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Papers mainly of Rev. Thomas G. Roberts,
Caernarfon, Llanrwst and Dolgellau.

- 36340
- 1 1825-1852 ACCOUNT BOOK of the Rev. T.G.Roberts recording each Surplice Fee received by him as Vicar of Dolgellau, 1825-1830, and as Vicar of Llanrwst, 1831-1852. These fees were for marriages, funerals, baptisms, churching etc.. At the back of the book are brief notes about the parish of Llanrwst including numbers of communicants, rent charges and a note 'Scholars very irregular in attendance at Church'.
 - 2 1796-1858 LIST of dates, place names (mainly Garthgyfonedd and Tybrith issa) and the words 'Church Wardens'.
 - 3 n.d.[watermark 1797] NOTE BOOK containing the names and addresses of the inhabitants of the parish of Llanrwst together with the number of lambs, cows, heifers, mares, kids, hay owned and ? the amount of tithes payable: Together with a list of householders and cottages in the township of Llanrwst (names and addresses only) with note 'In. Number 91 Persons in the Township of Llanrwst according to the Assessment of the list I received from Mr.Holland Edwards'. At the back of the book is a note of the Gwydir tithe made 1800.

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- 4 1834 Nov. 24 LETTER: ?Cooks, Biddulph and Biddulph, London to the Right Rev. the Bishop of St. Asaph informing his Lordship that, at the request of Rev. H.Holland Edwards, they had paid to his credit with Messrs. Goslings and Co. £1138.2s.2d. 'being money to be applied in building a Rectory House with suitable Offices and outbuildings upon the Glebe at Llanrwst'.
- 5 1817 Nov. 21 LETTER: R. Stephens, Junior Bursar at 'Brasen Nose' College, Oxford, to the Revd. T.G.Roberts, sending him a statement of his college accounts for the past year and requesting him to remit the amount to Messrs. Biddulph Cooks and Ridges in Charing Cross or to himself at the College.
- 6 1818 Jan. 13 LETTER: John Jones, at Bangor, to the Revd. T.G.Roberts at Carnarvon, informing him that he has just accepted an offer of the curacy at Edern from the Bishop. He hopes to be able to avoid going to Oxford and Bath, both because of the expense and because he is reluctant to appear in Oxford at the moment. He asks the vicar to find out whether Ellis would accept a Llyn Curacy. They will talk of their arrangements when they meet. The family look forward to seeing the vicar. He hopes that his mother is not in too much pain.
Appended: POSTSCRIPT asking the vicar if he will sound out Jones in Carnarvon, who has been recommended to him for repairing the vicarage at Edern.

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- 7 1818 Jan. 21 LETTER: Ellis Roberts in Ruthin to the Revd. T.G.Roberts, his cousin, in Carnarvon, explaining that he has not written before because of the death of Ned Parry and Ivor John. He hopes to visit the vicar soon. He gives news of himself and his family's health. They were all pleased to hear of the Archdeacon's preferment. The curacy must be declined because it is too far from Clwyd.
Appended: POSTSCRIPT that a basket from Eliza is on its way.
- 8 1818 April 11 LETTER: John Pierce Jones, Jesus College, Oxford, to the Revd. T.G.Roberts at Carnarvon. As requested he has written to Glaister about the £25 that is owed to the vicar, but has had no reply. The examinations have begun. Best has taken his and done well. George Majendie is not up this year, nor is Ned Parry. Ellis is panicking. S.Morrell is in Oxford and has some pupils. Walker is to be examined this year. Sir Robert is leaving for London today. Uncle Walker is better.
Appended: POSTSCRIPT that there is to be a concert in the theatre.
Appended: LETTER: Ellis Roberts to the Revd. T.G.Roberts, describing his preparation for the exams. He wishes that he still had the vicar as a tutor, and is worried that he might not be properly prepared.
Appended: POSTSCRIPT that he has been to see Stephen. He and John will try to find the cash.

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- 9 1818 April 19 LETTER: John Pierce Jones, Jesus College, Oxford, to the Revd. T.G.Roberts, Carnarvon. Glaister has written to say that he has only just received his note and that the vicar will soon remit the money. Ellis is feeling more cheerful than when he wrote but has no confidence in himself. Only three students have been unsuccessful, one from Balliol. They have a servitor who is going up for a First in Mathematics. Sir Robert has told the Principal that Uncle Walter is angry with him, but there is nothing in the letter he has had from him to suggest this. Appended: POSTSCRIPT that Ellis wants him to write soon. Best means to visit him in the summer.
- 10 [1818] April 30 LETTER: Best, at London, to the Revd. T.G.Roberts at Carnarvon. He finds the recollection of his friends more flattering than the compliments which the vicar's friend has paid him. He has been away from Oxford, so has little news from there except that Banbery was failed and Dawson was able but showed little application. He will probably have to postpone his visit to Wales. After graduating, he and Lewis plan to set off on their tour of France and Italy. It would be more practicable if the vicar came to London, as he could then take his Master's degree and afterwards accompany them on their trip.

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- 11 1818 May 7 LETTER: Alfred B.Clough, Jesus College, Oxford, to the Revd. T.G.Roberts, Priory, Carnarvon, informing him that Ellis has been successful in the first part of the Schools examinations. Although he could have done better under the vicar's tuition, the examiners were very pleased with him.
Appended: POSTSCRIPT [Ellis Roberts] thanking the vicar for his help.
- 12 1818 May 16 LETTER: Edward Jones at Henllan place to the Revd. T.G.Roberts at Carnarvon, expressing his regret that he is unable to accept his offer of becoming a tenant at his house in Denbigh. It would not be large enough, as John Mason is now living with his family.
- 13 1818 June 10 LETTER: J.W.Trevor at Bodynfol to the Revd. T.G.Roberts, Priory at Carnarvon, telling him of his progress in learning Welsh. He is receiving instructions from Mr. Hughes, Vicar at Llanfyllin, who expects him to be fluent enough by November to be able to take over in Carnarvon. He looks forward to spending a few days with the vicar. For the present he would prefer to stay at the Vicarage and he asks the vicar not to make any enquiries about Mrs. Appleby's house.

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- 14 1818 July 27 LETTER: John Williams Trevor at Eastham to the Revd. T.G.Roberts, Priory, Carnarvon, detailing his family's arrangements for their absence from the county and asking permission to have some boxes stored in the empty vicarage at Carnarvon. They would be sent by water from Liverpool. Enjoyed reading the Archdeacon's sermons. He hopes that Mrs Roberts is better. When he has the time, he means to visit both the archdeacon and the vicar.
- 15 [1818] Sept. LETTER: Ellis Roberts at Ruthin to the Revd. T.G.Roberts, Priory, Carnarvon, giving him news of his family. He and his family send their best wishes to his cousin Lewis and his wife at the priory and invite them to visit. Mother only returned from the seaside on Tuesday night. She is much better. Tom Hughes has had his confidential Dales transported for life. He is a hardend wretch who should have been hanged. They all wish Aunt Roberts a speedy recovery. Mr. E.Thelwall sold his mare for 7s. in Bangor. E.R.'s father says that either the vicar or Griffiths should give notice before November 1. The house must not be advertised first. He has been unable to see Ed Jones but will go to Denbigh again if the vicar wishes. Their husbandman Ned Foulkes, is dead. He gives Ned Parry's address.
- Appended:
POSTSCRIPT that Bob and [Tango] are just getting over a severe illness.

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- 16 1818 Oct. 13 LETTER: F.Hodson at B[rasen] Nose College, Oxford, to the Revd. T.HG.Roberts at Carnarvon, promising to recommend him as a tutor. His opportunities are limited, but he has just had an application from the master of Westminster whose brother will pass on his testimony of the vicar's suitability.
- 17 1818 Oct. 15 LETTER: J.W.Trevor at Bodynfol, to the Revd. T.G.Roberts, Priory Carnarfon, discussing his move to Carnarvon. The date that the vicar has chosen to vacate the parsonage is suitable, except that Mr. Owen might have to cope on his own over Christmas. With the assistance of the Bishop of Bangor, he may be able to take up his duties in Carnarvon on Christmas day. He will not go there now until he is instated as vicar. His Welsh has improved and he hopes that the people of Carnarvon will be satisfied of his ability to speak it. The vicarage house is in good repair, but he believes that Mr. Jones has removed the grates. According to a legal opinion by Sir William Scott, grates are fixtures. However, they were probably of little value, and if they have been taken, it is not worth mentioning them to Mr. Jones. He has not heard from his father and family yet. He hopes that the Archdeacon and Mrs Jones are well and that Mrs. Roberts is better.

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- 18 1818 Nov. 14 LETTER: John Roberts, at Ruthin to the Revd. T.G.Roberts, Priory, Carnarvon. He had been hoping to see him, but believes he is unable to come before Christmas. He has let the vicar's house in Denbigh to Mr. Gabriel Hughes. There was only one other applicant, a Mr. Brydges. He hopes to hear a good account of the vicar's mother.
Appended:
POSTSCRIPT that he is enclosing £15 from Edward Jones.
- 19 1818 Nov. 16 LETTER: Edward Story at Denbigh to the Revd. T.G.Roberts, Priory, Carnarvon, writing on behalf of his master who has agreed to settle [his rent] and wishes someone in the neighbourhood to collect it. He will either end his tenancy now or remain until next May on condition that expenses for repairs can be paid at that time.
- 20 1818 Nov. 20 LETTER: John Jones at Bangor to the Revd. T.G.Roberts at Carnarvon, R.Williams' petition should have been handed in in August. As it is dated 13 December 1817, it is no use, but if the case is very distressing a fresh petition should be given to the rural dean or the deputy Registrar. He is pleased that the vicar's mother was not depressed by the Queen's death. It is probably best for her to continue with Dr. Mason's treatment. The people of Llanbeblig have had a caveat entered already, so John Trevor cannot officiate at Llanbeblig. He asks if the vicar has heard anything from Chester.

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- 21 1818 Nov. 26 J..W.Trevor, in London, to the Revd. T.G.Roberts in Carnarvon, describing his conversation with the Bishop of Chester. The Bishop's nephew needs a tutor and his father, Col. Tinling, would like to place him with the vicar for £200 per annum. The bishop gave T.T. the Carnarvon resolutions. He doubts that Mr. Evans proposal for moderation is sincere. There are no signatures, so it looks like an attempt at causing trouble. The vicar is not to mention J.T.'s visit to Carnarvon or the accompanying letter. If asked, he is to say that J.T. is unable to come. He should not give in his resignation without first informing the bishop or until J.T. has been examined. He will see the Bishop Majendie when he leaves Denbigh. He asks the vicar to write to Bishop about Mr. Tinling. The bishop will be in Chester if Lord Ellenbois is no worse.
- 22 1818 Dec. 5 LETTER: Geroge H., Palace, Chester, to the Revd. T.G.Roberts, Carnarvon. Col. Tinling has placed his son with Mr. Baldwin, but the vicar would probably not have found him a suitable pupil. He would willingly recommend the vicar as a tutor. He is surprised at the behaviour of some Carnarvon people, as they must be aware that he will not present Mr. Trevor unless he has a sufficient command of Welsh. They must ignore the commotion.

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- 23 1818 -- 24 LETTER: Lewis Jones at Oswestry to the Revd. T.G.Roberts at Carnarvon, informing him that his baby girl has died. She began refusing food on Sunday and the fits returned this morning. He asks the vicar to break the news to his mother and sister and to their friends in Bangor.
- 24 1819 Jan. 8 LETTER: The debtors of Carnarvon gaol to the Revd. T.G.Roberts, Vicar of Llanbeblig, Priory, Carnarvon. They have been informed that Lord Warren Bulkeley has sent him some money for their relief. Their application to Lord Bulkeley was only for themselves. They ask to know the amount. The debtors wish to receive the money, as they and their families are in distress. They have applied to the Bishop of Bangor and several gentlemen for charity. The other prisoners receive 4d. more weekly than the debtors, and they assume that the donation was for themselves alone. William Ormsby Gore of Partington has ordered his agent to grant them some relief.
- 25 1819 Jan. 11 LETTER: The debtors of Carnarvon gaol to the Revd. T.G.Roberts, stating that they have petitioned Lord Bulkley for charity and understand that he has given a sum of money for their relief to the vicar. They request him to distribute the sum among them, as they lack shoes and other essentials.

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- 26 1819 Jan. 11 LETTER: R.W.Price at Rhiwlas to the Revd. T.G.Roberts at Carnarvon, sending him details of the books which he wishes his son to study in preparation for going to Westminster. His son should be arriving soon.
- 27 1819 Jan. 12 Letter: Viscount Warren Bulkeley to the Revd. T.G.Roberts. His £10 is not exclusively for the debtors, and in the past all prisoners at Carnarvon gaol shared in his donations. Vicar Owen Jones, Mr. Harris, the previous vicar, and Mr. Henry Jones thought it better to give coals and clothes. However much money the prisoners are given, they are certain to spend it on drink. The Rev. Henry Jones of Ty Coch will give good advice on the subject if Harris refuses. The vicar can save himself trouble by taking the parish officers with him. It is unlikely that the debtors will show him any gratitude.
- 28 1819 Jan. 12 LETTER: Richard Rowe at Barnstaple to the Revd. T.G.Roberts at Caernarvon, enquiring on behalf of a London gentleman who has a large property. He wants to find out the next of kin of a Mr. Horwood or Harwood. The family apparently come from Caernarvon. If this is the case, he would like to be sent a copy of the register.

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- 29 1819 Jan. 18 LETTER: Charles Lloyd, Withington, to the Revd. T.G.Roberts at Carnarvon. He has heard from Mr. Davies that T.R. believes that Carnarvon school will soon be closed. The National Board have agreed to admit Mr. Davies and appoint a new master in his place. In order to unite his school with the National Board, the vicar should apply to the secretary, the Revd. T.T.Walmsby. The vicar could arrange for the person collecting subscriptions from the school to keep a percentage. If necessary, C.L. will come to Carnarvon to prevent the closure of the school
- 30 1819 Jan. 20 LETTER: William & Edwards at Denbigh to the Revd. T.G.Roberts at Carnarvon, informing him that they are ready to pay the bond debt of the late John Myddelton of Gwaynynog. It is essential that he first produce security and authority to receive the money, especially as Mrs. Myddelton is only the executrix of the will and Mr. Myddelton did not incur the debt himself. The documents must be produced in a week's time unless Roberts wishes them to keep the money for him. Otherwise it will be put to another use.
- 31 1819 Jan. 21 LETTER: C.Owen at Garthyngared to the Revd.T.G.Robets at Carnarvon, applying on behalf of his son for tuition. The vicar is already acquainted with William's disposition and Robert Vaughan is willing to give his opinion. He does not require wine for him but he has been used to a mild health. He suggests fees of £100 per annum.

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- 32 1819 Jan. 21 LETTER: George Coltman at Chester to the Revd. T.G.Roberts at Carnarvon. His son Thomas cannot take up residence at Oxford until October, so he is especially anxious that he should spend the intervening time profitably, and in seclusion. The vice-chancellor and Mr. Lowe, his son's tutor, have recommended the vicar to him. He asks if he can accommodate him for five or six months, and what his terms are. He does not wish him to be allowed wine.
Appended:
POSTSCRIPT that the vicar will probably be hearing from Mr. Rees on the same subjects.
- 33 1819 Jan. 24 LETTER: William & Edwards at Denbigh, to the Revd. T.G.Roberts, Priory, Carnarvon, reminding him that they have already agreed to pay the bond debt of the late John Middelton and informed him that he would need a proper authority in order to receive the money. They are surprised that he is now complaining of having only a week's notice as they have offered to keep the money for a few weeks for him if necessary. They cannot understand why he thinks he will have to involve his solicitor. Even if he has a right to receive the money this would mean sacrificing Mrs. Middelton's interest. They must give Mr. Roberts of Ruthin the chance to receive the money, but if he will not, they will have no right to keep it. In a few months time they will be able to discharge the claim. It is up to the vicar to decide whether to resort to a solicitor before then.

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- 34 1819 Jan. 27 LETTER: George Phillips to the Revd. T.G.Roberts at Carnarvon, asking him to pay his bill by Saturday morning.
Enclosed:
BILL of George Phillips, Hotel Carnarvon to the Revd. T.G.Roberts, for the sum of £9.12.6d for various goods.
- 35 1819 Jan. 28 LETTER: John Roberts, Temple to the Revd. T.G.Roberts at Carnarvon, informing him that he has obtained the administration to the effects of Uncle James [Connor's] partner [Sam] Edwards promised a month ago that both principal and interest would be paid, and he hopes now that it will.
- 36 1819 Jan. 28 LETTER: George Coltman at Chester to the Revd.T.G.Roberts at Carnarvon, concerning the tuition of his son, who is staying with his uncle, the Rector of Halsall. The vicar may expect to see him in a few days time. He hopes that he will be fully prepared for college at the end of six months. The Vice Chancellor has recommended standing for a scholarship and he urges the vicar to encourage this. During his stay his son must have no rest from his studies except for exercise. He will bring two of the best Greek histories, but if any other books are required, they will be obtained immediately.

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- 37 1819 Feb. 2 LETTER: George Coltman at Chester to the Revd. T.G.Roberts at Carnarvon, informing him that his son has returned from Liverpool and should arrive in Carnarvon on Thursday. He wishes the vicar to tutor him for six months.
- 38 1819 Feb. 8 LETTER: J.W.Trevor at Chester to the Revd. T.G.Roberts, concerning the appointment which he is due to take up in Carnarvon and assuring him that he should be able to carry out his duties in Welsh. He has been successful in his second examination, but the vicar should not mention it to anyone. He wishes him to defer his resignation until he has written to Bishop Majedie who he believes wants him to take another examination. The vicar has been very kind to stay in an unprofitable post, he hopes that in a fortnight's time he will be in a better one. He and his father wish the vicar's uncle well in his new preferment.
- 39 1819 Feb. 9 LETTER: H.Jones at Ty Coch to the Revd. T.G.Roberts, Priory, Carnarvon, assuring him that he will take care of Llanbeblig next Sunday. T.R. is to let him or Stanley Owen know if he is needed for the following Sunday.
- 40 1819 Feb. 18 LETTER: Will Morgan, actuary at the Equitable Insurance Office, near Blackfriars Bridge, to the Rev. T.G.Roberts, asking for an account of the health of Dr. William Mason, in order to consider his application for life insurance.

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- 41 1819 March 18 LETTER: Gabriel Hughes at Denbigh to the Revd. T.G.Roberts at Carnarvon. He does not want to cause him any unnecessary expence. Changing tenants so often cannot benefit the condition of the pres[bytery]. He dows not wish to have the old cottage altered, as the other side of the road would suit him very well. He invites the vicar to come and view the pres[bytery]. They will carry out any necessary repairs before they enter.
Appended:
POSTSCRIPT that they are at liberty to have anything done at the house.
- 42 1822 March 25 LETTER: John Roberts at Ruthin to the Revd. T.G.Roberts at Carnarvon. Mr. Gabriel Hughes left £12.10s last week. He encloses a bank bill for £10. so now owes the vicar £2.10s. Everyone at the rectory is well.
- 43 May 21 LETTER: Rice Hughes at Dolgelly to the Revd. T.G.Roberts at Carnarvon, asking whether the bishop is holding an ordination next month. His father had had no reply from the Register, Mr. Roberts. He asks what the candidates are examined in and who the examiners are. Morris told him that he would be examined in Grotius. He means to offer himself for ordination. He has seen Ellis's name in the paper as A.B.

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- 44 n.d. LETTER: Ellis Roberts at Oxford to the Revd. T.G.Roberts, his cousin, on the subject of some books which he has obtained for him. Neither the Apocrypha nor the Welsh-Latin dictionary are obtainable. He enquires whether the vicar wants his Mitford bound, and whether he would recommend [Cunders] Concordande.
Endorsed:
POSTSCRIPT that he is leaving on Tuesday or Wednesday.
- 45 n.d. LETTER: John Jones at Bangor, to the Revd. T.G.Roberts, at Carnarvon suggesting that his mother might be agitated if Aunt Lloyd arrived in Carnarvon unexpectedly. He advises him to tell her that she is in Bangor. She and Mrs. Jones should be in Carnarvon tomorrow.
- 46 n.d. LETTER: [William Ellis] at Carnarvon to the Revd. T.G.Roberts in Carnarvon expressing his regret that their efforts were not as successful as they wished. Anxiety is understandable when such a useful and valuable life is concerned.
Appended:
POSTSCRIPT that he is in his debt and will look into the business.
- 47 n.d. LETTER: [William Ellis] to the Revd. T.G.Roberts at Carnarvon, eight pounds should repay his debts towards him. He offer his thanks.
- 48 n.d. NOTES re the marriage of Thomas Roberts and Margaret Price, married 1 June 1759 and the dates of birth of their children.