

The Thorn tree at the Peterstow Bridstow Llangarron Hentland Marstow crossroads
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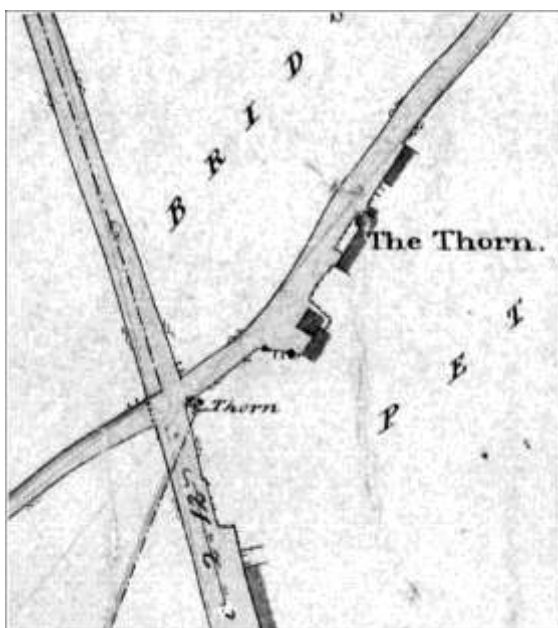
In the Club library is an album with photographs seemingly dating from late 19th century. One shows an ancient thorn tree, often cited as boundary trees despite their apparent shorter lifespan. The tree must have been thought as significant, perhaps because the farm nearby is called 'The Thorn'.



The old Thorn tree, 1901, Marstow near Ross at the corner of the cross roads



A hawthorn tree in about the same position as the one in the photograph. The Thorn farmhouse is just visible



The thorn tree is clearly marked on the 1839 Hentland tithe map and marks the meeting place of four parishes: Hentland, Llangarron, Bridstow and Peterstow, though it is described in the album as in Marstow.

This is because the detached parts of the various parishes have been rationalised since the tithe map was drawn.

The Thorn farm name goes back at least to 1702 when 'William Phillpot de la Thorne' was a juror at a court of the manor of Wilton on Wye.