

Appendix one
Glamorgan Archives
Picton Street Name Research for Bridgend County Borough Council

Due to having limited access to the records during the local and national lockdowns, it was decided to focus research work on searching the relevant local authority minute books for any reference to the naming of the streets.

New streets are usually named by the developer/builder, with the chosen names being submitted to the relevant local authority, in this case the Urban or Rural District Council, for approval. The process for the naming of streets is outlined in the Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847 and the Public Health Act, 1925.

Background Research to establish the dates when the streets were built

The Urban and Rural District Council minute books are extensive in size and are usually not indexed, so staff spent some time doing background research to establish dates for when the streets were being developed and to narrow down the time frame for the search. This included checking Ordnance Survey (OS) plans, tithe maps (maps of parishes drawn up in the 1830s/early 1840s) and searching for any surviving building regulation plans held by Glamorgan Archives (online catalogue: <http://calmview.cardiff.gov.uk/>).

Picton Street, Kenfig Hill
Local Authority: Penybont Rural District Council

Background research:

Location: 100m NW of centre of Kenfig Hill, National Grid Ref: SS 83612 83178.
Mostly pre First World War housing

Earliest road name appearance on OS plan: 1919 3rd edition 25-inch OS.
House numbers 1-11 and 27-37 are listed on the 1911 census

Tithe map

This location is within the parish of Pyle. The Pyle tithe plan indicates that the location was occupied by a field numbered 345 on the apportionment. This field was listed as Pasture, owned by Talbot Christopher Rice Mansel and occupied by John Evans. See *Appendix A* for images from the tithe map.

Building regulation plans:

Glamorgan Archives holds building regulation plans for Penybont Rural District Council and the following plans were found:

- RDPB/Box 5: 4 houses at Picton Street, Kenfig Hill, 28 Oct 1911, on behalf of GK Knight Esq. (bundle 21). Clear from these plans there was already houses on the street before that date and the street had already been named.
- RDPB/Box 4: 4 houses in Picton Street, Kenfig Hill, submitted by RO Clark (architect, surveyor, Port Talbot), on behalf of George Knight, Llewellyn Street, Aberavon, March 1909 (bundle 17). Store room at Picton Street, Kenfig Hill, on behalf of Mr J Nicholls or Nicholas, 18 July 1908 (bundle 16).

Plans were searched back to 1898 but no further plans for Picton Street were found (RDPB/Boxes 2-5 searched).

Local authority minutes:

The following Penybont Rural District Council minute books were searched:

- Ref: RDPB/C/6 – Minutes, Aug 1908-Apr 1910

Col. J. Picton Turberville is recorded as a member of the Council.

p142 - 27th March 1909: Discussion of proposed extension of Council's water mains to streets in Kenfig Hill. "He thought that the extensions proposed on the plan should only proceed as far as Picton Street as the roads are not yet formed beyond that point". Picton Street had been named by this date.

- Ref: RDPB/C/5 – Minutes, Mar 1906-Aug 1908

p397 - 9 May 1908: References to house building underway at Kenfig Hill. Some streets are named, others are just referred to by letters (presumably not named at this point). Picton Street is not included.

1907: Several references to Miss Talbot's contributions to the Kenfig Hill Sewerage Scheme – it seems Miss Talbot (Margam Estate) owned many of the houses in the area.

p295 – 9 November 1907: Plans for 50 houses to be built at Kenfig Hill. No street names given. Involvement of the Margam Estate.

Although, the above references were found on the development of Picton Street, no information was found to the naming of the street.

Picton Street, Nantyffyllon

Local Authorities: Cwmdru Local Board of Health and Maesteg Urban District Council (from 1894)

Background Research

Location: A4063 through Nantyffyllon, National Grid Ref: SS 85030 92733

Victorian terrace

Shown on 1877 OS 1st edition 25-inch plan
Road appears on 1830s tithe plan unnamed

(research for Picton Street, Nantylffyllon, is included with research on Picton Place, Nantylffyllon, below).

Picton Place, Nantylffyllon

Local Authorities: Cwmdu Local Board of Health and Maesteg Urban District Council (from 1894)

Background Research

Location: part of Heol Tywith, between Grove Street and Barnardo Street in Nantylffyllon. Includes General Picton public house, National Grid Ref: SS 85180 02679.

Victorian terrace.

Some of the terrace exists on the 1877 OS 1st edition 25-inch plan. Street completed on 1899 OS 2nd edition 25-inch plan. First labelled Picton Place on 1919 OS 3rd edition 25-inch plan. General Picton public house first labelled as a public house on 1951 OS plan.

Tithe map

This location is within the parish of Llangynwyd. The Llangynwyd tithe plan indicates that Picton Street and Picton Place crossed areas numbered 526aH, 528H, 530H, 541H, 542H, 543H, 552H, and 554H on the apportionment.

- Field 526aH was labelled as pasture, owned by Turberville, Richard T Esq, occupied by William Evan
- Field 528H was labelled as wood, owned by Thomas Edward, occupied by Thomas Hopkin
- Field 530H was labelled as pasture, owned by Thomas Edward, occupied by Thomas Hopkin
- Field 541H was labelled as pasture, owned by Thomas Edward, occupied by Thomas Hopkin
- Field 542H was labelled as arable, owned by Thomas Edward, occupied by Thomas Hopkin
- Field 543H was labelled as pasture, owned by Thomas Edward, occupied by Thomas Hopkin
- Field 552H was labelled as wood, owned by Richards, John Matthew, occupied by Robt Roberts
- Field 554H was labelled as pasture, owned by Richards, John Matthew, occupied by Robt Roberts

See *Appendix A* for images from the tithe plan.

Building regulation plans

Glamorgan Archives holds building regulation plans for Maesteg Urban District Council. Several plans survive for Picton Street; the following is the earliest found.

- Ref: UDM/S/1/1880/1: New kitchen and bathroom for 24 Picton Street, developer David Traherne, 7 May 1880.

Sales particulars

- D548/2/7/9: Sale catalogue of Turbervill estate, in Maesteg and Nantyffyllon, 27 July 1916.

Picton Street and Picton Place are both listed as lots placed for sale by the Turberville Estate. This shows a direct link between the streets and the Picton Turberville family. Relevant pages from the sales particulars have been digitised and can be found in *Appendix B*

North's Navigation Collieries (1889) Limited Records (ref: D1101)

Legal agreements within this collection reference Picton Street and the Picton Turberville family, but not within the same documents. No direct link is shown between the streets and the Picton Turberville family, although they certainly demonstrate the close links between the family and the Nantyffyllon area.

Local authority minutes

Minutes of Cwmdau Local Board of Health were searched for 1876-1877.

- Ref: LBCW3

Some references to David Treharne, developer of houses on Picton Street, were found, but in relation to properties on other streets.

There is correspondence recorded between the Board and Major Picton Turberville relating to Ewenny Road and Ewenny Bridge, to the Gas Street Bridge, and to land for the construction of a new slaughterhouse, showing a clear link between the Picton Turberville family and the Board, and to his land ownership in the area.

The Board approves building plans fairly regularly. The majority of those submitted already have names and the naming of streets is discussed only occasionally, as in the examples below.

p263 – 8th September 1876

Resolved that the new street by Gas Works be named Ewenny Road

This is one of the few references found to the naming of a street. No details are given as to why this name was chosen, although previous discussions show that Major Picton Turberville of Ewenny owned land in the area around the Gas Works.

p145 – 1st October 1875

The new street leading from Bridge Street was named Bank Street

No further explanation is given as to why this name was chosen.

pp114-115 – 28th May 1875

Discussion of the renaming of roads already named. The proposed new names are listed but the reasons for choosing them are not stated. Picton Street and Picton Place are not included.

Significant building work was underway in the area during this period. The minutes reflect the extent of development at the time.

p102 – 16th April 1875

It was reported that 127 new houses had been built in the district during the year 1 April 1874-31 March 1875.

Picton Avenue, Porthcawl

Local Authority: Porthcawl Urban District Council

Background Research

Location: North from Esplanade, next to Seabank Hotel, National Grid Ref: SS 81507 76724. Possibly interwar housing. Earliest road name appearance: 1940, OS 4th edition 25-inch plan. Named as Picton Avenue in Kelly's Trade Directory, 1920

Tithe map

This location is within the parish of Newton Nottage. The Newton Nottage tithe plan indicates that the location was occupied by two fields numbered 581 and 603 on the apportionment. Field 581 was listed as Rough Ground / Pasture, owned by Henry Hey and occupied by Hopkins David Senior. Field 603 was listed as Rough Ground / Pasture, owned by Price Sir Robert, Baronet and occupied by Henry Jenkin. See *Appendix A* for images from the tithe map.

Building regulation plans

The following building regulation plans submitted to Porthcawl Urban District Council were checked:

- UDPC/S/1/451, 632, 635 and 643: On all the plans the name of the road is labelled 'New Road' and has not yet been named Picton Avenue. It is only referred to as 'Picton Avenue' on the outside of the envelopes but these are later in date.
- UDPC/S/1/451: making new roads on the Porthcawl Estate for RE Jones, by Sidney Williams, Cardiff, architect, Feb 1911. There is also a plan for new street and sewers on Mr R E Jones Estate, which was approved 27 Feb 1911.

- UDPC/S/1/632: Labelled RE Jones Estate, near Sea Bank (Sea Bank Hotel). Plans for amended levels of the proposed new roads, submitted between Feb and April 1915. One plan shows it was received by the Council, 4 March 1915
- UDPC/S/1/635: Proposed new houses for Messrs Jenkins and Burnell. Plans drawn by architect Sidney Williams, Feb 1912, but submitted to Council, Feb 1915. Shows estate layout and plan of a house. Also in bundle amended plan for levels of proposed new road, received by Council, 12 Dec 1914. Refers to date of previous approved plan of 27 Feb 1911.
- UDPC/S/1/643: Layout of roads for RE Jones and showing land to be exchanged between The Nottage Court Estate and RE Jones Esq, March 1915. Also plan dated 23 April 1915 showing Estate at Porthcawl belonging to R E Jones, stamped 'Works Meeting, PCUD (Porthcawl Urban District Council), 23 April 1915.

Local authority minutes

The following Porthcawl Urban District Council Minute Books were searched for Picton Avenue. References to Nottage Court Estate were also included:

- UDPC/C/1/10- Minutes, Jan 1913-Dec 1916

p545 – 4 October 1915: Nottage Court Estate - regarding plans for a new road and that in order to save time, committees would be given the power to approve plans without waiting for confirmation from the council.

p554 – 11 October 1915: Gas Committee meeting. Picton Avenue - regarding the gas manager's request for instructions for fitting a 3" main necessary for connecting up the new station.

p575 – 29 October 1915: Gas Committee meeting. Picton Avenue - tenders were submitted for the supply of pipe and accessories for main laying in Picton Avenue.

p579 – 1 November 1915: Nottage Court Estate - report dated 31 October 1915 regarding the drainage for the estate proposed to be developed.

p581 – 5 November 1915: Nottage Court Estate - regarding the connection of a sewer to a manhole opposite a road to be constructed.

p612 – 3 December 1915: Nottage Court Estate - regarding sewer plans.

p614 – 3 December 1915: Picton Avenue reference to gas main.

p626 – 23 December 1915: Picton Avenue (and Blundell Avenue) - payment regarding water mains.

p736 – 10 April 1916: Gas Committee meeting. Picton Avenue (and Blundell Avenue): manager informed the committee of getting gas services laid and it was also recommended that a site should be selected for lamp columns.

p767 – 19 May 1916: Picton Avenue - Clr. RE Jones stated that as the steam roller was now in the district, he was anxious to have the new street known as Picton Avenue steam rolled, and asked the council to hire the roller and the men required after the completion of the road repair works, and undertaking to pay all charges in connection therewith.

Although the above references were found to the development of Picton Avenue, no information was found relating to the naming of the street.

Middleton Court, Picton Avenue, Porthcawl

Local Authority: Ogwr Borough Council (up to 1996); Bridgend County Borough Council (after 1996).

Background Research

Location: apartment building accessed from West of Picton Avenue, National Grid Ref: SS 81430 76727. Large post 1990s apartment complex.

No further records checked for this address as covered by Picton Avenue research above.

Picton Avenue, Bridgend

Local Authority: Bridgend Urban District Council

Background Research

Location: Brynteg, West of Ewenny Road, National Grid Ref: SS 90443 78863. Interwar Housing, 1930s. Earliest road name appearance: 1940, OS plan 4th edition 25-inch.

Tithe map

This location is within the parish of Coity (Coety). The Coity tithe plan indicates that the avenue was constructed on a field numbered 391 on the apportionment. This field was listed as Pasture owned by a Mrs. Blackwell and occupied by Edward Lewis. See *Appendix A* for images from the tithe map.

Building regulation plans

The earliest building regulation plan that we hold for Picton Avenue is:

Document reference [UDBR/S/1/904](#)

Level of description [Item](#)

Title	Building of 3 bungalows, Picton Avenue, Bridgend
Date	08 May 1934
Description	Owner/builder: H. J. Speck Architect: E. Loveluck Original plan number: 15/34

Registers of electors

- GD/C/RE/51/6 – October 1934
Picton Avenue was not found in this electoral register.
- GD/C/RE/52/6 – October 1935
Picton Avenue first appears in this electoral register. Numbers 1-4, 6 and 8 are listed.
- GD/C/RE/53/6 – October 1936
Picton Avenue is included in this electoral register. Numbers 1-6, 8 and 10 are listed. Additional houses have been added since 1935.

This research suggests that Picton Avenue was in the process of being constructed during the mid-1930s, in all likelihood from 1934 onwards.

Local authority minutes

The following Bridgend Urban District Council Minute Books were searched for Picton Avenue for the period Jul 1933-Sep 1934:

- Ref.: UDBR/C/1/21

p686 - 9 Jan 1934: Naming of new streets at Brynteg and Glanogwr: Recommended that this matter be considered at the next meeting of the council.

p724 - 20 Feb 1934: Naming of streets off Brynteg Avenue: that the two streets referred to in the surveyor's report be named Neville Road and Heol Picton respectively.

The surveyor's report is not included and doesn't survive elsewhere.

As the minutes indicate that the land was known as Brynteg, we searched for references to Brynteg/Brynteg Estate to see if previous ownership indicates why the roads were named Neville Road and Heol Picton/Picton Avenue. A file concerning the sale of Brynteg House and land, ref. DSA/15/21/4, relates to land adjacent to the plot where Picton Avenue was built. It shows that the land just to south was owned by Earl of Dunraven. The Brynteg site was sold to Glamorgan County Council, so there is no obvious link to Picton-Turberville family.

Picton Gardens and Picton Close, Bridgend

Local Authorities: Ogwr Borough Council (up to 1996); Bridgend County Borough Council (after 1996)

Background Research

Location: north of Bypass Road, Bridgend, National Grid Ref: SS 91088 78584 and SS 91053 78614. 1990s housing, fill in of retail estate, from c1980s? Replaced a house 'Picton Court', constructed interwar, appears on the OS plan 1940, 4th edition, 25-inch plan. Estate built post 1995. But planning applications date from earlier in the 1990s.

Tithe map

This location is within the parish of Coity (Coety). The Coity tithe plan indicates that the location was occupied by two fields numbered 263 and 264 on the apportionment. Field 263 was listed as pasture owned by Robert Nichol Esquire and occupied by Richard Jenkins. Field 264 was also listed as pasture, owned by Bennett John Esquire and occupied by Morgan Jones. See *Appendix A* for images from the tithe map. Some of the plots of land adjacent to the site were owned by Richard Turberville Esquire.

Planning records

The earliest entry for the site on the Bridgend Council planning database is for January 1993. This provided a starting point for a search of Ogwr Borough Council planning records.

- Ref. DCOG/BOX65 - Planning Officer's reports, Aug 1992-Mar 1993

Various applications for the Picton Court site, including a reference to permission being granted for retail and residential development, 7 May 1992.

- Ref. DCOG/BOX64 – Planning Officer's reports, Feb-Jul 1992

7 May 1992 – planning permission 92/0376 for retail and residential development at Picton Court, A48 Bridgend. In line with previous application 91/1399. No mention of naming or history of plot at all.

12 Feb 1992 – planning application 91/1399 for residential and retail development at Picton Court, references previous planning application for residential development 89/522 and 89/523.

- Ref. DCOG/BOX59 – Planning Officer's reports, Nov 1988-Jul 1989

29 Jun 1989 – planning application 89/0522 and duplicate application 89/0523 for development of site at Picton Court.

In all these papers there are no references to the naming of roads or the naming of the development. There is also no mention of the history of the site.

Site research – Picton Court

As the retail and residential development is known as the Picton Court site, we investigated the history of Picton Court to find its origin.

The house first appears on the 1941 Ordnance Survey map. Residents on the 1939 Register were a William T Rees and family. A search of the electoral registers pre-dating this found Picton Court listed under Coychurch Road. This is likely to be the same property as the residents are the same as those listed in Picton Court in 1939 when it is listed as on Bypass Road.

Although it doesn't appear on maps prior to 1941 there are listings for Picton Court in the electoral registers, directories and on census records dating back to the 1900 electoral register (ref.: GD/C/RE/11/1). No mention has been found prior to 1900.

The 1910 Finance Act land valuation records (ref.: DVAL/1/41) indicate that Picton Court and its land was owned by Thomas Rees, the same person who was resident in 1900 and 1901.

It is possible that Thomas Rees purchased the land on which Picton Court was built in 1897. Documents relating to the sale of land (ref.: DRA/19/495-504) by Revd. Charles Bodvell Griffith of Bishopstone, Co. Hereford, to Thomas Rees of Bridgend, farmer of part of Waterton Hall Estate, survive but have not been checked to confirm that they relate to the relevant land.

In 1881 and 1891 Thomas Rees lives at Waterton Court. There is no indication of any links to the Picton family but a full genealogy has not been completed.

Conclusion

- Searches of the relevant local authority minute books and planning records reveal details of the development of the streets, but no references to the naming of the streets.
- It was, and continues to be, commonplace for streets to be named after local families and landowners. Members of the Picton Turberville family also held positions of authority within the area (for example, Colonel J Picton Turberville was serving on Penybont Rural District Council).
- Picton Street and Picton Place, Nantyffyllon, appear to have been built on Turberville estate land (see sale catalogue, Glamorgan Archives, D548/2/7/9).
- Picton Gardens and Picton Close, Bridgend, are built on the site of Picton Court, but no direct link with the Picton or Picton Turberville family has been established.

Number of research hours: 50 hrs 35 minutes

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