

# *The Old Welsh Graveyard Revisited*

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*T*he earliest grave on record in the Welsh cemetery in what is now East Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, is that of Thomas Morgan, who died intestate in 1733. In a statement by Thomas Edwards dated October 18, 1738', "About seven years ago (Rees) Morgan's father died and left a widow and seven children . . . his father and several others of the deceased of the neighborhood had been buried on ye vacancy . . . joining his mother's place and Jenkin Jenkin's lands."

Thomas Edwards had received from the "Hon<sup>ble</sup> Proprietor" through Secretary Peters a copy of Jenkin Jenkin's petition concerning 350 acres, which were claimed by both Rees Morgan and Jenkin Jenkins. The source of an earlier dispute between Jenkin David and his son-in-law, Rees David, the improvement on the 350 acres was sold by Rees David, passing through William Davies and Nathan Evans to Thomas James, and then the Jenkin Jenkins, who lived in Chester County. Rees Morgan, the son-in-law of Thomas Edwards, had settled next to the disputed 350 acres, which contained the graveyard. Thomas Edwards apparently mediated the settlement, as he says "Upon the whole, Rees Morgan and Jenkin Jenkins divisions as they stand now are pretty well accomodated with convenience for each settlement." On December 12, 1738, Jenkin Jenkins was issued a patent for the 357 acres, and on October 12, 1742, Rees Morgan

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 PHILIP EVANS  
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 Pat. APR 12, 1788  
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EMA David

JENNIN DAVIS  
 1030 AS & AHDW  
 Pat. MAR 12, 1738  
 Sur. MAR 28, 1789  
 To JENNIN DAVIS  
 Pat. Nov 8, 1793  
 R-11-202 001284

THOMAS COCHRAN  
 200 AS & AHDW  
 Pat. OCT 4, 1786  
 TO WARRINGTON  
 R-578-303

PHILIP SHERREFF  
 175 AS & AHDW  
 Pat. APR 12, 1788  
 To WARRINGTON  
 R-11-202 001284

JACOB DUNNAN  
 200 AS & AHDW  
 Pat. OCT 4, 1786  
 TO WARRINGTON  
 R-578-303

THOMAS COCHRAN  
 200 AS & AHDW  
 Pat. OCT 4, 1786  
 TO WARRINGTON  
 R-578-303

WENDOL HOLE  
 300 AS & AHDW  
 Pat. APR 20, 1789  
 TO WARRINGTON  
 R-11-202 001284

MICHAEL MIDWAY  
 200 AS & AHDW  
 Pat. OCT 4, 1786  
 TO WARRINGTON  
 R-578-303

JOHN DIVENEVER  
 300 AS & AHDW  
 Pat. FEB 17, 1734  
 Sur. MAY 10, 1735  
 Pat. MAY 22, 1738  
 TO WARRINGTON  
 R-11-202 001284

DAVID DAVIS  
 237 AS & AHDW  
 Pat. FEB 27, 1734  
 Sur. MAY 26, 1735  
 Pat. FEB 13, 1745  
 To David Davies  
 A-12-244

HENRY WEAR  
 365 AS & AHDW  
 Pat. APR 10, 1741  
 Sur. APR 20, 1741  
 To WARRINGTON  
 R-578-303

DAVID MARTIN  
 370 AS  
 Pat. FEB 10, 1738-33  
 Sur. FEB 24, 1738  
 TO WARRINGTON  
 R-578-303

JACOB SUMMY  
 200 AS & AHDW  
 Pat. OCT 4, 1786  
 TO WARRINGTON  
 R-578-303

MARTIN GROFF  
 200 AS & AHDW  
 Pat. OCT 4, 1786  
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LEONARD STONE  
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patented the 215 acres next to it,<sup>2</sup> including, it was thought, the cemetery. A remeasurement in 1764 showed a new patent was necessary for the 125 perches of the cemetery, and it was issued on November 14, 1764.<sup>3</sup> (See figure 1)

B.F. Owens visited the cemetery in 1896, recorded the inscriptions, and wrote an article entitled "The Old Welsh Graveyard". It was published in the first volume of *Historical Papers and Addresses of the Lancaster County Historical Society* in 1897. He had as much trouble as everyone else with all those Welsh names and confused Jenkin Jenkins, a rich absentee owner, with Jenkin David or Davies, who settled on 1000 acres near Hinkletown, Earl Township. Owens was also apparently confused about the two Thomas Edwards of early Pennsylvania. He assumed that the Quaker son of Alexander Edwards was the one who came to Lancaster County.<sup>4</sup> It seems more probable that the Thomas Edwards of Easttown Township, Chester County, who was prominent in the affairs of St. David's Episcopal Church in Radnor between 1717 and 1721, was the one who became one of the first justices of Lancaster County when it was formed in 1729.

This Thomas Edwards purchased 500 acres in Easttown Township now in Delaware County, on March 23, 1714, and he and his wife, Elizabeth, sold 100 acres of it on March 6, 1715, and 386 more of it on May 11, 1724 to Anthony Wayne.<sup>5</sup> He appeared and acknowledged his signature on August 13, 1759, the "Tho: Edwards" that appears on so many Lancaster County papers of the period. His daughter, Ann Edwards, was married about 1717 to Evan Harry, the elder, and 120 acres in Merion Township were conveyed in trust to Thomas Edwards of Easttown Township and William Davies of Radnor Township for a life estate to Evans and Ann Harry, with provision that "in case the sd Evan and Ann should happen to leave but one child", then half of the land should go to the said child when of age.<sup>6</sup>

Thomas Edwards was one of the twelve Commissioners selected to run the line separating the new county of Lancaster from Chester. In the organization of the county he was made one of the eight justices, his first commission being dated May 8, 1729. The county was divided into eight districts, and Thomas Edwards was allotted Robeson, Caernarvon, Cocalico, and Earl Townships. He continued as justice for eight terms, until 1757, and was presiding Justice from 1741 to the November session, 1757. He was elected eight times to the Colonial Assembly, in the years 1729, 1730, 1731, 1732, 1733, 1735, 1736, and 1739, serving at the latter date when 66 years old.<sup>7</sup> He was 84 when he retired as justice in 1757, and died on May 8, 1764 aged 91 years, according to the gravestone on lot 23 of the Welsh

Cemetery. His wife, Elizabeth, had died on November 30, 1754 "in the 76th year of her age", according to her gravestone on lot 24. (See figure 2)

In April, 1768, Joseph Williamson was employed to enclose the ground of the cemetery with a stone wall two feet thick and three and a half feet high on the inside, the enclosure being  $75\frac{1}{2}$  by  $82\frac{1}{2}$  feet. The bill of Joseph Williamson for the labor was 17 pounds, 18 shillings and 4 pence. Eighteen pounds of nails were used to secure the covering. This and the other material used were paid as separate items by Rees Morgan. His daughter, Bettie, aged 24 years and single, made several trips for nails, as the work progressed, to the store at "the Blue Ball"

Rees Morgan died less than a year later, on January 13, 1769, aged 59, and is buried in lot 21 beside his wife, Margaret nee Edwards, who died August 20, 1781, aged 76 years. His will was proved at Lancaster on February 9, 1769 and said "I give to my wife Margaret and my said son David that Piece of Land where the Grave Yard is situate in Earl Township containing 125 perches to be held and possessed by them and their Heirs forever. In Trust nevertheless that the said Grave Yard shall be for the use of all such as shall desire to burry their Dead there at all times and I do enjoin them my said Wife and Son to let what remains unfenced of the said Piece of land to such person as will rent or lease the same and the money it will rent for I allow to go to pay the quit rents for said Piece of Land and what remains towards keeping the fence about the Grave Yard in repair."

Elizabeth Morgan married John Pawling on September 9, 1771 and died on March 4, 1786, buried in lot 20. At an Orphans Court in Lancaster on December 17, 1788, Henry Pawling of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania was appointed guardian of his grandchildren: Henry Pawling, above 14 years, and Margaret, Eleanor, Elizabeth, and Rachel Pawling, all under 14 years. These were the only heirs of Rees Morgan, as his two sons had died single.

When Thomas Morgan died in 1733, his widow, Gwen, a weaver by trade, was left with seven children, "some of them not able to get their living", according to Thomas Edwards. On August 14, 1740, she purchased a lot in what became the city of Lancaster on the northwest corner of Orange and Water Streets. In her will dated August 11, 1746 and proved on September 26, 1746, she names her four sons and three daughters, as well as three of her grandchildren. Eldest son Morgan Morgan, his son Nathaniel Morgan, daughter Ann, wife of Edward Thornbrough, and her son Thomas Thornbrough,



*Figure 2*

*Spring Grove, near Goodville, East Earl Township, was the home of three generations of the Thomas Edwards family. The addition on the right was made in 1789 by Cyrus Jacobs, the iron master, for his bride, Margaret Olds (C342), and added to in 1800.*

divided the city property. Her son, William, was bequeathed five pounds, but "if he does not Return to Pensilvania in Seven years from the date of this will' it was to be paid to "my granddaughter Gwen Perry". When some of this property was sold in 1764, Edward Thornbrough, his wife Ann, and his son, Thomas Thornbrough, were living in New Marlborough, Rowan County, North Carolina.<sup>10</sup> According to a family source<sup>11</sup>, Nathaniel Morgan, a descendant of Gwen Morgan, bought land in Cumberland County, Kentucky, in 1801.

Two of her daughters were named as Joan Davis and Elizabeth Davis. Joan Morgan was married about 1731 to Zaccheus Davis, the youngest son of Jenkin Davies. It is believed that Elizabeth Morgan is the Elizabeth who was married about 1730 to John Davis, the elder, who died in 1772.

A Jenkin David owned land in the uppermost part of Uwchlan Township, Chester County, well before 1715 and was probably related to the John and Thomas David who owned adjoining land.<sup>12</sup> Jenkin Davies, apparently his son, acquired 197 acres in Radnor Township

and occupied the property from 1719 through 1727, according to assessment records.<sup>13</sup> The will of the elder Jenkin David was dated August 9, 1727, and proved April 16, 1728 in Chester County, with "my brother-in-law Evans and Thomas Edwards as agents and guardians and assistants to my said beloved wife Martha, the sole executrix". It was apparently about this time that Jenkin Davies came to Earl Township, Lancaster County, to live, although he had had 1000 acres plus allowances surveyed to him on October 12, 1720 on a warrant dated June 18, 1720. A resurvey on September 30, 1740 resulted in a new patent.<sup>14</sup>

Jenkin Davies wrote his will on February 12, 1747 and it was proved by Rees Morgan and Thomas Edwards, two of the witnesses, on December 5, 1748. (See figure 3) There is no gravestone to mark his grave, but it may be one of the fieldstones in the Welsh cemetery that has no markings.

His Welsh Bible, printed in London in 1677 and 1678,<sup>15</sup> records the dates and moon ages of his seven children. (See figure 4) Jaen Davies was born "1702 January 14 Wednesday evening", and is probably the one whose sandstone grave marker has been read as John or Joan Davis, and the death date as January 21, 1738, aged 56 (36?) years.

Zaccheus Davis, the most well known son of Jenkin Davies, was born February 21, 1710 and died March 25, 1788. He is buried in lot 35 beside his wife, Joanna nee Morgan. He succeeded Thomas Edwards as a justice of the court in 1757 and remained in that position for 31 years. Elected on December 15, 1774 a member of the Committee of Observation for Lancaster County, he served as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Chester County Militia 1777-1778. Only one of his nine children is buried in the Welsh cemetery. Zaccheus, Jr., a millwright, was born 1757, died July 4, 1793 without issue, and is buried in the Welsh cemetery in lot 31. His will, dated April 25, 1793 and proved on June 2, 1793, is a genealogist's delight, as he names most of his relations. The family outlines included at the end of this article were built on records such as this, combined with family records.

The eldest child of Jenkin Davies, Catharine, was married to Rees Davis when her father's will was written in 1747. She was to inherit five pounds "if she outlive her husband". Apparently the rift which started in 1720 over the 350 acres never healed. Since no wife is mentioned in the will of Rees Davis dated November 19, 1751 and proved February 7, 1753, she probably never lived to enjoy her five

given & bequeathed (1777) The said Jenkin Davies thinking to be set  
 into my son Jacobus or, (last) that he doth <sup>not</sup> desire cover & son  
 to receive <sup>the</sup> five pounds sterling from my estate as forthwith  
 the said son Davies to be paid unto <sup>him</sup> within one whole year next  
 after my decease And the five pounds to my daughter  
 Catharine to be paid unto her <sup>judicially</sup> after the death of Ross  
 David her husband And I do hereby revoke make void & disannul  
 all former wills & Testaments by me made either verbally or in Writing  
 Relating to Confirming this & no other to be my last will & Testament  
 In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal the day  
 & year first above written.

Signed sealed & Published pronounced  
 and declared by the Testator to  
 be his last will & Testament in  
 the presence of the following

Rees Morgan  
 John Macleffery  
 Owen Williams  
 Thomas Edwards  
 Jenkin Davies

Personally appeared Rees Morgan and Thomas Edwards two  
 of the witnesses to the within will and made oath that they were  
 present and saw and heard Jenkin Davies the Testator sign  
 seal publish and declare the same as his last will and  
 Testament and that at the doing thereof he was of sound  
 and disposing mind and memory to the best of their  
 knowledge  
 5<sup>th</sup> Decr 1777

Figure 3

A copy of the original will of Jenkin Davies dated 1747, showing his mark and the signatures of witnesses Rees Morgan and Thomas Edwards

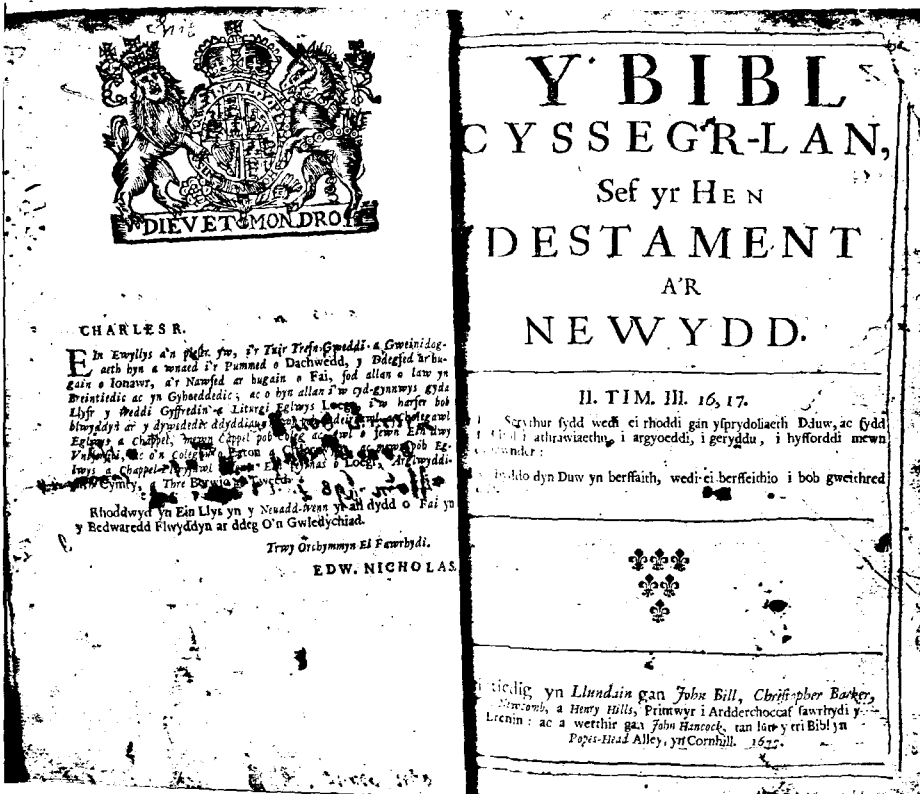
pounds. She and her sister, Sarah, the wife of John Edwards, each received one shilling from the executors, their mother, Mary, and brother, John. This seems a bit miserly, since each of the three sons inherited 400 acres. The eldest son, Evan, went to live on the Radnor plantation which was part of his inheritance.

Jenkin Davies retained his plantation called Esgerwen<sup>16</sup> in the parish of Cilcennin, Cardiganshire, Wales, and provided an elaborate succession of heirs in his will to insure "that the said land be not sold forever out of my blood". (See figure 5) The farm is now owned by a retired engineer from Kent, England, but descendants of Jenkin's brother, Evan, who returned to Wales before 1747, live nearby. One of them was born on Esgerwen before "it was sold out of my blood". The present owners still pay 10 shillings a year to a descendant, based on a strange legal quirk dating back to the last century.

John Davis, the middle son, died on March 21, 1774 and is buried in lot 33 beside his wife, Elizabeth nee Anderson, who died December 19, 1798. His oldest daughter, Sarah, single when her mother's will

Figure 4

Six pages from the Welsh Bible of "Jenkin David his book in 1702" and "Jenkin Davies his book in 1726" (See note 15).





Jenkins David his Book 1702  
Jenkins David his Book

A hwy a dderfodolau atto an ddyffion  
A phwyd a' dderfodolau gan ddyffion  
A hwy a dderfodolau atto an ddyffion  
A phwyd a' dderfodolau gan ddyffion

O arghwydd ein Duw ni, yr hwn wyf yn  
cyfodi ac yn dyfawriadu pob peth yn  
y nef ac yn y ddal, Dderfyn yn dydd we-  
ddiadau, gyda Thibowch dera ein gwneud ac  
gwydd C. H. A. R. E. S. yd, yr hwn a obodwed  
dwy yd yn a' rh ymaginawch i fod yn ffron  
wneud: Ac felly gwyddi eiddoedd a' rh hwy  
ffredinawli kulligawch i gwyddi dy nabi Yc-  
pwyd, fod y dyddo ddera, gan ymddiried  
yn wadau dy ddaid, a bod yn smedd-  
dyrnalis, gan dy ato, a chorowch i' rh raiad  
a' rhall hwy, gan parhau gerdy ffron newn  
lechi, haddawch, dderfodol a' rh uwchodol,  
lle sinowch i ffrymadwy ac y ddal, ac yn  
ei y ffrindol hon gwneudh bydd i gon-  
fawriad: Felly dyddol yn dderfyn hwy, wry  
kulligawch a' rh dderfodol llof Grist ein  
y dydd yn hwy ac yn uwchodol yn ein Duw  
byth heb drange na gwyddon. Amen.

Jenkins David his Book 1702  
1703-1708 in the margin

Barkens born my 11/10  
10th of January ye 21 - moon age

Sarah born my 23rd year  
month of May 23 day 1713  
Moon age 3. Full moon  
DIWEDD.

Juliane borne ye 1699 of sun  
1696 ye day of 4 months  
14th day moon moon age 3 quarter  
4th in ye evening moon age

John borne 1703  
moon age 1/2  
John borne 1705  
moon age 1/2

Dinah born the  
12 day of October 1735  
about 12 of y Cloch at night  
full moon

TESTAMENT  
NEWYDD  
EIN  
HARGLWYDD  
A'N  
HIACHAWDWR  
IESU GRIST.

RHYF. 1. 16.  
Nid oes arnaf gywilydd o Efyngyl GRIST, oblegid  
gallu Duw yw hi, er Iechydwrtaeth i bob vn a'r  
lydd yn credu.



Printiedig yn Llundain gan John Bill, Christopher Barker,  
Tho. Newcomb, a Henry Hills, Printwyr i Ardderchocaf fawrhydi y  
Brenhin: ac a werthir gan John Hancock, can lon y tri Biblyn  
Pops-Hrad Alley, yn Cornhill. 1678.

was written in 1792, was to share with her brother, Isaac, half of her mother's books, including "the five Volumes of Mr. Henry's Works".

His eldest son, Richard Davis, went to New Market, Frederick County, Maryland, about 1790 with his wife Catharine nee Hinkle and seven children. He was killed on December 17, 1791 when a barrel of molasses fell on him. His widow then married Jesse Wright.

Martha, also called Margaret, was the third child of John Davis. She married in 1768 Robert Wallace, who died December 7, 1793 and is buried in lot 30. Isaac Davis, John's youngest child, was one of the earliest Methodists in Earl Township and was ordained a minister in 1803, a calling he pursued until his death on January 5, 1838.<sup>17</sup> He and his wife, Lydia nee Carter, are buried in lots 5 and 6.

Sarah Davis, the eldest daughter of Isaac and Lydia Carter Davis, was married on March 3, 1803 at the age of 21 to Henry Hambright, Junior, about the same age. He enlisted at the age of 33 in the U.S. Army in the War of 1812 and "was slain by the Enemy or did otherwise die in the Service of the U.S." at Fort Buffalo, New York, leaving three minor children.<sup>18</sup> Sarah died September 4, 1867, aged 85 years, 9 months and 5 days, and is buried in lot 19.

The father, mother, and step-mother of Henry Hambright, Junior, are also buried in the Welsh cemetery. Henry Hambright, Senior, was the son of John Hambright, the German veteran Indian fighter who died in 1782, and his wife, Elizabeth. He was married on July 29, 1777 in St. James Episcopal Church, Lancaster, to Mary Good, daughter of William Good, who owned land near the Morgans in Earl Township. She was born in 1753 and Died August 4, 1825. Subsequently, Henry Hambright married a Mary Ann, who outlived him by only six weeks, dying April 12, 1835.<sup>19</sup>

The military career of Henry Hambright, Senior, began as a private under Captain David Morgan (H42) on June 1, 1776. He was taken prisoner at the Battle of Germantown. A major in the Pennsylvania Militia from 1785 to 1792, he rose to Brigadier General in 1800. He was a member of the Pennsylvania legislature in 1813, 1814, 1816, and 1817. His obituary appeared in the Lancaster *Journal* on March 6, 1835, four days after his death, and he was buried in lot 26 beside his first wife, Mary Good, in lot 25. His second wife, Mary Ann, was buried in lot 27 six weeks later.

The tombstone on lot 1 reads: "In Memory of John Patton, born in the County of Antrim, Ireland, who departed this life May 10, 1832 in the 83rd year of his age. He was a soldier in the Revolution, and fought in the battles of Germantown, Princeton, and Yorktown."

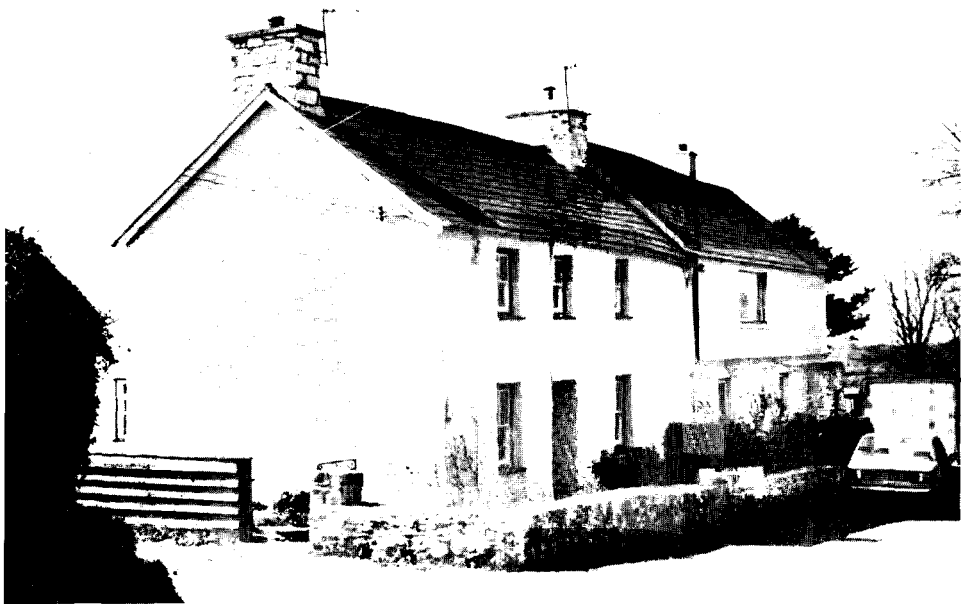


Figure 5

Esgerwen, Cardiganshire, Wales, where Jenkin David emigrated from about 1713. Below was the address of Jenkin Evans (G313) in 1796.

Direct to Jenkin Evans, Lilkem  
Esgerwen Lampeter  
Cardiganshire  
South Wales

Beside him, in lot 2, is Margaret Patton, who died July 25, 1849, aged 84 years 3 months. According to family research<sup>20</sup>, John and Margaret Patton were married in January, 1785, in Reading, PA. John was 16 years older than his bride, who was also born in Ireland. They had eight children and moved to Lancaster County at the beginning of the 19th century.

Jane Allen, buried in lot 32, was also a native of Ireland, according to her tombstone, and she died October 9, 1826 aged 80 years. Nothing else is known about her, or of Eliza Kain, born April 14, 1807 died May 9, 1868 aged 61 years and 26 days, who now lies in lot 18½,

All the other 43 tombstones with legible inscriptions were descendants, or the spouses of descendants of Isaac Davis (G154) and his wife Lydia Carter.

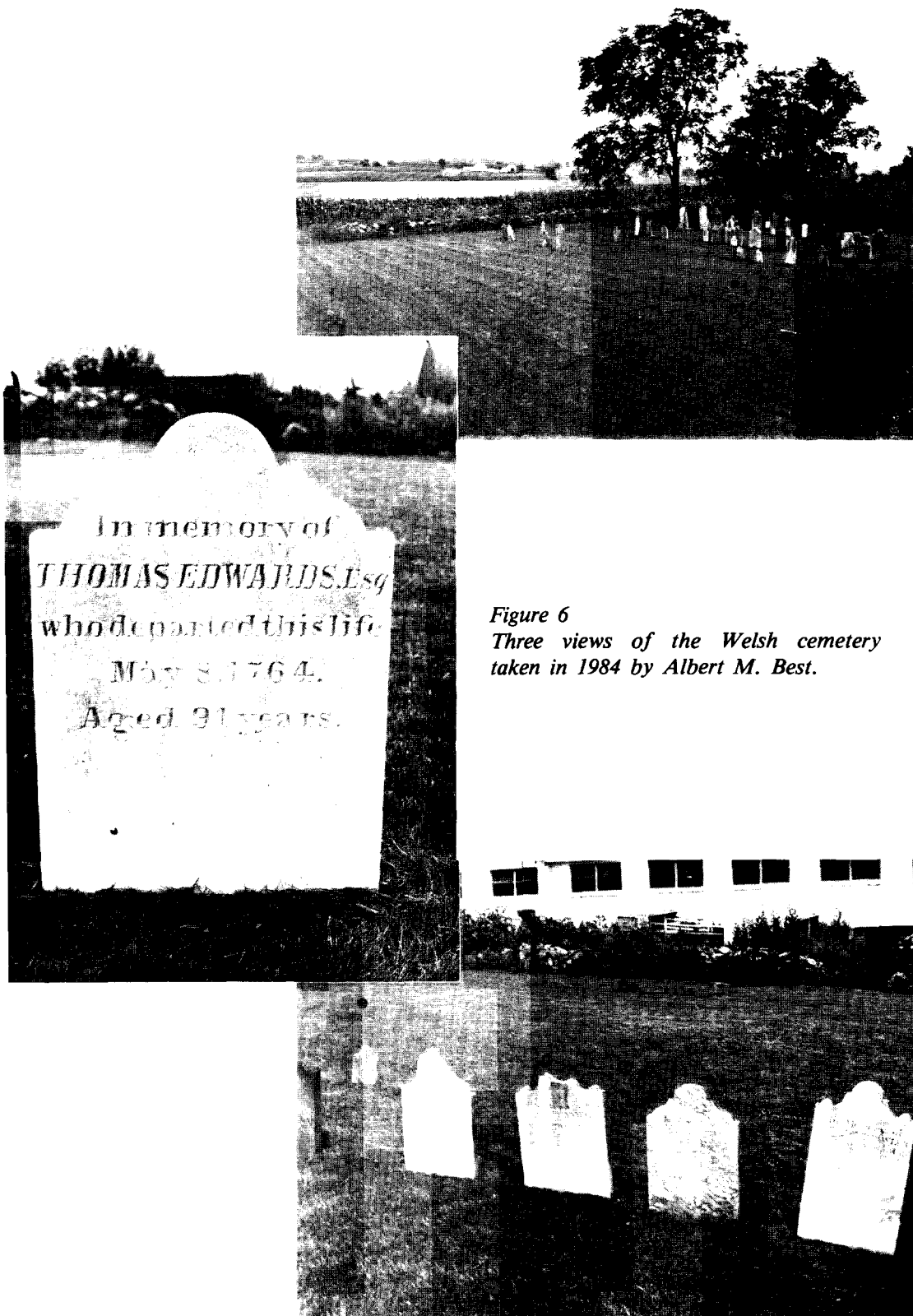
### *Condition of the Graveyard*

When B.F. Owens visited the Welsh graveyard in the summer of 1896, his article was also printed in the Lancaster *New Era* on April 17, 1897. The headline read: "The Old Welsh Graveyard in Earl, Where the Early Settlement in the Eastern End of the County Buried Their Dead, A Neglected Spot of Much Local Historical Interest."

On November 18, 1928, an article written by Hon. A.G. Seyfert appeared in a Lancaster newspaper with a picture of the author in the cemetery among weeds taller than he was. The headlines read: "County's First Judge, Revolutionary General, Pioneers Buried in Cemetery Wilderness; Writer Finds Old Welsh Graveyard, Near Intercourse (the article said Terre Hill), One of the Most Neglected Spots in County—Epitaphs on Weatherbeaten Tombstones Reveal Names of Pioneers in County's Early Development Now Buried and Forgotten in Isolated Wilderness of Weeds and Briars".

W.F. Woerner, librarian (1923-1935) of the Lancaster County Historical Society, visited the cemetery on October 12, 1941 and reported: "There was no grass growing in it. Briars and weeds had taken possession of the place. Not all the tombstones were in an upright position; in fact some were lying on the ground while others were broken and the pieces scattered. The stone posts at the entrance in the south wall have also fallen down. There are many field stones still in evidence. There are 43 headstones with inscriptions. There are no trees growing in it. It is regrettable to state that the Old Welsh Graveyard in its present condition presents a picture of decay, abandonment and utter desolation". (See figure 6)

He included a statement in his records<sup>21</sup> written by Robert E. Simpson on February 1, 1942. "William F. Showalter is the caretaker. He cultivates the land belonging to the graveyard for his services. Since the crops which he is enabled to raise on this small piece of



In memory of  
THOMAS EDWARDS, Esq  
who departed this life  
May 8, 1764.  
Aged 31 years.

Figure 6  
Three views of the Welsh cemetery  
taken in 1984 by Albert M. Best.

ground are of little value, the graveyard and walls consequently receive little or no attention. In fact, he is caretaker in name only. Washington Camp, No. 274, Patriotic Order Sons of America, for many years devoted a part of its time and attention to this ancient burial place. The lodge is no longer in existence. The older members of the order who were interested in the graveyard having passed away in recent years, those that remained petitioned the local court to release the lodge from the upkeep of the burial place. The petition was granted."

The graveyard is surrounded at present by land owned by Elton Eby, a grandson of the Enos J. Eby who owned it in 1941. A local Boy Scout troop & Elton Eby cleared most of the brush and briars from the graveyard several years ago, and in the fall of 1983 it was graded and seeded. It is now mowed and trimmed regularly.

A fund has been set up under the auspices of the Lancaster County Historical Society entitled "The Welsh Cemetery Fund". A committee of interested local people has been organized to supervise the fund and to arrange for the reconstruction of the stone wall, which is almost completely fallen down. An effort is being made to work with the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County to insure that the work is done correctly. Anyone interested in helping with this restoration may contact the author as follows: Jane Evans Best, 5 Kutz Avenue, New Holland, PA 17557.

The following outlines<sup>22</sup> of the Morgan, Edwards, and Davis families are included as clues for further research rather than as proof of lineage. Some of the relationships are based, on necessity, on circumstantial evidence. Additions and corrections are invited. Not included are outlines of the other three Davis progenitors, (C) (I), and (S), and the other Thomas Morgan (J), who were complicating the scene. They are a tale for another day.

### F—THOMAS EDWARDS

F THOMAS EDWARDS b 1672 or 1673 d 8 May 1764 East Earl Twp bur #23

m ca 1695 ELIZABETH\_\_\_\_\_ b 1678 or 1679 d 30 Nov. 1754 bur #24

F1 ANN EDWARDS b ca 1698 d after 22 Aug 1758

m after 22 Nov 1717 EVAN HARRY b 1663 or 1664 d 4 Aug 1744

F11 EVAN HARRY b 1725 or 1726 d 22 Aug 1748 w dat 2 Jly 1748 bur St. David's Episcopal cem, Radnor, Delaware Co.

- F2 MARGARET EDWARDS b 1704 or 1705 d 20 Aug 1781 bur #22  
m ca 1728 REES MORGAN (H4) b 1709 or 1710 d 13 Jan 1769  
bur #21
- F3 JOHN EDWARDS b 1708 d 11 Aug 1790 w dat 8 Nov 1788 pr  
9 Sep 1790 Earl Twp  
m 1730 SARAH DAVIS (G17) b 28 May 1713 d 1 Sep 1802 w  
dat 5 Oct 1790 pr 11 Nov 1802 Earl Twp
- F31 DINAH EDWARDS b 7 Nov 1736 d 21 Sep 1808  
m 11 Nov 1755 WILLIAM SMITH (F41) b 23 May 1732 d 4  
Dec 1806 w dat 14 Nov 1806 pr 17 Dec 1806 Earl Twp,  
Justice of Peace
- F32 MARY EDWARDS b 1738 d 5 Jly 1741
- F33 ELIZABETH EDWARDS b 1739 d 14 Mch 1772  
m 28 Jan 1768 ROBERT LONG
- F331 JOHN EDWARDS LONG
- F34 MARGARET EDWARDS b ca 1741 d before 1789 Winchester,  
VA  
m 1761 DAVID DAVIS (G111) "Black" b ca 1725 wp 7 Apr  
1790 Winchester, VA, widower with 5 children
- F4 JOANNE EDWARDS b ca 1710 d after 1748  
m ca 1731 WILLIAM SMITH, one of the buildings of Martie  
Furnace in 1751-52
- F41 WILLIAM SMITH b 23 May 1732 d 4 Dec 1806 Earl Twp,  
sheriff 1758 & 1760,  
m 11 Nov 1755 DINAH EDWARDS (F31) b 7 Nov 1736 d 21  
Sep 1808
- F411 JOHN EDWARDS SMITH b 13 Feb 1757 d 9 Oct 1757
- F412 WILLIAM SMITH b 23 Aug 1758 d 25 Jan 1825 Hunting-  
ton Co  
m HANNAH LYTLE, moved to Huntington Co ca 1790
- F413 THOMAS SMITH b 7 Sep 1760 d 27 Oct 1763
- F414 MARY AMELIA SMITH b 27 Feb 1763 d 7 Feb 1806  
m 1782 THOMAS HENDERSON s of Nathan Henderson &  
Rachel Clemson
- F415 EDWARD SMITH b 8 Jly 1765 d 27 Jun 1824  
m 18 Sep 1806 ELIZABETH MATHER b 20 May 1788 d 15  
Jan 1854. She m2 12 Jly 1837 John Wallace (G1531),  
widower of Lydia Smith (F419)
- F416 SARAH SMITH b 23 Mch 1768 d 1856  
m after 1790 SAMUEL SHOWER, furnace builder & contractor
- F417 ELIZABETH SMITH b 12 Jly 1771 d Jan 1773
- F418 MARGARET SMITH b 8 Feb 1773 d 14 Jan 1858  
m May 1823 ISAAC ELLMAKER d 1834 New Holland, widower

F419 LYDIA SMITH b 5 Nov 1775 d 12 Sep 1834  
 m 6 Apr 1794 JOHN WALLACE (G1531). He m2 12 Jly 1837  
 Elizabeth Mather Smith

F410 REBECCA SMITH b 11 Oct 1780 d 22 Jly 1833  
 m ISAAC DILLER

F5 EVAN EDWARDS b ca 1712 wp 12 Jun 1775 dat May 1771  
 m ELIZABETH STOFER b ca 1725 wp 24 Aug 1772 dat 17 Jun  
 1772 Earl Twp dau of Jacob Stofer

F51 THOMAS EDWARDS b after 1751 wp 1794 dat 1 Feb 1794  
 Lancaster, Col. in Revolution, sheriff in 1782-1784, tavernkeeper,  
 dsp

m SUSANNA SMITH wp 24 Jly 1804, widow of Christopher  
 Reichert wp 1784

F52 JOHN EDWARDS b ca 1755 d Earl Twp  
 m 30 Oct Mary (?Caulee)

F53 ELIZABETH EDWARDS b ca 1758  
 m before 3 May 1782 JACOB HINCKLE

F6 EDWARD EDWARDS b ca 1714  
 m \_\_\_\_\_

F61 DAVID (DANIEL?) EDWARDS b ca 1740  
 m MARY EVANS b ca 1750

F611 SARAH EDWARDS b ca 1768  
 m1 CALEB EVANS b 21 Jan 1765 d 4 Jan 1802  
 m2 \_\_\_\_\_ HART

F612 NATHAN EDWARDS b after 1768

F7 JANE EDWARDS b ca 1716  
 m MICHAEL CONRAD

F8 ELIZABETH EDWARDS b 26 Jun 1718 d 17 Jun 1769  
 m JAMES KIEMER b 23 Feb 1716 d 29 Mch 1784, carpenter,  
 contractor. He m2 16 Aug 1775 Sarah King d after 1802

F81 JOHN KIEMER b 1741 d 17 Oct 1751

F82 DAVID KIEMER b 1744 d 10 June 1746

F83 THOMAS KIEMER b 10 Nov 1746 d after 1784, physician,  
 7 children

F84 JAMES KIEMER b 10 Nov 1751  
 m 25 Jan 1780 CATHARINE WRIGHT widow of John Valentine  
 with 7 children

F841 ELIZABETH KIEMER b 1 Jan 1781 d 29 Jan 1852  
 m 29 Jan 1802 WILLIAM MENDENHALL

F85 ELIZA KIEMER b 1753 d 6 Jun 1756

F86 ELIZABETH KIEMER b 20 Feb 1760  
 m JOHN WHITE

F861 JAMES WHITE



F862 MARY WHITE  
 F863 ELIZABETH WHITE  
 F87 LYDIA KIEMER b 20 Feb 1760 d 1810  
 m JOHN DAVIS (G1111) b 8 Oct 1746 d 6 Apr 1810  
 F88 MARY KIEMER dy

### G—JENKIN DAVID

G JENKIN DAVID b ca 1654 Wales wp 16 Apr 1728 dat 9 Aug 1727  
 Uwchland Twp Chester Co  
 m MARTHA \_\_\_\_\_ d after 1728  
 G1 JENKIN DAVIES b ca 1675 Cilcennin, Cardingshire, Wales wp  
 5 Dec 1748 dat 12 Feb 1747 Earl Twp  
 m MARY \_\_\_\_\_ d after 1747  
 G11 CATHARINE DAVIES b 6 Nov 1696 Wales d before 1751 PA  
 m REES DAVIS (I3) wp 1753 dat 19 Nov 1751 East Earl Twp,  
 lived on Mill Creek near Blue Ball  
 G111 DAVID DAVIS "Black" b ca 1725 d 1790 Winchester, VA  
 m1 \_\_\_\_\_  
 m2 29 Jan 1761 MARGARET EDWARDS (F34) b ca 1741 d  
 after 1789 Winchester, VA dsp  
 G112 GABRIEL DAVIS b 1728 d 1813, assemblyman 1775  
 m JEAN DOUGLAS b 1733 d 1777 dau of Archibald Douglas  
 G113 ZACHEUS DAVIS b ca 1732 d 1752 in Carolina  
 G114 SARAH DAVIS b after 1728  
 m MERIDITH DARLINGTON, moved to VA  
 G12 DAVID DAVIES b 20 Jan 1699 Wales d before 1747  
 G13 JAEN DAVIES b 14 Jan 1702 Wales d ?1738 bur Welsh cem  
 G14 EVAN DAVIES b 28 Jun 1703 Wales d 1779 w dat 1775 wp  
 1814 Radnor Twp, Delaware Co  
 m THAMAR \_\_\_\_\_  
 G141 ISAAC DAVIS b ca 1725 wp 1814 dat 12 Aug 1807  
 Radnor Twp, Delaware Co, dsp. He owned Esgerwen on  
 3 Sep 1796.  
 G142 DAVID DAVIS b ca 1727 d before 1796, "helpless" in  
 1775  
 m MARGARET \_\_\_\_\_  
 G143 MARGARET DAVIS b ca 1729 wp 1822 dat 12 Jan 1819  
 m 1786 WILLIAM WILLIAMS of Radnor, Delaware Co  
 G144 SUSANNAH DAVIS bap 1737 St. Davis's Church Radnor,  
 Del. Co  
 m 1765 JOHN ROBERTS

- G15 JOHN DAVIES b 25 Jun 1706 d 21 Mch 1774 bur #33  
 m ca 1748 ELIZABETH ANDERSON b 1725 d 19 Dec 1796 w  
 dat 24 Apr 1792 pr 25 Feb 1797 bur #34
- G151 SARAH DAVIES single in 1792
- G152 RICHARD DAVIES b 1751 d 17 Dec 1791 New Market, MD  
 m 1773 CATHARINE HINKLE b May 1753 d 1823. She m2  
 Jesse Wright
- G153 MARTHA DAVIES  
 m 1768 ROBERT WALLACE b 1720 or 1721 d 17 Dec 1793  
 bur #30
- G154 ISAAC DAVIS b 4 Apr 1754 d 5 Jan 1838 Caernarvon Twp  
 bur #5  
 m 30 Jan 1781 LYDIA CARTER b 24 Sep 1758 d 5 Oct 1821  
 bur #6
- G1541 SARAH DAVIS b 29 Nov 1781 d 4 Sep 1867 bur #19  
 m HENRY HAMBRIGHT, JR. b ca 1781 d 16 Apr 1815 Ft.  
 Buffalo, NY during War of 1812
- G1542 JOHN DAVIS b 18 Sep 1783 d 11 Jan 1824 bur #7
- G1543 ELIZABETH DAVIS b 29 Aug. 1785 d 15 Oct 1872  
 Caernarvon Twp bur #18, single
- G1544 JOSEPH DAVIS b 27 May 1787 d 20 Mch 1791
- G1545 RICHARD DAVIS b 25 Mch 1789 d 10 Oct 1861 bur #14  
 m CATHARINE STROHM YUNDT b 1792 d 1868 bur #13
- G1546 REBECCA DAVIS b 1 Mch 1791  
 m \_\_\_\_\_ GARBER, moved to Iowa
- G1547 MARY DAVIS b 14 Jly 1794 d 22 Apr 1795
- G1548 ANN CARTER DAVIS b 29 Mch 1796 d 29 Apr 1847  
 m 14 Jan 1819 HIRAM EVANS b 17 Jun 1795 d 6 Jan 1879  
 Caernarvon Twp bur Bangor Episcopal Church
- G1549 LYDIA W. DAVIS b 30 Sep 1800 d 21 Apr 1854 bur #4  
 m JAMES TREGO b 9 Feb 1798 d 6 June 1880 bur #3
- G16 ZACCHEUS DAVIS b 21 Feb 1710 d 25 Mch 1788 w dat 12  
 Aug 1786  
 wp 9 Apr 1788 Earl Twp bur #35  
 m ca 1725 JOANNA MORGAN (H5) b 1710 or 1711 d 21 Jan  
 1768 bur #36
- G161 THOMAS DAVIS b ca 1728 d before 1786  
 m SARAH \_\_\_\_\_. She m2 \_\_\_\_\_ Pelsner
- G162 JENKIN DAVIES b ca 1732
- G163 DINAH DAVIES b 12 Oct 1735  
 m1 JOHN PERCEL  
 m2 28 Oct 1767 THOMAS KENNEDY

- G164 SARAH DAVIS b ca 1737  
 m1 JAMES DAVIS (I228)  
 m2 1792 \_\_\_\_\_ FERREE
- G165 ANN DAVIS b ca 1740  
 m WILLIS DAVIS (I223) built fulling mill
- G166 ELIZABETH DAVIS b ca 1745  
 m1 6 Sep 1773 THOMAS CARTER  
 m2 ABRAHAM JONES
- G167 HANNAH DAVIS b ca 1750  
 m JOHN GORDON
- G168 ZACCHEUS DAVIS b 1757 d 4 Jly 1793 w dat 25 Apr 1793  
 wp 2 Jun 1793 Earl Twp bur #31, millwright, single
- G169 MARY DAVIS b ca 1758  
 m JOSEPH PARK
- G17 SARAH DAVIES b 28 May 1713 d 1 Sep 1802  
 m 1735 JOHN EDWARDS (F3) b 1708 d 11 Aug 1790
- G2 DAVID DAVID b ca 1680 d after 1727
- G3 EVAN DAVID b ca 1685 Wales, returned to Wales by 1747, tenant at Esgerwen in 1748, in 1752 sold Uwchland Twp, Chester Co, farm.  
 m RACHEL \_\_\_\_\_
- G31 JANE DAVID b ca 1725 PA d Esgerwen, Wales  
 m ca 1750 THOMAS EVANS b ca 1720 w dat 20 Apr 1768 Wales
- G311 THOMAS EVANS b 1751 d 1797  
 m 1775 MARY JOHN
- G312 EVAN EVANS b 1753 d 1783
- G313 JENKIN EVANS b 1755 d 1834, tenant at Esgerwen on 3 Sep 1796  
 m 1791 MARY WILLIAMS b 1758 d 1859
- G314 MARY EVANS b 1758 d 1779
- G315 DAVID EVANS b 1761 d 1813
- G316 ELIZABETH EVANS b 1764 d 1784
- G317 JOHN EVANS b 1766
- G4 MARTHA DAVID b ca 1690 d after 1727

### H—THOMAS MORGAN

- H THOMAS MORGAN b ca 1675 inv 2 Feb 1733 Earl Twp  
 m ca 1700 GWEN \_\_\_\_\_ b ca 1675 wp 26 Sep 1746 w dat 11 Aug 1746 Lancaster

- H1 MORGAN MORGAN b ca 1702 d after 1746  
 m \_\_\_\_\_
- H11 NATHANIEL MORGAN b ca 1725 d after 1764. May have moved to Cumberland Co, KY
- H2 ANN MORGAN b ca 1704 d after 1764  
 m EDWARD THORNBROUGH b ca 1705 d after 1764, lived in New Marlborough Rowan Co., NC in 1764
- H21 THOMAS THORNBROUGH b ca 1725 d after 1764, mason, lived in New Marlborough, Rowen Co., NC in 1764  
 m before 1746 SARAH \_\_\_\_\_
- H3 MICHAEL MORGAN b ca 1708
- H4 REES MORGAN b 1709 or 1710 d 13 Jan 1769 w dat 4 Jan 1769 wp 9 Feb 1769 bur #21  
 m ca 1732 MARGARET EDWARDS (F2) b 1704 or 1705 d 20 Aug 1781 w dat 25 Apr 1776 pr 7 May 1782 bur #22
- H41 THOMAS MORGAN b ca 1735 d 1769
- H42 DAVID MORGAN b ca 1737 wp 1785 w dat 21 Feb 1784, single, Captain in Lancaster Co Militia
- H43 ELIZABETH MORGAN b 4 Feb 1744 d 4 Mch 1786 bur #20  
 m 9 Sep 1771 JOHN PAULING s of Henry Pawling of Montgomery Co
- H431 HENRY PAWLING b before 1774
- H432 MARGARET PAWLING b after 1774
- H433 ELEANOR PAWLING b after 1774
- H434 ELIZABETH PAWLING
- H435 RACHEL PAWLING
- H5 JOAN MORGAN b 1710 or 1711 d 21 Jan 1768 bur #36  
 m ca 1731 ZACCHEUS DAVIS b 21 Feb 1710 d 25 Mch 1788 Earl Twp bur #35
- H6 ELIZABETH MORGAN b ca 1713  
 m ca 1730 JOHN DAVIES (C4) b 1696 d 1772
- H7 WILLIAM MORGAN b ca 1706, lived outside PA in 1746  
 m1 \_\_\_\_\_  
 m2 9 May 1740 MARGARET JONES b ca 1715 dau of David Jones wp 1746
- H71 GWEN MORGAN b before 1726 d after 1746  
 m \_\_\_\_\_ PERRY

## Notes

1. The original was at the Historical Society of PA in Philadelphia in 1942, but is not on record there in 1984. A transcript was in the Maude Evans Papers now in my possession.

2. Patents A-1-175 & A-10-504 Harrisburg, PA
3. Patent AA-6-29 Harrisburg
4. Engle's *Notes and Queries*, 1897, p. 224
5. Deed Y-269 West Chester, PA.
6. Release dated Nov. 21-22, 1717, described on p. 207 of *History of Old St. David's Church, Radnor* (Philadelphia, John C. Winston Co., 1907)
7. H. Frank Eshleman, "Sketch of Judge Thomas Edwards", *Papers Read Before the Lancaster County Historical Society*, XIII:5 (1909) p. 111-127
8. B.F. Owens, *Historical Papers . . . LCHS I.* (1897) p. 361-373
9. Deed I-92 Lancaster, PA
10. Deeds U-694 and U-696 Lancaster
11. W.R. Winfrey, 282 Woodland St., Burkesville, KY, 42717 to LCHS June 17, 1973
12. S.W. Brody, *A History of Uwchlan Township 1682-1782* (Chester County, PA., 1983, The Uwchlan Twp. Historic Commission) p. 12. Interchange 23 of the PA Turnpike now occupies the area.
13. K.H. Cummins, *A Rare and Pleasing Thing Radnor* (Owlschwic Press, Philadelphia, 1977) p. 398-401. Chester County Deed, Book 1-460, of 1725 calls property Jenkin David's. See also Deed H-12-138 Philadelphia.
14. Surveys D-88-110 and B-10, and Patents A-11-282 and A-11-284, Harrisburg.
15. Identical to one preserved at St. David's Church, Radnor, this Bible is now among the Davis and Evans Papers I inherited from my aunt, Miss Maude Evans. It contains two inscriptions, "Jenkin David his Book 1702" and "Jenkin Davies his Book 1726" under it, which indicate they were father and son, although he was not mentioned in the will of the elder Jenkin.
16. On Sep. 3, 1796 Jenkin Evans, tenant on Esgerwen, wrote a letter to his cousins in America about the rent. A reply was to be sent in care of the post office of Lampeter, a nearby town. Since this name Lampeter was one of the three Welsh place names used when Thomas Edwards helped to form the townships of Lancaster County, perhaps he himself was from this area.
17. F.R. Diffenderffer, *The Three Earls*, (New Holland, Ranck & Sandoe, 1876) p. 48.
18. T. and C. Gorton, "Two Early Hambrights of Lancaster Co. PA.," *PA. Genealogical Magazine*, XXXI:2 (1979) p. 112.
19. *Ibid*, p. 106-111.
20. James Patton's research is discussed in *Lancaster Sunday News*, March 20, 1983 Section B p. 1 and 4.
21. W.L. Woerner, *Tombstone Inscriptions of Lancaster County*, available at LCHS.
22. When both parents are descendants of these three families, the children are listed under the father.

## Abbreviations

b—born

bap—baptized

bur—buried in the Welsh cemetery in lot #

ca—about

cem—cemetery

Co—County, Pennsylvania, unless stated otherwise. The present name is used.

d—died

dau—daughter

dsp—died without issue

dy—died young

inv—inventory dated

m—married

m2—married a second time, to

s—son

Twp—Township, Lancaster County, PA unless stated otherwise

w dat—will dated. All estate records are of Lancaster County unless stated otherwise

wp—will proved, and the location when written

Spelling is according to the source used. Consistency was sacrificed for authenticity.

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