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Lancaruan Church.

Lancarvan Church in 1622

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In 1622 Evans Mouse, possibly a Dutchman, made a full survey of the estates of Lord St. John of Bletso, Beds. (a descendant of Sir Oliver St. John of Penmark). He made detailed maps of each of the Manors of Barrey, Penmarke, Funmon & Lancadle. ¹ This last Manor included Lambithery and a part of Lancarvan, but the map Evans made jumps from Lancadle with a small gap straight to a portion of the Lancarvan land that was the St. John's, which stretches from Crosstown through Coed Y Crinallt and down to the west side of the present road below the wood (then *Lancarvan waye*).

Although it was not part of the St. John's lands, Evans made a small sketch of the Church and churchyard. This is in roughly the right position but near the edge of the parchment and is rather faded and worn (as is the edge of the Lancarvan lands). While only a sketch, there is no reason to believe that it is not a reasonable representation of the Church as it was in 1622.

The map resides in the Glamorgan Record Office. The drawing on the cover was done in 1999 from close inspection of the original and is hopefully something like that of Evans Mouse. His signature is copied from the survey document ²

The G.R.O. has now kindly supplied photographs of the original, shown here at actual size.





This enlargement gives a better idea of the church's appearance in 1622

As the now uncovered wall paintings confirm, the South Wall of what is now a second nave was already there.

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