

## **The Powysland Club Hatchments**

A hatchment was a diamond-shaped panel of wood or canvas within a frame, painted with the heraldic arms of a recently deceased member of the gentry or aristocracy. Hatchments are believed to have been displayed on the funeral cortège and remained in the church after the interment. Some so it is claimed may have been attached to the deceased's residence and acted as a pictorial announcement to passers-by that a death had taken place in the family, before being transferred to the church. Strict rules applied to the layout and colouring of the panel, providing to those in the know information such as the deceased's marital status.

Across the UK the earliest examples of hatchments date from the second quarter of the seventeenth century, but all our hatchments appear to be of the nineteenth century. They are now displayed on two walls of the court room in the town hall at Welshpool, and can be viewed by appointment with the town council.

In 1988 it was calculated that there were 135 hatchments in Wales, so evidently the Powysland Club holds 10% of the total number in the country.

### ***List of Hatchments***

No. 1 Arms of John Glynne Mytton of Penylan, Meifod (d.1844). Originally in Meifod church.

No. 2 Arms of Sir Watkin Williams Wynn of Wynnstay (d.1885). Thought to have been in Llanfihangel-yng-Ngwynfa church.

No. 3 Arms probably of Bagot Read (d.1813). Alternatively of Bagot Offley Crewe-Read of Llandinam Hall (d.1862). Originally in Llandinam church.

No. 4 Arms of Sir Jukes Granville Clifton of Clifton (Notts) and Trelydan, Guilsfield (d.1852). Originally in Guilsfield church.

No. 5 Arms of Sir Watkin Williams Wynn of Wynnstay (d.1749). Thought to have been in Llanfihangel-yng-Ngwynfa church.

No. 6 Arms of either Thomas Lloyd of Trawscoed (d.1821) or his father Thomas Griffith Lloyd (d.1795). Originally in Guilsfield church.

No. 7 Arms probably those of Devereux Mytton (d.1809). Alternatively of John Glynne Mytton (d.1844). Originally in Meifod church.

No. 8 Arms of John Offley Crewe-Read of Llandinam (d.1858). Originally in Llandinam church.

No. 9. Arms of Edward James Herbert, 3<sup>rd</sup> Earl of Powis (d.1891). Originally in Welshpool church.

No. 10. Arms of David Pugh of Llanerchydol (d.1861). Alternatively of David Pugh (d.1807). Originally in Welshpool church.

No. 11. Arms of Anne Watkin Williams Wynn (d.1748). Originally in Llanfihangel-yng-Ngwynfa church.

No. 12. Arms of Reverend Jukes Egerton of Trelydan (d.1772). Originally in Guilsfield church.

No 13. Arms of unidentified member of the Pugh family of Llanerchydol. Alternatively of John Pryce of Gunley. Originally in Welshpool church.

No 14. Arms of Charlotte Mytton of Penylan, Meifod (d.1836). Originally in Meifod church.