 October 1863 in Exeter, Devon, at the age of 68.

Mary Abra Hughes Skyrme (Wienholt)

Mary Abra Hughes Skyrme was the daughter of William Skyrme III (1778-1823) and Mary Lewis of Henllan Pembrokeshire, Mary went on to marry Mr Fredrick Wienholt of London son of Mr J Birkett Wienholt in 1858 when she was 45 years old.

Mary was the sole heiress of the estate of the late William Skyrme even though her mother Mary had remarried into gentry after Williams death in 1823 when she was just 10 years old.

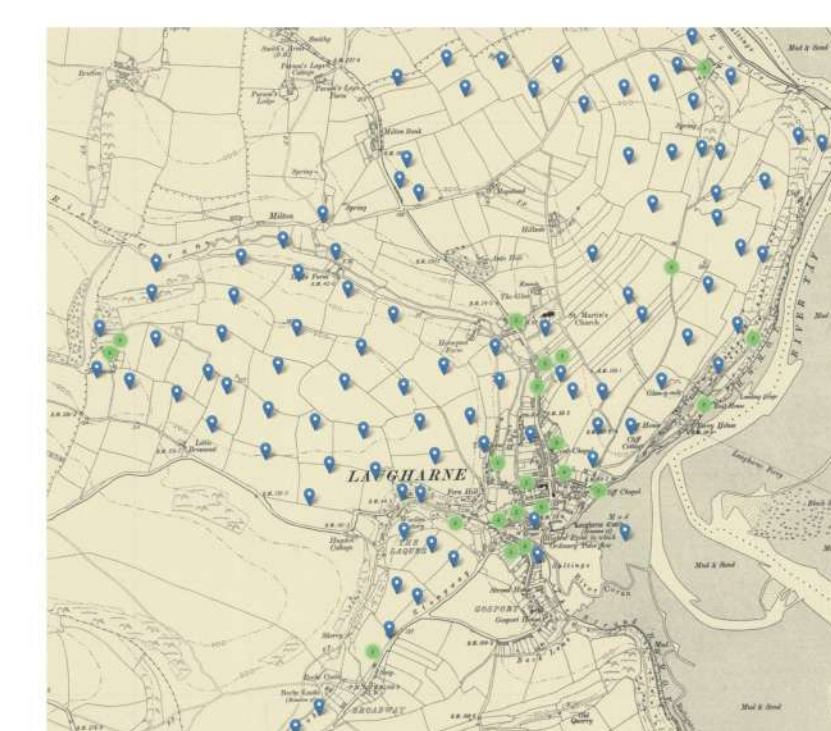
Fredrick passed away in Laugharne on the 14th of April 1881 at the age of 62, as he was listed as being the head of the Island House household in the 1881 census, we can assume that he passed away at Island House.

WIENHOLT Frederick. 31 May. The Will with a Codicil of Frederick Wienholt late of Laugharne St. Clears in the County of Carmarthen who died 14 April 1881 at Laugharne was proved at the Principal Registry by Mary Abra Hughes Wienholt of Laugharne Widow the Relict and George Lake of 10 New-square Lincoln's Inn in the County of Middlesex Esquire two of the Executors.

No.	NAME and Remarks of each Person	AGE last Birthday	RELATION to Head of Family	SEX	DATE of Birth	RESIDENCE
1	Wienholt Frederick	62	Head	M	1819	Laugharne
2	Wienholt Mary	45	Wife	F	1813	Laugharne
3	Wienholt George	12	Son	M	1869	Laugharne
4	Wienholt Mary	10	Daughter	F	1871	Laugharne
5	Wienholt Frederick	10	Son	M	1871	Laugharne
6	Wienholt Mary	8	Daughter	F	1873	Laugharne
7	Wienholt George	6	Son	M	1875	Laugharne
8	Wienholt Mary	4	Daughter	F	1877	Laugharne

WIENHOLT Mary Abra Hughes. 29 April. The Will with a Codicil of Mary Abra Hughes Wienholt late of Island House Laugharne in the County of Carmarthen Widow who died 6 January 1885 at Island House was proved at Carmarthen by Montague George Hubert Garbett of Barcombe Rectory near Lewes in the County of Sussex Esquire and the Reverend Edoardo Giannini Edwardes of Llandawke Rectory St. Clears in the County of Carmarthen Clerk two of the Executors.

From the Tithe maps survey of the area in 1842 and the Laugharne Corporation survey of 1834 it is suggested that Miss Skyrme at the time of these recordings was in possession of around 15% of the Township of Laugharne including properties, farms and land.



The Tithe Map right shows the extent of the land ownership of Miss Skyrme in 1842.

Mary Abra Hughes Wienholt passed away on the 6th January 1885.

William Skyrme III

William Skyrme was the son of William Skyrme II and Jane Hughes, he was said to be of Laugharne and of Alltgoch, Cardiganshire and Launceston, Cornwall, he was baptised in Laugharne in 1778.

William married Mary Lewis of Henllan in Llandewi Vel-frey in 1811 and they had one daughter together.

He had a boat built in Laugharne and named it after himself in 1811 it was later for sale at auction in the Three Mariners on Friday the 26th of October 1821, in the newspaper article which advertised the sale the boat measurements were stated to be 52 feet 2 inches in length, 17 feet 8 inches in breadth, 9 feet 6 inches in depth and weighed 65 tons.

In his life he held the position of the Portreeve of Laugharne in the years of 1801, 1802 and 1817.

William also became the High Sheriff of Cardiganshire in 1809. William died in 1823 at the age of 43 leaving his daughter Mary the estate and his wife £600 annually.

After William had passed away his widow Mary remarried George Bosville Wentworth Stackpole, Mary passed away at Island House on 01 March 1856 at the age of 68, George lived until 01 October 1863 where he passed away in Exeter, Mary then inherited the estate.

CARMARTHEN.
TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,
At the Three Mariners, on the Quay, on Friday, the 26th of October instant, at four o'clock in the afternoon,
ALL THAT
GOOD SLOOP,
CALLED THE
WILLIAM SKYRME,
Now lying at the Quay, together with her MATERIALS and STURDS, well adapted for the Coasting Trade, and may be seen to suit immediately; her dimensions, per Register, are—in length 52 feet 4 inches, breadth 17 feet 8 inches, depth 9 feet 6 inches, and measures 65 44 56 1/2 Tons; built at Laugharne, Carmarthenshire, in the year 1811.
Payment in six, twelve, and eighteen months, by equal instalments, on approved security.
Apply to Messrs. Morris, Morgan, and Co. Carmarthen, if by letter, post-paid.

1828

1823

1778