

The name of Trelawny\* reminds one of the stirring strain which once echoed through every Cornish village, and which owed its inspiration to the imprisonment by James the Second of Sir Jonathan Trelawny, one of the Seven Bishops.

The old rhyme ran :—

“And have they fixed the where and when?  
And shall Trelawny die?  
Here’s twenty thousand Cornish men  
Will know the reason why!”

These were the only original words; two other verses in the well-known “Song of the Western Men” were composed by a Mr Hawker in 1825, “and were sent by him anonymously to a Plymouth paper, where the poem attracted the notice of Mr Davies-Gilbert, who reprinted it at his private press, under the avowed impression that it was the original ballad. Sir Walter Scott also deemed it to be the ancient song;” and thus the common misapprehension originated.

The Trelawny family still dwells at Trelawne, which, it must be understood, is not “the most ancient stronghold of the Trelawnys,” for that was near Launceston, but a property which they purchased in Queen Elizabeth’s reign. Here many memorials are preserved of the famous race. A portrait of the great bishop, by Kneller, hangs in the drawing-room. The south part of the house was built by Edward Trelawny, Governor of Jamaica, under Queen Anne.

There is at Trelawne a curious original portrait of Queen Elizabeth, taken in her youth.

Of the Trelawnys and two other notable Cornish families the saying runs :—“That never a Granville wanted loyalty, a Godolphin wit, or a Trelawny courage.”

“By Tre, Pol and Pen, you may know the Cornish men,” but one of

\*The prefix “Tre” signifies in Cornish “the place of abode,” and is equivalent to the French “De.”

the old Cornish families—that of Boscawen-Rose—whose head is Viscount Falmouth, at Tregothnan on the Fal, owns none of these prefixes. Of this family came the gallant Admiral Boscawen, who was born at Tregothnan in 1711, and who is buried in a church above the Tregothnan Woods. His epitaph there tells one “With what ardent zeal and what successful valour he served his country, and taught her enemies to dread her naval power,” and that he died “in the year 1761, and the 50th of his age, at Hatchland’s Park, in Surrey, a seat which he had just finished at the expense of the enemies of his country, and amidst the groans and tears of his beloved Cornishmen was here deposited.”

*Amat. Winchester*

*Amat. Trelawny 1716*

*Chatham W. Pitt*

*Sam Wallis 1758*

*Boscawen 1760*

Autographs (traced from originals) of Jonathan Trelawny, Bishop of Winchester; Chatham W. Pitt; Sam Wallis, the discoverer of Otaheite; and Admiral Boscawen.

Not far from Tregothnan is Enys, the seat of the Enys family. Baring Gould, in his recent work, “The County of Cornwall,” writes of “the marvellous gardens of Enys,” and in the beautiful gardens there grow, together with other rare trees and plants from all parts of the world, many New Zealand trees and shrubs flourishing in the soft Cornish air as well as though in their own Southern home.