

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

LISTED BUILDING	Penderi Fawr Farmhouse including attached cowshed, Penllergaer, Swansea
Grade:-	II
Date of Notification:-	17.11.87 amended 25.03.02
National Grid Reference:-	SS 6191099593
O.S. 1:10,000 Sheet No.:-	SS 69 NW
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Notes:-

Location:-

Situated high above the north side of the motorway between the village and the forest of Penllergaer; reached by farm roads from south and west.

History:-

Large 17th century L-plan structure of two periods, a good example of the unit system house, where two distinct house units appear at the same farmstead. Later alterations include the gabled wing added to north, and mid to later 20th century replacement of all windows. The two 17th century units are: an earlier east-west range, and a second range running south from west end, both with large hall fireplaces at one end, flanked by a spiral stair and lobby entry, each presumably original comprising of a hall and parlour divided by a partition. The original house was entered from the east end wall, the added one from a lobby on the east side of the north end chimney. The original house appears to have had no heating at the parlour end, the later unit has a chimney at the south end.

Exterior:-

Farmhouse, rubble stone (formerly whitewashed or colourwashed with slate roofs, one and a half storeys. Three ranges, the earliest 17th century range runs east to west with large rendered tapering east end stack, the second, also 17th century, at right angles runs south from west end of first with similar large rendered battered stack at north end (on ridge) and smaller roughcast south end stack. The third range added on north side of first is probably 19th century with north end brick stack. A 19th century cow house runs east from east end of original range.

East to west range has south side tiny stair window to right and large 20th century ground floor window to centre with concrete lintel immediately under 19th century casement pair. Step in masonry to right of centre. North side left has 19th century added wing which has brick corners, north end door to left and window in gable, with timber lintels, and west side large 20th century metal window and door, the walling mostly brick. North side has narrow window in angle to added north range and square window. West end gable has 20th century window each floor, the upper one with a rough dripstone, the lower one with stone voussiors. The original entry was in east end wall by the chimney, now into the cow shed.

The north to south range is added on to left side of the south wall of the original, such that a portion of the north gable end projects at right angles to the west end of original, and a small section of roofing links the north end chimney to the original roof ridge to the north. Windowless north end. West side has small square window under eaves to left and two large 20th century ground floor windows, to centre and right. Massive boulder at foot of north west corner. South end wall is roughcast with 20th century attic window left, with dripstone over. East side has remnant of colourwash, long four pane sash to left, still at ground level, and door to extreme right in angle to original range. Door is in line to north end stack and set in lean to porch with stone side wall and sheet roof. Door adjoining house end wall with metal glazed window immediately over, and door in centre, brick framed. Lean to each side of door on north wall. Some brick framed openings to rear south wall.

Interior:-

Not available for inspection but in 1987 had main entry into north end of addition with door opposite broken through north wall of original house just by original east entry. Former hall has boarded ceiling and chamfered beams. East wall deep fireplace is blocked but retains 17th century oak fire bench in front. Original doorway to left is blocked. Winding stone staircase with corbelled roof to right. Upper floor has three bay bedroom with boxed in trusses ceiled at collar level. A two bay bedroom beyond has 19th century or later connecting door to other unit. The north to south unit is reached by a doorway in the south wall into the lobby entered from the east side external door. The lobby has feather stop chamfer beam by the doorway. In the ground floor room, a winding stair with corbelled roof and timber treads in the north west corner. Bedrooms upstairs have thinly ribbed panelled ceilings and casing to boxed purlins (overlapping to one side). Cowhouse has seven bay 19th century roof with collar trusses.

Listed:-

Included as a surviving 17th century farmhouse built on the unit system.

Reference:-

Peter Smith, Houses of the Welsh Countryside, 1988, pages 166 – 168, 2207 maps 29, 33;

RCAHMW, Glamorgan farmhouses and cottages, 1988, page 441, maps 38,46, 53, 62, 69 and 93.