

Lords of the Manor of Bradney and Bawdrip Landowners

Joseph Bradney> Joseph Christopher Bradney, d1868 > Joseph Alfred Bradney, b1859:

British History Online:

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Bridgwater Railway information:

The Bridgwater Railway Company submitted a number of Bills to Parliament to try to obtain an Act to build a railway. For each Bill the Company compiled detailed drawings showing where the railway would pass through the countryside, and detailed landowner lists showing the various plots of land that they would have to buy.

There were many small areas of land that the Railway Company would have to purchase before any work could start.

1865/6 Bill:

The **Reverend Joseph Christopher Bradney**, was listed as a multiple landowner in Bawdrip, and referred to as **Lord of the Manor of Bradney**.

1863 Electoral Register, Ludlow polling district, Parish of Greet. - Bradney Joseph Christopher, Greet Rectory and Glebe, Tenbury, Worcestershire,

1874/5 Bill:

The Trustees of Joseph Alfred Bradney, viz Sarah Decima Bradney (wife of Joseph Christopher), and Rev William Price Jones, are listed as multiple landowners in Bawdrip. The Rev Joseph Christopher Bradney had died on 19th Feb 1868 (Indenture of 27th March 1888 mentioned below) His will of 27th Sept 1865, made when he was living in Clifton Bristol, created a Trust involving lands in Somerset, Wilts, and Monmouth, for his son Joseph Alfred Bradney, aged 9, to become his on reaching the age of 21 (1880).

1871 census a Joseph A Bradney was listed as a 12yr old boarder at Park Hall boarding school, Salford, Worcester, born Salop, Greet, making his d.o.b as around 1859.

1882 Bill:

The Reverend **Joseph Alfred Bradney** (aged 22) is referred to as **Lord of the Manor of Bradney** and listed as a multiple landowner in Bawdrip. In 1888 he was living at Talycoed Court in the county of Monmouth, mentioned in an Indenture dated 27th March 1888, where he sells 5 plots of land in Bawdrip, to the Bridgwater railway. He was at some point a captain in the Royal Monmouth Militia, and in 1924 he became **Sir Joseph Alfred Bradney**.

Land Conveyance Documents. (Indentures)

An Indenture exists, dated **27th March 1888** where **Joseph Alfred Bradney** Esq (of Talycoed Court in the county of Monmouth) agrees to sell 5 small portions of land for £220 to the **Bridgwater Railway**, PP5 (Parliamentary Plan), Tithe No 82, 3Perch- Brook; PP18, T104, 1Rod 11P; PP42, T124, 1R 7P- Garden, PP70, T312, 3.8P-Little Marsh; PP87, T375, 2R-Causeway. There is a lot more information about the Bradney family in this Indenture.

Other info:

Entrants to Harrow:

Entrances in January 1873.

Abbot, Bradley, son of Father Bradley Abbot, The Vicarage, Union Grove,
Wandsworth Road, S.W. (Mr. B. Smith's)

Left East. 1874.

B. Abbot, Esq., as above.

Barwell, Herbert Edward, son of Maj.-Gen. Barwell, Greenhill, Harrow.
(Home-Boarder)

Left Mids. 1877; in the Union Bank of Spain and England.

*H. E. Barwell, Esq., Union Bank of Spain and England, 21, Old Broad
Street, E.C.*

Bateson, John Francis, son of J. Bateson, Esq., Emsworth, Wavertree,
Liverpool. (Mr. Hutton's)

Left Mids. 1876; M.B. Edin. and C.M., 1881; M.R.C.S. Eng., 1884; Indian Med. Service,
Surg. Capt. Egyptian Army, 1885.

Blackburne, Francis, son of E. Blackburne, Esq., Q.C., Rathfarnham
Castle, Dublin. (Mr. Holmes')

Left East. 1876; now resident in America.

F. Blackburne, Esq., as above.

Bradney, Joseph Alfred, son of the Rev. J. C. Bradney. (Dr. Butler's)

Left Mids. 1877; Trin. Coll. Camb., B.A. 1880; J.P. and D.L. for Monmouthshire; High
Sheriff, 1889; J.P. for Radnorshire; Capt. Royal Monmouth Militia.

J. A. Bradney, Esq., Tal-y-Coed, near Monmouth.

Branfill, Champion Edward, son of Col. D. A. Branfill, Upminster Hall,
Essex. (Home-Boarder)

Left Mids. 1875; R. Agr. Coll. Cirencester. **Died** Aug. 6th, 1890.

Carnwath, Henry Arthur Hew Dalzell, Earl of, son of the 8th Earl of
Carnwath. (Mr. Rendall's)

Succeeded as 9th Earl, 1867. **Died** at Harrow, Mar. 13th, 1873.

Caton, Redmond Bewley, son of R. B. Caton, Esq. (Mr. Rendall's)

Left Mids. 1875; Exeter Coll. Oxf., B.A. 1880; M.A. 1884; Curate of Powick, Worcester-
shire, 1882-4 and 1885-7; Rector of Wiveton, Norfolk, 1884-5; of Great Fakenham, 1887.

Rev. R. B. Caton, Fakenham Rectory, Bury St. Edmunds.

Clark, James Bengough, son of the Rev. J. Clark, Kegworth Rectory,
Derby. (Mr. Rendall's)

Left Mids. 1876; Shooting XI., 1876; Christ's Coll. Camb., B.A. 1882; M.A. 1885.

J. B. Clark, Esq., The Lawn, Birstall, Leicestershire.

Gwent Archives Website:

<http://www.gwentarchives.gov.uk/media/17515/d554-bradney-of-tal-y-coed-monmouthshire.html>

Biographical/Historical note

Tal-y-coed Court was formerly known as Llanvingel Hall and it was the estate of Crawshay Bailey (the elder) before it was purchased by **Captain Bradney, then living in Somerset**. It had been renamed Tal-y-coed by the 1890s. **Joseph Alfred Bradney** was high sheriff of Monmouthshire in 1889, a county councillor 1898-1924, and an alderman 1924-1927. He was the author of numerous antiquarian and genealogical works, mostly relating to Monmouthshire, particularly his unfinished History of Monmouthshire (12 parts, 1904-1932). He was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Letters by the University of Wales in 1923 and **knighted in 1924**. The male line of his branch of the family appears to have died in the next generation with John Harford Bradney (1886-1962), and the family was represented in 1969 by Edgar John Humphrey Bradney (b. 1904) of Bideford, Devon, a grandson of Joseph Bradney's eldest son John Hopkins Bradney (1795-1861) and his third wife.

Estate info from Somerset Heritage Centre website:

Joseph Christopher Bradney:

Wiltshire and Somerset. 1840-1875

D554/22 Miscellaneous correspondence to The Rev. J.C. Bradney; including 2 letters from John Warren re: repairs **Bawdrip Church**. (7 items) 1840-1866

D554/29 Correspondence and accounts - Mainly from Josiah Easton to The Rev. J. C. Bradney. (37 items) 1841-1850

D554/23 Correspondence rent accounts, etc. **estate in Bradney co. somerset**. G. and R. Poole with The Rev. J.C. Bradney. (77 items) 1846-1867

D554/24 Account - Bradney; G. And R. Poole with The Rev. Joseph Bradney. [Mar-Sep]

D554/25 Letter re: Slocombe's farm building improvements, G. S. Poole to The Rev. J. Bradney. 1861

D554/26 **Notice from Bridgewater Railway** to The Rev. Joseph Bradney re: lines in manor of Bradney. (2 items) 1865

D554/27 Accounts and correspondence re: **Bradney and Ford farms**. G. and R. Poole to The Rev. J. Bradney. 1866-1875

Joseph Alfred Bradney

Wiltshire and Somerset.

D554/146 Maps - **Manor Bradney, co. Somerset** Undated

D554/147 Manor Hurcot, co. Somerset

D554/148 Rent Accounts of **Ford and Bradney farms**; J. Ruscombe Poole and Son with J.A. Bradney. (73 items) 1884-1918

D554/149 Correspondence, and general estate management accounts. Bradney, Ford and Avebury Farm mainly J.R. Poole to J.A. Bradney. (58 items) 1882-1893, 1890-1896, 1909-1912

D554/150 Correspondence - offers to purchase Bradney and Ford Farms, George Withy to J.A. Bradney. Apr 1919

D554/151 Correspondence re: estate matters; Avebury and Mrs Coan's annuity. (8 items) Jan 1883-Mar 1883

D554/152 Correspondence mainly re: Mrs Canning and Avebury Farm, Mr Slocombe, tenant of farm (mentioned) and Hurman of Ford Farm. (20 items) 1880-1882

D554/153 Correspondence mainly re: Avebury and Poole and Ruscombe to J.A. Bradney, 33 items including 8 Poor Rate vouchers, par. Llanvihangel Ystern Lewern. 1884-1885

Bawdrip Manors and other Estates; British History Online

<https://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/som/vol6/pp184-188>

Alnod the reeve held BRADNEY in 1066 but in 1086 it was held like Bawdrip by Renewald from Walter of Douai, (fn. 38) and was probably merged with the main estate. In 1573 it was said to be held of Bawdrip manor. (fn. 39)

In 1292 Matthew of Bradney bought land in Bradney from William Goathurst (fn. 40) and in 1303 it was held by Anthony of Bradney (d. c. 1321), canon of Wells and rector of Bawdrip, (fn. 41) who was succeeded by Joachim of Bradney (d. 1324) and his son Simon (d. 1375). (fn. 42) Simon had no children, and his wife Beatrice is said to have granted what was then described as a manor to Sir John Beaumont (d. 1380), who held it jointly with his wife Joan. (fn. 43) She was dead probably by 1431 when Thomas Beaumont, Sir John's grandson, held the manor. (fn. 44) Thomas (d. 1451) also

held Elworthy manor, with which Bradney descended to Thomas Muttlebury, (fn. 45) the lord in 1634. Thomas Muttlebury (d. 1652) retained Bradney, which passed from his son Thomas to another Thomas Muttlebury (fl. 1705), probably grandson of Thomas (d. 1652), and to John Muttlebury who settled the manor in trust to raise money for his four daughters before 1712. (fn. 46) In 1725 Bradney was in the possession of Harry Brydges (d. 1728); he was succeeded by his daughters Anna, who married William Ledwell before 1769, and Elizabeth, who married Thomas Hughes before 1765 and sold her share probably in trust for her sister. Anna held Bradney until 1792. (fn. 47) **The manor was purchased c. 1793 by Joseph Bradney but lordship was not recorded after the late 1790s. (fn. 48) Joseph was followed by his second son the Revd. Joseph (d. 1868), (fn. 49) whose son Joseph sold the estate c. 1919 when it was broken up. (fn. 50)**

A capital message, recorded in 1324, (fn. 51) may have been Bradney Farm which included a large 'gothic' window but was burnt down in the 1890s. (fn. 52)