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Subject: Re Rompney Castle, Rumney

To:

Dear

Thank you for your enquiry.

Tithe maps and apportionments give names of owners and occupiers of land, and the ones for Wales have been digitised - they are on the Places of Wales website, <https://places.library.wales/>. I have had a look at this myself and it shows a Pear Tree Public House, buildings and garden - the owner and occupier are both John Jenkin. The map is dated 1846. Pear Tree public house is the building labelled 465 on the map. There is also a house next to this, labelled as 466, which is described as a House, garden and orchard, owned by Mary Ann Wood and occupied by Thomas Richards. The names of the owners and occupiers may help you find a property in earlier records, but I don't know if either of these properties is the one you are looking for.

You are right to say that the Tredegar Estate archives are at the National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth. Their contact details are on their website <https://www.library.wales/>.

I am not sure which Ordnance Survey map you would have seen as this pre-dates the large-scale Ordnance Survey mapping for this area. I have checked our Map index and we do not have any maps for the parish before the Tithe map, but there may be maps at the National Library.

I have also checked our Place index to see if there are any records for this area which would be helpful. One source would be Land Tax records, which show ownership of property. We have these for Rumney parish for the period 1804-1829 (not every year), reference Q/LT/142. Even if 'Pear Tree Farm' is not named as such it may be possible to identify it from the size of the property and the names of the owner and occupier.

Alehouse Recognizances from the early 19th century may also list this as an alehouse. We have these for the Wentlooge Hundred (including the parish of Rumney) for 1811 (Q/AR/2/1) and 1815 (Q/AR/8/1).

It is hard to identify earlier records as the catalogue descriptions would not necessarily include the name of a specific property if they cover a larger area of a parish and not just one property. Possible records which I have picked up from our Place index include the following:

**D2570/5/1** - Mortgage re land in Rumney, 1788 - see catalogue [Records of the Rickards Family of Usk Priory GB0218.D2570 \(gwentarchives.gov.uk\)](#)

**D2570/5/3-4** - Deeds re land in Rumney 1817 (see catalogue as above)

**D668** Manorial documents 1703-1927 - see catalogue [GB0218.D668GB0218.D668 \(gwentarchives.gov.uk\)](#)

**D337** Deeds 1775,1785 - see catalogue [GB0218.D337GB0218.D337 \(gwentarchives.gov.uk\)](#)

**D501** Document 1716 (this catalogue has not been digitised yet)

**D1078** Property in the manor of Rumney 1818-1884 -see catalogue [GB0218.D1078GB0218.D1078GB0218.D1078 \(gwentarchives.gov.uk\)](http://www.gwentarchives.gov.uk/GB0218.D1078GB0218.D1078GB0218.D1078)

**D2282** Monmouthshire Court of Sewers/Drainage Board records 1830-1950 - see catalogue [Monmouthshire Court of Sewers and the Monmouthshire Drainage Board Records 1830-1950GB0218.D2282 \(gwentarchives.gov.uk\)](http://www.gwentarchives.gov.uk/Monmouthshire%20Court%20of%20Sewers%20and%20the%20Monmouthshire%20Drainage%20Board%20Records%201830-1950GB0218.D2282)

**D31B** - see catalogue [GB0218.D31B \(gwentarchives.gov.uk\)](http://www.gwentarchives.gov.uk/GB0218.D31B)

**D176** - see catalogue [Deeds found in derelict gold breakers factory in Hackey, London. GB0218.D176 \(gwentarchives.gov.uk\)](http://www.gwentarchives.gov.uk/Deeds%20found%20in%20derelict%20gold%20breakers%20factory%20in%20Hackey,%20London.GB0218.D176)

There are also manorial records for this area. There is an online index - [Manorial Documents Register \(nationalarchives.gov.uk\)](http://nationalarchives.gov.uk/Manorial%20Documents%20Register).

There are references to a house called the Peartree in our collection D43 (Newport Library collection) which includes manorial documents. Documents **D43/588, 589, 590, 591 and 592** dated 1831-1833, relating to the Special Court Baron and Customary Court of Sir Mark Wood, Lord of the Manor of Rompney, state that the court was held 'at the dwelling house of John John called the Peartree'. There are also earlier documents 1811 and 1812 (D43/582 and 584) which state that the court was held at the dwelling house of Thomas John which I suppose could also be the Pear Tree but this is not stated in the catalogue description.

Earlier records of the manor of Rompney/Rumney include a Survey dated 1631 (D43/1266) and a Rental of Rumney Chief Rents dated 1796 (D43/6199).

If you wish to come and look at these documents it is free to do so but we have been using a booking system on Eventbrite to book visits. The link is on our Home page [www.gwentarchives.gov.uk](http://www.gwentarchives.gov.uk) - see the Booking form link. Up to 6 documents can be booked per person (although it may be possible to order a few more documents when you arrive). At the moment the earliest booking slot available via Eventbrite is next Tuesday, November 23rd, although we may be able to book you in some time this week as it is urgent, if you contact us in person.

We also offer a paid search service - the fee is £30.60 for one hour's research (not including copies of documents). [www.gwentarchives.gov.uk/our-services/search-service.aspx](http://www.gwentarchives.gov.uk/our-services/search-service.aspx)

Best wishes,

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