Mr. J. Bowen Davies, of Derlwyn, Carmarthenshire in an interesting letter on "Duelling in Wales" states that a duel was fought as late as about 1840 between Captain Bowen Davies of Maesycrugiau, and Mr. John Lloyd, of Alltyrodyne. The duel was the sequel of an altercation which took place in the hunting field. It appears that the gallant captain rewarded a small boy with a coin for opening a gate to enable the horseman to pass through, whereupon Lloyd enquired sarcastically, if the boy was one of Bowen Davies' children. The latter's reply was that whether the child was his or not, he always made it a rule to acknowledge the paternity of his children and suitably maintain them, and not murder them, as his officious inquirer did.

These remarks led to a challenge from John Lloyd, which ended in a duel being fought in an isolated spot near Eglwysnewydd, Cardiganshire, somewhere equidistant between Maesycrugiau and Alltyrodyne. Bowen Davies had as his second Captain Thomas, of Llanfair, near Llandyssul. John Lloyd fired at his antagonist but missed him. It is said of Bowen Davies that he then commented on the helplessness of his opponent, and immediately fired into the air.

This was the culmination of a hostility which had rankled for many years, and which finally cemented into a friendship of lasting endurance. Bowen Davies died on May 21, 1848, at a comparatively early age - much lamented by all who knew him. In justice to the memory of Mr. John Lloyd, it ought to be said, adds Mr. Bowen Davies, that there was no truth in the charge of infanticide angrily averred by his namesake by way of common retort.