

PERTH-Y-MAEN

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County Flintshire

District Flintshire

Community Council Llanasa

Designations Listed building: Perth-y-maen Grade II*; Doorway to walled garden Grade II*

Site Evaluation Grade II

Primary reasons for grading

A seventeenth-century walled garden with fine entrance doorway and unusual slotted walls.

Type of Site

Walled garden

Main Phases of Construction

c. 1643

SITE DESCRIPTION

Perth-y-maen is a substantial two-storey stone farmhouse situated on a slight rise to the north-east of the village of Trelogan. Perth-y-maen was for long the home of the Parry family. An estate map of the 1730s shows the house with a courtyard and the walled enclosure.

To the south of the farmhouse is a range of stone outbuildings.

The walled garden is situated to the south-east of the house, on ground sloping to the south-east. A narrow by-road runs between house and garden. The garden is four-sided, its west side running along the road, and is bounded by pale grey rubble built limestone walls c. 2.5 to 3 m high. The interior surfaces have horizontal parallel slots all around them, from close to the top of the walls to near the bottom. They are quite shallow, and their purpose is obscure. No parallels have been found for this treatment of garden walls. However, as the garden was probably an orchard they may have been used in some way for fixing wall fruit and/or netting to the walls. The doorway is situated in the middle of the west wall, opposite the house. It has a shallow arch with an inscription 'E.P. 1643' over it. This inscription appears in situ, and is taken to date the garden. 'E.P.' would have been a member of the Parry family. Inside the doorway a flight of stone steps leads down to ground level. The only break in the walls is a hole in the north-east side made to allow animals into the interior. Much of the stonework from the gap lies on the ground.

The interior is now grassed over, but stone edgings protrude from the turf indicating a layout at one time of paths. The garden is marked on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey map as an orchard, and this is its probable original use.

Sources

Primary

Map of land belonging to Thomas Longueville Bt at Trelogan, c. 1730s: Clwyd Record Office (Hawarden), D/DM/136/4.