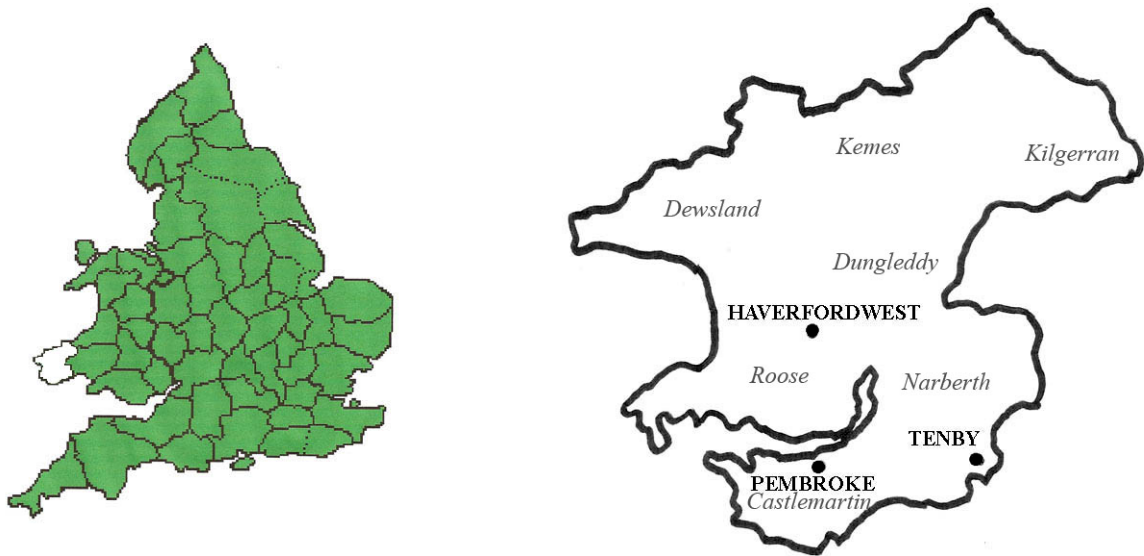


PEMBROKESHIRE



Pembrokeshire is the most westerly county in Wales, and has a long sea coast to the north, west and south. To the east the county has borders with Carmarthenshire and Cardiganshire.

The county did not return details of its WM arrangements in 1834/5, but the Quarter Sessions records show that inspectors were appointed for each of the seven hundreds shown on the map, above right. In 1851 the duty of inspecting WM in most of the hundreds was assigned to the superintending constables, and when the county police force was set up in 1858/9, the superintending constables became police officers. All the inspectors continued in post so that all, except one, were police officers. The first qualified inspector was appointed in 1891.

There were three separate jurisdictions in Pembrokeshire. Haverfordwest was a county of itself, and carried out WM inspection from 1835 until 1889. The ancient borough of Tenby claimed to be a WM Authority from 1835 onwards, but did not have proper standards until 1862. The ancient borough of Pembroke was actually larger than Haverfordwest and Tenby, but it appears that it always accepted the jurisdiction of the county over its weights and measures.

There are indications that scales and weights were being sold by ironmongers and others in the nineteenth century, but no evidence of any specialist firm of scalemakers until the inevitable arrival of W&T. Avery in the twentieth century.

A: Inspection by the County of PEMBROKESHIRE

Dates	Events	Marks	Comments
1826	One set of standards [215] issued.		7 hundreds: Kilgerran, Kemes, Dewsland, Dungleddy, Roose, Narberth, Castlemartin.
1835	No information about the appointment of inspectors in the official returns but they were appointed in June, 1835 [QS]. The times and places of attendance were arranged so the standards could be taken round the county.		<p><i>Inspectors 1835-57</i></p> <p><i>Dewsland</i> Thomas Myler (1835-37) John Howell (1837-45) *George Jones (1846-57)</p> <p><i>Kemes</i> John Price (1835-1851) *Thomas Lloyd (1851-53) *Thomas Vaughan (1854-57)</p>
1850/1	5 short sets of standards [1046, 1052-1055] issued. Except in Roose and Dungleddy, the superintending constables were appointed as inspectors. [PH 11/4/51].		<p><i>Narberth</i> William H. Evans (1835-39) W. M. Howell (1839-51) *John Blundell (1851-54) *Thomas Truscott (1854-57)</p>
1857	Police force set up. The former superintending constables continued to act as WM inspectors, except in Roose and Dungleddy. New stamps ordered.		<p><i>Castlemartin</i> James Smith (1835-37) William Thomas (1838-51) *Sydney Peter Gedge (1851-55) *James Thomas (1855-57)</p> <p><i>Kilgerran</i> Thomas Charles (1835-51) *William Allen (1851-53) *Robert Harrison (1853-57)</p>
1859	Police force formally assumes WM inspection.		<p><i>Roose</i> William Phillips (1835-51)</p>
1871	Six inspectors named [K]. They were police superintendents or sergeants, except in Roose and Dungleddy.		<p><i>Dungleddy</i> Thomas Maddocks (1835-51) (Maddox in 1835)</p> <p><i>Roose and Dungleddy</i> William Phillips (1852-57)</p> <p>*Superintending constables</p>
1878	CC complained of shortage of standards, not one for each division [PH 18/10/78].	<p style="text-align: center;">C P</p> <p style="text-align: center;">D P</p>	<p>The initials CP and DP have been seen stamped on weights with later Pembrokeshire marks, as has a KP over 2 mark. NP has been seen on a weight bearing the Tenby non-uniform mark. It is thought these marks relate to the various hundreds of Pembrokeshire.</p>



¶ Detail of the 4oz standard, from set 1053, also showing the reverification in 1880.



¶ An 8 oz weight stamped DP, the Dewsland district of Pembrokeshire, also with the 420 Pembrokeshire stamp.



¶ A 1 lb weight that began life in the No. 1 district of Cardiganshire, moved to the Castlemartin district of Pembrokeshire (CP), also with the Pembrokeshire stamp 420.

Police officers as inspectors c1858- 1880

The seven hundreds were still used as the basis for the districts, but Roose and Dungleddy shared an inspector (who was not a police officer).

1868 Returns 1868 [S] , 1871 [K], 1875 [W], PH.

Roose and Dungleddy

William Phillips (1858-66)
William Milligan Phillips (1866-84)

Castlemartin (Pembroke)

Thomas Kelly (1859-66)
George Evans (1866-70)
Robert Irving (1870-80)
Thomas Phillips (1870-82)
John Thomas (1872-80)

Narberth

Robert Harrison (1859-60)
Edward Irving (1860-80)
George Evans (1866-70)
John Thomas (1872-80)
Robert Irving (1880-)
James James (1880-)

Dewsland



James Thomas (1859-64)
John Wade (1864-76)
Edward Irving (1880-)

Kemes (Fishguard)

George Jones (1858-78)

Kilgerran

George Evans (1859-64)
John Thomas (1864-72)
Thomas Griffiths (1880-)

Dates	Events	Marks	Comments
1882	Nos. 420-421 issued		<i>Inspectors 1882-91</i>
1884	Inspection in Roose and Dungleddy transferred to the other districts.		<i>Castlemartin and Narberth</i> Frederick Clarke (1880-91)
1889	Pembroke CC set up.		<i>Dewsland, Kilgerran, Kemes</i> John Thomas (1880-82) Henry T.D. Drake (1882) Thomas Phillips (1882-90)
1891	One qualified inspector appointed [PH 6/2/91]; CC cancelled appointments of the police superintendents as IWMS [PH 7/8/91]; No.421 cancelled. In 1896 the WM office was in the Shire Hall, Haverfordwest. But in 1908 and 1928 it was in Pembroke Dock, and in the 1930s in Haverfordwest again.		<i>Qualified inspectors:</i> Joseph Richards (q1890/1-1928-) J.H. Parnaby (-1933 -35) [MR 33:130, 35:43] J.E. Lee (1935-38) F.W.J. Read (1938-71) [MR 71:211] L.K. James (1936-50) [MR 79:204] N.F. Nicholson (1939-65) [MR 66: 3]
1948	No.419 issued.		
1950	Nos. 419, 420, 421 in use.		
1974	Authority transferred to Dyfed County Council.		

COUNTY OF PEMBROKE.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS
1878 AND 1891.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it will be necessary for all traders living within 7 miles of Haverfordwest to get their SCALES, WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, verified and stamped at the SHIRE HALL, Haverfordwest, within 14 days of the issue of this notice.

Or if Milford, which will be next visited be more convenient, they may attend at that centre.

N.B.—The above notice applies to all persons doing business in the Haverfordwest Market.

JOSEPH RICHARDS,

Inspector of Weights and Measures.


Shire Hall, Haverfordwest, Dec. 1st, 1891.

¶ Notice placed in the *Pembrokeshire Herald* by the first qualified inspector Joseph Richards, soon after his appointment in 1891.

B: Localities with separate jurisdiction in the county of PEMBROKESHIRE



¶ This weight was found with other weights from West Wales. TP is possibly the mark of Thomas Nash Phillips, the inspector for Haverfordwest 1865-1881.


Locality	Status	Marks		Dates & Notes
		Non-uniform	Number pre-1951	
Haverfordwest	CCorp MB:1835 cp	 ??	436	s:1826 n:1882-1889

Standards [156] were acquired in 1826.

In 1835 the inspector appointed was Thomas Harries, a carrier. He continued until 1863, being replaced by W. Evan Owen [PEN 8/7/63]. In 1865 Owen resigned and was replaced by Thomas Nash Phillips, a cutler [PH 14/4/65]. He was listed as IWM in 1871 [K] and continued in post until his death in 1881 [PH 23/12/81]. In 1868 the standards were reverified for the 'Haverfordwest division' of the county [PCC/WM/2/2]. In 1882, when William Eynon, an ironmonger, was appointed as IWM [PH 17/2/82], the standards had to be retrieved from the magistrates for his use.

Authority was transferred to the Pembrokeshire County Council in 1889, because the population was less than 10,000. The County Council paid Eynon a salary during 1890 [PQ/AW/5], and in 1891 they voted him a pension of £3 per annum as the former IWM for the Town and County of Haverfordwest [PH 7/8/91].

Pembroke. The town was an Ancient Borough and was created a Municipal Borough, with a commission of the peace, in 1835. Prior to that the Mayor was Clerk of the Market and held a fortnightly Mayor's Court, which may have dealt with WM offences. Pembroke had a substantial population (14,156 in 1881), at which point they did investigate appointing their own IWM [TO 15/9/81], but there is no record of WM activity after 1835.

Locality	Status	Marks		Dates & Notes
		Non-uniform	Number pre-1951	
Tenby	AncBo MB:1835 ncp		228	s:1862 [1352] n:1879-1889dis

In 1834/5 it was reported that Tenby had appointed an inspector, James Palmer Wickland. A mark comprising a crowned JPW has been recorded, and attributed to him. There is no record of standards issued for Tenby at that time, although in 1860 it was reported that some 'standards' had been lent to the Tenby Artillery Corps [PH 16/11/60]. The weights were restored and made official in 1862 [PH 12/9/62].

Although not granted in 1835, Tenby was subsequently allowed to have a commission of the peace. The Corporation did not have an official grant of arms, but their seal comprised a shield divided horizontally, of which the upper part comprised four pieces, charged with martlets, the lower part three cinquefoils. This device, surmounted by a T, is seen in the non-uniform mark.

In 1868 Thomas Thomas (Head Constable 1867-77) was appointed as IWM [TO 12/3/68]. He was followed as HC and IWM by William Hodges (1877-86) and James Carr (1886-89), before the force was disbanded.



¶ A 1 oz brass weight, with the heraldic mark for Tenby (double-struck), the mark for the Narbeth district of Pembrokeshire and two older marks from the City of Bristol, together with the detail from a 2 oz brass weight, showing the heraldic mark and the VR228 number of the borough.

C: The trade in Pembrokeshire

There are a few scattered references to the sale of weights and scales in the 19th century.

Weights and Measures.---Important Notice.
THOMAS MORRIS, Ironmonger, Pembroke, informs the inhabitants of Pembroke, Pembroke Dock, and the Hundred of Castlemartin, that he has for sale a very large stock of Iron and Brass WEIGHTS and Spirit Measures, STAMPED, ready for use.

1856: **Thomas Morris**, ironmonger, Pembroke, advertised 'a very large stock of Iron and Brass WEIGHTS and Spirit Measures, STAMPED, ready for use' [PH 20/6/56, p. 1].

1865: **Thomas Nash Phillips**, cutler, was appointed IWM in Haverfordwest, He probably traded in scales and weights.

1866: **Joseph Thomas**, ironmonger, Quay Street, Haverfordwest. The return of Thomas Nash Phillips as IWM for Haverfordwest shows that Joseph Thomas had 76 iron weights of 2 lbs and upwards stamped in the quarter ending June 24 [HQ/AW/1].

1882: **William Evans**, proprietor of 'The Saw and Hatchet' an old ironmongery and general furnishing business in Bridge Street, Haverfordwest. On his death the stock-in-trade was sold by auction, including scale beams, iron scales, brass and iron weights. [HWT 23/2/82, 13/9/82]

1882: **Wesley Davies**, ironmonger, submitted an application for the post of IWM in Haverfordwest, but was ruled ineligible because he sold weights and measures. [PH 17/2/82].

1965: **W & T. Avery** had premises in Haverfordwest.

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