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## **Parc Houses & Barn**

Llanfrothen  
Gwynedd



## **House History**

A Part History of the House & its Families

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# SNOWDONIA DENDROCHRONOLOGY PROJECT

## PARC estate: PARC (House 4)

Llanfrothen, Gwynedd

NGR 26268 34395

Grade II\*

### HOUSE HISTORY

From CADW Listing schedule:

Seat of the Anwyls, one of the notable families of Meirionnydd in the Tudor & Stuart periods. A junior branch of the Clennau family, they were settled at Parc by at least the mid C16 and possibly earlier. Robert ap Morris (died 1576) was responsible for the first of a series of unit-planned ranges, which by the late C17 comprised a large complex of 4 domestic blocks and a gatehouse, as well as associated stable and agricultural ranges.

Parc 4, now the main & only inhabited house, is detached from the main group (now represented as Middle Parc), and is dated externally 1671 LA & K A. However this date probably relates to a late C17 remodelling of a second quarter C17 lodgings range. In its original arrangement this building appears to have been split up into a series of lodgings or apartments, probably designed to serve as guest or overspill household accommodation; Two ground floor and both first and second floor entrances are still visible, though blocked or altered. Each lodging was therefore originally independently accessible, the upper floors being reached via external stepped access, long since removed. The only clear parallel for this extraordinary plan-form is a lodgings block at Plas Newydd (near Penrhyndeudraeth), a similar unit-planned complex built for a cadet branch of the Anwyls in the later C17; here the external stairs survived intact until very recently.

The 1671 phase saw the conversion of the range into a single house, with a rear stair and service projection and the addition of a curious vernacular pediment to the centre of the front elevation; it was apparently carried out for Lewis & Katherine Anwyl (married 1668) whose initials appear on the datestone.

Interior: Wide fireplace to end wall with depressed arch & fine slate voussoirs. Deeply chamfered original main lateral beam, with later, run-out chamfer-stopped joists of inferior quality (early replacements). In the parlour section (to R of entrance), a further stopped-chamfered primary beam with mortising evidence for a former screen; this relates to the original subdivision of the building into lodging units.

All the original beams and roof timbers are still in position and in good condition, but several of the partitions and some wall panelling upstairs has been removed. (W J Hemp & C Gresham, Park, Llanfrothen and the Unit System, Arch Camb Vol XCVII Part 1, 1942, p98-112)

**Dendrochronology results: Parc Gatws, Gatehouse**

W principal rafter

E principal rafter

Felling dates

(Winter 1617/18)

Winter 1617/18

**Dendrochronology results: Parc Hendy (Parc 3) old house**

Transverse beam in GF S room

Felling dates

Winter 1654/5

Upper lintel over stairs

After 1594

**Dendrochronology results: (Parc 4) Main house**

E (front) principal rafter (mean of 2 samples)

Felling dates

1661-68

W (rear) principal rafter N truss

OxCal 1665-87

Collar N truss

1629-59

E (front) queen strut N truss (Mean of 2 samples)

Summer 1660

Collar centre truss

1651-61

E (front) principal rafter S truss

(Spring 1668)

W (rear) principal rafter S truss

Spring 1668

Collar S truss

Winter 1669/70

**Y Parc (Park), Llanfrothen, Gwynedd (NPRN 404989)**

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**Llanfrothen, Y Parc (Park)**

Felling dates

(a) Principal house (House 4) (SH 6268 4395)

Summer 1660; Spring 1668; Winter 1669/70.

(b) Subsidiary house (House 3) (SH 6273 4396)

Winter 1654/5

(c) Gatehouse : Gatws (SH 6282 4402)

Winter 1617/18

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**Parc, Croesor, Llanfrothen, Gwynedd. NGR 26272 34396 Grade II\*.**

This group of stone-walled storeyed houses, gatehouse and barns was the seat of the Anwyl family, prominent during Tudor and Stuart periods. It is situated on elevated ground at 120m above O.D. above the steep valley not far from the former estuary shore-line.

The first house, now demolished, was thought to have been built by Robert ap Moris (d 1576). His grandson William Lewis Anwyl (died 1641) had greatly extended Parc before his death.

**1618 Parc Gatws** contains principal rafters felled in winter 1617/18.

Only stone traces of Parc 2 remain, appearing to be conjoined with

**1655 Parc 3 (Parc Hendy).** In this later building the upper lintel over stairs was felled after 1594 and the ground floor transverse beam in winter 1654/5. Katherine

Anwyl may have had house 3 built / modernised, possibly completing a plan of her late husband Robert Anwyl who had died young in 1653.

**1670 Parc Newydd (Parc 4)** is a two and a half storied end-chimney house of T-plan, with rear stair block and large wide central pediment in the attic front elevation. Near the exterior corner of the north gable is an inset sandstone date plaque with the initials LA and KA (**Lewis and Katherine Anwyl**) together with the incised date 1671. In the attic the collar N truss was felled before 1659; the front queen strut N truss in summer 1660; the collar centre truss before 1661; the rear principal rafter S truss in spring 1668; the collar south truss in winter 1669/70.

As in other multiple complexes, timbers may have been re-used from adjacent demolished buildings.

**Owners: The original family came from Clennau in Eifionydd.**

The history of Clennau estate begins with Moris ap John (living 1511) the eldest son of John ap Maredudd (living 1484) of Ystumcegid receiving Y Clennau in Penyfed. In 1516 Moris entailed his property there to his son Elise. Moris's inheritance from his father included other lands outside Eifionydd. Rhiwedog in Penllyn, inherited from his grandmother, went to his eldest son, William Llwyd, who settled there. Also, holdings in Ardudwy are named in the deed (? Clennau deeds 24a) as **Ynysfor and Maes y cwm-gwyn in Llanfrothen**, & Dol Meuric in Nanmor. (C A Gresham, 1973, Eifionydd, pp 102-4)

1. c1520s The 3<sup>rd</sup> son of Clennau - **Robert ap Morris** (born c1500- d 1576) moved to Llanfrothen & built house 1 (now demolished). Robert ap Morris possibly inherited Nanmor lands as well (?Hendre Fechan & Gelli Iago). In later years the Parc estate included Gellir Ynn and Gelli wastad. He was "a man of retiring disposition, benevolent to his neighbours, devoted to local pursuits rather than to public life" by William Llyn, C16 poet. (Anwyl family p 8)

He married Lowry, (?d pre 1576) d of Lewis ap Ifan ap Dafydd of Pengwern and had \*Lewis Anwyl (see below)

\*John Roberts. Merchant, Y Vaner, co Merioneth; will 1600

\*William, merchant in Cheapside, living 1576. (Anwyl Family p 11)

\*Moreiddig/Humphrey living 1676. (Anwyl Family p 11)

\*David Roberts, Rector of Llanbedrog, living 1595 (Anwyl Family p11)

\*Gwen, living 1576 = John Evans of Maentwrog

\*Margaret living 1576 (Ped p47) = William ap Griffith of Ystrad & mother of John ap

\*William of Llanfairisgaer. (Anwyl Family p 11)

\*Catherine living 1576 = William ap David Lloyd, Gwernfynydd, Trawsfynydd

\*Jonet living 1576 = Owen Dafydd Lloyd of Llanfrothen (Ped p192) (Anwyl Family p 11)

\*Jane living 1576 = John ap Richard of Festiniog & had Margaret = John Lloyd, Dduallt. (Ped p 192)

\*Elizabeth living 1576 = William ap Rhys ap Thomas of Nanmor, & was mother of Lewis Williams of Cae Dafydd, Nanmor. His daughter and heiress, Mary, married Robert Anwill of Cae Dafydd, *jure uxoris*, youngest son of Morris Lewis Anwyl of Dolfriog. (Anwyl Family p 12).

2. 1576 **Lewis ANWYL** (d 1605) His brothers were called Roberts. Huw Machno was his house poet. His 6 March 1604/5 will (PCC 77 Hayes) enumerates various properties held by him in Caernarfon & Merioneth. He married 1<sup>st</sup> Elizabeth daughter of Moris ap Evan ap John ap Maredudd of Wern, Penmorfa, and had

\**William* Lewis Anwyl (see below) was left the deeds of RHAYADER, YNISVAWR & YNISFACH in Llanfrothen; also the ferm of Aberglaslyn. (LA's Will – Anwyl Family p 12) Also the fermes of *Pennantigy* & *Rumyfyfnon*..

\**Robert* Anwyl (1572-?) = Ann Giles, London, (by 1604/5 already received his portion of £100)

\*(1/2 moiety of Drwsycoed for 10 years paying £20 pa rent to Richard Lewes) £100 to **Moris** ap Lewis Anwyl, of Trawsfynydd 1596 & 1604/5, afterwards of **Dolfriog**, Nanmor d 1648, = Elizabeth d of William ap Humphrey, HSC 1611/2, (Colateral of the Bodfels (Collwyn ap Tangno), Pant Du, Llanllyfni. (SHIELD)

Their son William Anwyl of Dolfriog = 1<sup>st</sup> Mary Lewis, = 2<sup>nd</sup> Ellin Lewis, = 3<sup>rd</sup> Dorothy relict Rev Maurice Jones, d of John Vaughan.

Another son of MLA was Robert Anwyl of Cae Dafydd.

\*£40 to *David* Lewes- David Anwyl = Ann Owen

\*£100 to *Ieuan* Lewes -Evan Lewis Anwyl = Elin, d of John David of Festiniog (?of Hafod Yspytty)

\* 4 beasts to Lowry (Ped p126) = Peter Meyrick of Ucheldre, Merioneth

\***Richard** Lewis was left DRWSYCOED (or £200) co C in LA's will (Anwyl Family p12) He was left the deeds of BRAICHYDINAS, ERWSURAN, & DRWSYCOED, "all those messuages, landes, tenements & hereditaments in Co C ... which I have had & purchased of Sir William Morris of Clenneney, Knight, and Robert Wyn Brinker of Brinker, co c, esq., to Richard Lewes & his heirs & failing issue to a younger son John Lewes & his heirs & in default to William Lewes my son & heir apparent & his heirs, with the provisos & limitations "specified in a papre of Indenture made between the said Sir Wm Maurice Knight, then esquire, and Robert Wyn Brinker of the one partie & me on the other partie bearing the date the last daye of Apryll (37 Elizabeth) & in another paypre of Indenture made by Sir Wm Maurice Knt, then Esquire, Robt Win Brinker & Ellis Brynkir of the one partye & me of the other partye bearing date ye twentieth day pf June (44 Elizabeth) Provided nevertheless that if the said Sir Wm Morris or Robert Brinker or their heirs do well & truly paye the full some of ffoure hundred threescore pounds of current English money... to my executor ... be diverted from my sonnes." (77 Hayes)

\**Ann* 1<sup>st</sup> wife of Antony Poole Cae Nest (Ped p352) He then married Elizabeth fch Hugh Gwyn, Pennardd (Anwyl Family p 16)

\**Gwen* (Ann) = William ap Hugh of Havodgaregog Nanmor. Her son Morris Williams was left land called HAVOD RUFFITH co C in LA's will (Anwyl family p12, 16) DID she take Bryngelynen, Creau & Fedw as a marriage settlement?

\**John* inherited with his mother, 12 kyne foddered & kept within Y Parke; Coitkaye dduy in Trausvenithe & Maentwrocke, co M; in default of issue to Richard Lewes, then failing to Moris Lewes.

?\* *Jane* Lewes in will of 1604/5 was left 30 head of beats & 30 sheep.

**Lewis Anwyl married 2<sup>nd</sup>** Margaret, daughter of Richard ap Ifan of Penmachno & had Richard Lewis Anwyl (c1593) of Hafod y Wryrd HSC 1657 will dated 1681 = twice (Ped p353)

2<sup>nd</sup> wife Margaret, to keep the portions for Richard until he is 21 & John until he is 30. (77 Hayes)

In 1621 Richard sought to recover **Erwsuran & Braich y Dinas** from his half brother WLA of Parc, and lands & tenements called **Rhayader Ynysvawr and Ynysvach in Llanfrothen**, all of which had been left him under his father's will in which WLA inherited goods to the value of £2,000. Erwsuran, (Chanc Proc James 1, 1/1) **Erwsuran, Braich y Dinas & Coedcaedu** were recovered for they are mentioned in the will of his son Richard, c1681. (Anwyl Family p 16, 20)

\*John Anwyl, M.A. Rector of Llandanwg = Ann Owen

\*Evan Anwyl.

1597 & 1599 Lewis Anwyl was taxed for his lands in Ardudwy (Parc etc) (Anwyl Family p 12)

His will was proved in London 1605. PCC.77 Hayes lists his properties.

3. 1605 **William Lewis Anwyl** inherited (JP, High Sheriff of Merioneth 1610/1; 1623/4, HSC 1636/7, d 1642). 1623 WLA wrote from Parc to Sir John Wynn of Gwydir stating that he was "destitute of venison for this part of the county does not afford any store of fat venison". (Anwyl Family p 25)

In 1593 married Elizabeth, d & h of Edward Herbert ap John ap Sir Richard Herbert, Kt, of Cemaes, Montgomeryshire. They had 16 children.

\*1<sup>st</sup> son Lewis lived in Cemaes; (1596-1642 before his father); High Sheriff of Montgomeryshire.

\*Robert Lewis (see below)

\*John Anwyl of Llanfendigaid, HSM 1655-6, married & had one daughter

\*Edward Anwyl (d c1670) in 1633 married Jane d of Thomas Owen, Botalog, Towyn

\*Morris died unmarried before 1653. (Anwyl Family p 29)

\*William Anwyl (d c1685) = Margaret, heiress of Lewis Owen, Hengae.

\*Emmanuel Anwyl buried Penmorfa 1645 = Jane, d of Hugh Gwyn of Pennarth, relict of Evan Jones (Ped 273). c1650s Elizabeth, daughter of Emanuel Anwyl of Parc married John Jones, son of Humphrey Jones of Braich y bib & Elin Owen heiress of Trefan. (C A Gresham, 1973, Eifionydd, p196)

\*Lowry unmarried in 1641, = 1<sup>st</sup> James Brynkir (Ped 251); 2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Jones, Dol y Moch (Ped 213)

\*Jane unmarried in 1641, = Lewis Lloyd, Rhiwaedog

\*Gwen in 1632 at Parc = in 1632 Richard Poole, Cae Nest (Ped p 352)

\*Ann = 1<sup>st</sup> Jenkin Vaughan, Caethle; =2<sup>nd</sup> John Lloyd of Cardigan

\*Elizabeth = David Lloyd, Groesonen. Co D

(Mabli / Mabel (Ped pp 265, 277) =1625 1<sup>st</sup> Ellis Ellis of Ystumlllyn d 1631; =2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Coetmor.

\*Katherine (c1596-1638/9) in 1611 = William Wynn of Glyn Cywarch d 1658.

\*Richard Anwyl of Llwyn, Dolgelley HSM 1659-60, still living at Parc in 1679; d 1685 osp

\*Evan Anwyl = Catherine d of Morris Williams, Hafodgaregog (Ped p 119)

William Lewis Anwyl (d 1642) may have built house 2 (now ruinous). He was the first of the family to hold the office of High Sheriff (Meirionydd 1610 & 1623, and Caernarfonshire 1636). He is known to have greatly extended Parc in the early C17 and in his will (d 1641) mentions the newly built house. A **cywydd** by the poet Huw Machno speaks of "**his new house of great construction**" as well as mentioning gardens, orchards, walls, parks and "fair towers". *It is likely that the primary house was rebuilt or remodelled during this period and that the second, third and fourth ranges (Parc 2, 3 & 4) were also fully or partly his work.*

(SEE FELLING DATES which are after his death for houses 3 & 4.) The GATWS felling dates are during his lifetime.

His will of 19 Dec 1641, was proved June 1642.

4. 1642-1653 **Robert Anwyl** the 2<sup>nd</sup> son inherited Parc: CIVIL WAR.

Robert Anwyl, was already a prosperous merchant who did not expect to inherit the estate. High Sheriff of Montgomeryshire in the 1650s. A Royalist who lent the King £300 – fined £1,000, married Katherine, d of Royalist Sir John Owen of Clenenney.

Robert Anwyl died young in 1653, leaving her with two young sons, Lewis Anwyl & **Owen Anwyl** (1654-1695);

**c1677 built Plas Newydd, Penrhyndeudraeth**; his wife Elizabeth d 1686; his widowed mother administered his estate for his two young daughters, Catherine who married Sir Griffith Williams of Marle, & Elizabeth) (Anwyl family p 37).

**1653 Katherine Anwyl**, widow, was a patron of published literature in 1661.

**1655 felling date for HOUSE 3 (Parc hendy). Did Katherine Anwyl have house 3 built, maybe completing a plan of her late husband Robert Anwyl?**

**In 1662/3 she was taxed on hearths (number not stated) at Parc & on 14 hearths in Llanfrothen.** Her initial KA 1666 on new 24-cow cowhouse (Beudy Newydd); & at Plas Newydd in 1677; she died 1700.

1658 Sept 24: Richard Anwill, senior, of Parke, J.P., co Merioneth .....  
(NLW, Peniarth ms 353, p 80 of catalogue)

5. 1653-1678 Parc was inherited by his baby son **Lewis Anwyl**, born 1652 at Clenenney, who at Parc in 1668/9 married Katherine, eldest d of William Griffith of Llyne.

1669 May 22 Marriage settlement in consideration of marriage between Lewis Anwyl and Catherine Griffith, spinster, elder daughter of William Griffith of Llyn, co C Esq., and of £2,000; touching mansion house of **Parke, Ynisfawr, Ynisfach, Carreg Alltrem, y weirglodd fawr, Gelli Cornwydydd, Garthfoel, Llety Evan, Rhayndre, Garth y Llwynog, Coed Ty, Pen yr allt, one fulling mill and one water cornmill**, all parish of Llanfrothen; **Hendrefechan, Carneddi, Gelli Wastad**, all Nanmor, parish Beddgelert; etc. (Dolgellau Z/DJ/197)

**PARC 4 has a latest felling date of 1670.**

Parc 4 has a dated inscription “1671 L A & K A”. Graffiti on a nearby slate exposure read “D L A ANNO DOMINI 1677 MONTH OCTOBER DAY XXI” “LEWIS ANWIL”.

In 1673, aged 21, he & his mother levied a fine of the Merioneth estates against John Lloyd & Thomas Elis, gents, to enure to the uses of his marriage settlement of 15,300 acres. (Anwyl Family p43 – no source)

1678/9 He died aged c 26 years & was buried at Llanfrothen, having had issue, an only son & heir. (Anwyl Family p43 – no source)

6. 1678-1699 His baby son **William Lewis Anwyl** (c1676-1699) was brought up his widowed mother, in 1695 married Elizabeth, daughter of his step-father Sir Hugh Owen of Bodeon, Anglesey & Orielson, Pembroke. In his marriage settlement in Merionethshire lands included Llanfrothen & Nanmor. (Anwyl Family p 43).



1698 Aug 10 William Lewis Anwyl left the capital messuage & demesne lands at Parc & other messuages in Merioneth - mansion house of **Parke, one water cornmill Melin y Park, one fulling mill, Pant, Penrallt. Several messuages called Rhandy, Y weirglodd fawr, Lletty ?Twall, Ynisfawr, Ynisfach, Coed ty, Carreg Hylltrem, Gelli Comydydd, Garth y Llwynog, Garthvoyle** all parish of Llanfrothen; **Hendrefechan, Carneddi, Gelli Wastad**, within township of Nanmor, parish ...; etc. (AND in Montgomeryshire) to Elizabeth, his wife for life as a dower. (Dolgellau Z/DM/9 & Anwyl Family p 44)

He was HSM from Dec 1698-Nov 1699. WLA had no children and was buried in Westminster Abbey. He left debts & legacies amounting to over £5,000. Court cases continued for over 40 years. His widow married second Edwards Bereton of Burras and was still living in 1716.

1699 July 25                    references made to documents so dated.

1700 Jan 29

1700 Oct 2

1737 July 28-9

1738 June 28 etc            (Dolgellau Z/DM/9)

1700 death of Catherine, widow of Robert Anwyl who had died in 1653. She was probably the last Anwyl to live at Parc.

7. After the 1699 death of William Lewis Anwyl (or that of his widow Elizabeth in 1716), the Parc estate then went to the heiress of Owen Anwyl, brother of William Lewis (OA's will proved 1697). Owen Anwyl was of Plas Newydd, co M, & he had married Elizabeth, d of William Griffith of Cefn Amwlch who provided an heiress Catherine Anwyl.

1699/1716-1734 **Catherine Anwyl** (d 1726) who married in 1697 **Sir Griffith Williams** (d 1734), 6<sup>th</sup> Bart of Marle, near Conway.

*1731 A Robert Anwyl owned Braich y Ddinas Mawr with Melyn Coed & Dol Fawr in Pennant & Erw Suran (purchased by Moris). (C Gresham. 1973, Eifionydd p 104)*

8. 1734-1745 Their unmarried son **Sir Robert Williams** inherited.

c1740 Abstract of Title to lands in Co Merioneth mortgaged by Sir Robert Williams, bart., to Pierce Galliard Esq, & Mr Tanner Barker for £5,000. Refers to documents dated Aug 1698, July 1699, Jan 1700, Sept 1700, June 1705, June 1738, July 1738, Nov 1736 etc. touches Parc & other lands in parishes of **Llanfrothen, Beddgelert, Ffestiniog, Trawsfynydd, Llanddwywe, Dolegelly, Llanelltid, Llanfachreth, Towyn, Talyllyn, Llanuwchllyn, Llanmowthwy & Mallwyd**. (Anwyl family of Parc, Dolgellau Z/DM/9)

1745 Sir Robert Williams died without offspring, and was succeeded by

9. 1745-1748?: His heiress sister **Ann Williams** (d 1770); maid of Honour to Queen Caroline, who had married first, in 1739 **Sir Thomas Prendergast** (d 1760) 2<sup>nd</sup> Bart., of co Galway, Postmaster General of Ireland, who sold part of the estate. They had no children. Ann lived a sophisticated life at court in London.

1746 Deed to lead to the uses of a fine to be levied at the next sessions. Indenture between 1. Sir Thomas Prendergast & Dame Anne his wife, only sister & heir of Sir Robert Williams, deceased; 2. Sir Thomas Mostyn & Robert Davies Esq...touching

**Parc desmense + Llety Evan (tenant Margaret David)**

Ynysfawr	(tenant William Rowland)
Carreghyllidrem	(tenant Peter Evans)
Dugood,	(tenant Grace Ellis) all parish of Llanfrothen
... Plas Newydd,	(tenant Lowry Jones)
Bwlch Caellian,	(tenant Hugh Thomas)
Moiety of Garthllwynog,	(tenant Rowland Meyrick)
Other moiety of Garthllwynog	(Jane Williams) all parish Llanfrothen & Llanfihangel y traethau
.... Hendrefechan	(Samuel ap Samuel)
Gelli Iago	(John Jones)
& 1 field	(Evan Isaac), all parish of Beddgelert.

The said fine is declared to be enured etc Sir Thomas Mostyn & Robert Davies & their heirs should stand seised of the premises upon trust .... On ye said Dame Anne alone or with her husband ..... 2. shall convey, disperse of ye same ....

(Merioneth archives Z/DJ/201 – Reveley, Brynigwin estate papers)

This was for 5,620 acres of land in many parishes including **Llanfrothen & Beddgelert – half the acreage included in William Lewis Anwyl's settlement of 1698. WAS THIS A SALE?**

*1748 Parc was sold to William Wynne of Wern, Penmorfa (Anwyl Family of Parc p 38)(C A Gresham, Eifionydd, 1973, p 122-3 states[without reference] that c1740s Sir Tomas Prendergast sold the small Merioneth estate of Parc to William Wynn III (1708-1766) of Wern, Penmorfa.)*

*1750 William Wyn of Parc, Sheriff Merioneth (Gwaith Glaslyn, by Carneddog, p 215)*

*1771 marriage settlement between Williams Wynn IV of Y Wern and Jane Williams, heiress of Peniarth. includes the **Parc estate including Park Penrallt, Braich, Cae dy ynys, Fridd Newydd, Garth Foel, Garreg Allt & Garth Llwynog.** (MS Peniarth 461)*

*1772 William Wyn of Parc, Sheriff Merioneth (Gwaith Glaslyn, by Carneddog, p 215)*

1761 Jan 26: 1. Dame Anne Prendergast (Williams), city of Dublin, widow

2. Terence Prendergast. 3. Browning & Walsh.

Settlement before marriage of Dame Anne Prendergast-Williams & Terence Prendergast of the Marl, Pantglas, Parc & Llwyn estates of which Dame Anne is seized. (in her demesne as of fee or otherwise entitled to the fee & inheritance) Release to 3. in Trust for Dame Anne & TP, their issue male & female in tail. With remainder to the right heirs of TP for ever.

**Llanfrothen co M:**

Capital messuage & demesne lands of Park	tenant Margaret David
Ynysfawr	William Rowland
Garreghyllidrem	Peter Evans
Dugood	Grace Ellis

**Llanfrothen & Llanfihangel y Traethau, or one of them:**

Town & lands of Plas Newydd	tenant Lowry Jones
Bwlch Cae Lliam	Hugh Thomas
Moiety of Garthlliniog Moor	Rowland Meyrick
Moiety of Garthlliniog Moor	James Williams

### **Beddgelert co M**

Town & lands of Hendrevechan	tenant Samuel ap Samuel
A field	Evan Isaacs
Gelly Iago	John Jones

1769 Dec 15: Indenture inrolled in Chancery for safe custody only  
(UWB Bangor 22,305; Prendergast & Browning.)

In 1761 Ann married 2<sup>nd</sup>, his brother/cousin, **Captain Terence Prendergast-Williams of Marle** who sold another part of the estate. They had no children.  
The estate was in debt due to the peculiar legacies which were greater than the income from 1738 – debts much due to Katherine Anwyl's sons.  
1770 Dame Anne Prendergast died.

*1758-1796 Parc estate was inherited by Sir Roger Mostyn, 5<sup>th</sup> Bart.*

*1796-1831 Parc was inherited by Sir Thomas Mostyn, the 6<sup>th</sup> Bart; d 1831.*

*(History of Parc prepared for the Brondanw Trustees p 26)*

*DID THEY ACTUALLY INHERITED PARC? cf 1798 Land Tax returns.*

1794 Elizabeth, (d 1842) sister of Sir Thomas Mostyn, 6<sup>th</sup> Bart, married **Sir Edward Pryce Lloyd** of Pengwern, (1768-1854) Bart. He was created Baron Mostyn in 1831

Parc was sold to Sir Richard Price Lloyd 1<sup>st</sup> Lord Mostyn, sheriff Merioneth in 1796 & 1802. (Hanes Plwyf Llanfrothen, John Jones (Ioan Brothen) 1906, p 34) No date or reference given.

1796 Parc passed by purchase (FROM WHOM?) to Sir Edward Lloyd of Pengwern, uncle of the first Lord Mostyn. (History of the Anwyl Family p 38)

1796 & 1804 Sir Richard Price Lloyd, Parc, was Sheriff of Merioneth. (Gwaith Glaslyn, by Carneddog, p 215)

### **1798 Land Tax: Parc**

**Owned by Sir Edward Pryce Lloyd, Bart. Tenant: John Edmunds £6 18s**

1832 July 11 Mostyn Catalogue of sale of Park estate

Park Demesne, in the holding of Edmund Jones, comprising a most commodious farm-house, double barn and stabling, cattle-houses for 120 head; also, a Factory, a Fulling mill, and eight labourer's houses etc.

1834 **Hugh John Reveley, Brynwgwin, Esq.** bought much of the Park estate from Lord Mostyn.

1834 Dec 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>: Indentures of lease & Release. The Release between

1. The Rt Hon Edward Pryce Lord Mostyn
2. The Hon Edward Mostyn Lord Mostyn, the eldest son of 1.
3. Hugh Reveley
4. Thomas Hartley Esq
5. Benjamin Field Gent.
6. John Henry Lewis Esq. (Merioneth archives, Z/DJ/192)

1835 Mar3: Schedule of the deeds belonging to Hugh Reveley:

\* 1834 Dec 8/9

- \* 1834 Dec 9. Indenture between 1. John Jones Bateman esq;
- 2. the Rt Hon Edward Pryce Lord Mostyn & Hon Edward Mostyn Lloyd Mostyn
- 3. Hugh Reveley
- 4. Lewis Pugh Esq
- \* 1834 Dec 9: Indenture between 1. Rt Hon Edward Pryce Lord Mostyn & the Hon Edward Mostyn Lloyd Mostyn    2. Hugh Reveley
- \* 1834 Dec 9: Bond under the hands & seal of the said Edward Lloyd Lord Mostyn & the Hon Edward Mostyn Lloyd Mostyn to Hugh Reveley.
- \* 1835 Jan 29/30: Indenture of Lease & Release, the Release between
- 1. Hugh Reveley & Jane his wife
- 2. Hugh John Reveley esq
- 3. Rt Hon John Lord Redesdale & Richard Richards esq (Carnynwch) accountant General of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer at Westminster, the Rev William Williams Clerk & John Jones Williams, gent. (Merioneth Archives Z/DJ/192)

1840 Tithe map & schedule no 1a Parc & 1b Gelli  
Owner: Hugh Reveley Esq.    Tenant: John Edmunds

Late 1840s: Parc estate records (Merioneth Archives, Z/DJ/246iv et seq.)

1850 Hugh John Reveley, Brynygwin, Esq. married Jane.

1857 Oct 28: Grant of yearly rentals

- 1. Hon J K Howard, Commissioner of HM Woods, Forests & Land Revenue
  - 2. Hugh John Reveley, Brynygwyn, pa Dolgellau Esq
- Carreghyllidrem 4d; Y Park 1s; Penornest 4d; Maes cwmgwern 1s 2d; Y Coethy 2d; Cae Yerworth foel 8d; Rhaiadr mawr 3s; Rhaiadr bach 2d; Morfa gwyn Park 2d., all parish of Llanfrothen. (Merioneth Archives Z/DJ/276)

1860s-1890s: Slate production at Park peaked.

1874 Aug 25: 1.

- 1. Fanny Jane Reveley of Brynygwin, spinster
- 2. Hugh John Reveley of Brynygwin, Esq.,
- 3. William Newling Griffith of Glyn, p Dolgelley, Gent.

Disentailing Deeds of messuages etc settled by HJR's marriage settlement of 1850, July 1 touching:

**Park**, Carreghyllidrem, Coed Du & Garth foel, all parish of Llanfrothen,  
Tenants – **Mrs E Edmunds £70**; Mr Morris Isaac £40; Mr John Roberts £34; Mr John Williams £ 27; Margaret Jones, widow £20. (Merioneth Archives Z/DJ/278)

1875 Nov 11: A Valuation of the Parc estate, Merionethshire, the property of H Reveley Esq, by Owen Edwards, Pwllheli. WITH VERY DETAILED COMMENTS  
No 1 Park Farm. Tenant Mrs Edmunds, 82 acres. There is very heavy repairs required on the house and the buildings throughout also the cottages on the farm are in very bad repair.

No 2 Factory crofts etc cottage & garden & croft.

No 3 (39) house & homestead

(52a) cottage

(68) Lletty Farm, Mrs Edmunds, 110 acres

(72) Garth foel Farm, Mr Jones, 77 acres. House & garden. House in a better state, needs repairs.

Carreghyll Drem Farm, Morris Isaac, 77 acres, tenant said to be always at the public house.

Coed du Farm. John Williams. 79 acres.

Penallt farm, John Roberts 157 acres.

Total 1,282 acres. – generally deplorable condition- (Merioneth Archives Z/DJ/192)

1885 Brynygwin Estate Rental for Llanfrothen:

Parc & Llety tenants: R Jones Prichard

Gelli Parc & Garreg I Parry-Jones

Factory William Williams

Pennallt John Roberts

Coed du John Williams

Garthfoel Evan Lloyd (Merioneth Archives Z/DJ/ 192)

1892 Oct 31: PARC Sale Catalogue (Dolgellau Z/F/11) WAS IT SOLD?

For sale by public auction. Co M, parishes of Llangelynin, Dolgelley, Llanegryn, Llanenddwyn & Llanfrothen. Vendor: Mrs Fanny Jane Jelf-Reveley.

Conditions of Sale: 3. The Title to several lots shall commence with an Indenture dated 1 July 1850 made between 1. Hugh Reveley; 2. Hugh John Reveley; 3. Jane Reveley; 4. Sir CWC de Crespigny & CHM Buckle; 5. C J Trevor Roper.

Parish of Llanfrothen

Lot 16 Carreg Hyldrem (part) J P Jones ) 324+ acres

Garthfoel Evan Lloyd )

Woollen Factory (lease for 40 yrs from 25/3/1885 annual rent £17)

Gelli house

Lot 17 Parc Richard P Jones

(1377 Tanybryn cottage; 1332 cottage; 1344 house, buildings etc; 1069 Beudy Newydd, house & buildings; 1395 Lletty rough pasture\_

Coed Du Robert Evans

Penrallt Robert Roberts

Pre 1920: WHEN DID BRONDANW estate purchase the Parc estate?

1936 Parc & Croesor Estates, Sale Catalogue (GAS, XSC 529)

WHO WAS SELLING? WAS IT SOLD?

**Lot 1;** Quarries plus Bryn, Moelwyn Bank, Brynhyfryd terrace of 3 + shop, Caerfynnon 3 cottages; Fronwen cottage,

Croesor fawr farm Mr R Roberts 560+ acres

Croesor uchaf farm WG & David Davies 802=Acre

Grazing land- part of Park farm RA & EA Williams 380+ acres

Part of Penrallt farm RJ Roberts 133+ acres

Part of Coed du farm Evan Evans 20+ acres

**Lot 2. Lower part of the Park estate.**

Park slate quarry, Carreghyllidrem granite quarry, Rhaiadr Copper mine

**6 farms**

1. Park RA & EA Williams 308+acres

2. Bwlchllaindir disused stone cottage Rowland A Williams

3. Carreghyllidrem, Beudy newydd Mrs EA Jones

4. “ bach & Dolmeirch meadow “

5. Penrallt RJ Roberts

6. Coed du Evan Evans

### **Residences**

Factory & Land RG Williams-Ellis

Tan y bryn Edward Owen

Gelli cottage Mrs C W Davies

Bryn Pandy bungalow vacant

Minafon Mrs MA Williams

Old Park Quarry Offices

Gatws JW Wyllie

Lot 2 : subject to Indenture 11 Nov 1910 between 1. Fanny Jane Jelf-Reveley;

2. Ernest Authur Jelf, William Farr Adams, Guy Dunstan Bengough & Alfred Pockington; 3. Rural District Council of Deudraeth.

1938 Rentals from Brondanw estate, 1920 onwards: P Park (Dolgellau ZM/3119)

1. Park farm (upper part) Robert Anwyl Williams } £65

Emrys Anwyl Williams, Bryngelynin }

11. Park house Mr Hughes £25

The Reveley descendants sold to

pre 1941 Croesor Quarry Company (History of the Anwyl Family p 38)

Park tenant Mr Richard Hughes of Laugharne Castle.

1938 tenant + 1941 properties owned :

Park etc, Coedty (Evan J Evans). Penrallt (Reps of Robert J Roberts), Croesor Fawr (Robert Roberts + N W Roberts), Croesor Uchaf (W G Owen + D Davis), Garreghylltrem, Beudy Newydd, Gelli, Gate House, Tan y bryn, Bwlchllainder, Fronwen, ¼ Brynhyfryd, 1/3 Caerffynnon, Moelwyn, Bryn Croesor, Ceunant y Parc. (Merioneth Archives Z/M/3119/4)

1942 Parc & Croesor estate Sale Catalogue (GAS, XSC 843)

Almost identical catalogue & plans to the 1936 sale catalogue.

Old Park Quarry Offices converted into a house – Ceunant y Parc.

1942 **Clough Williams- Ellis**, of Plas Brondanw purchased Parc estate.

2005 Parc estate - Brondanw Trustees.

### **TENANTS from c 1700**

**Catherine Rowland, Parc**, d 1722 daughter of William Rowlands, Ynysfawr (1680-1747) married John Jones, Gent., Rhos, Llanfrothen, (died 1754) and had 4 children. (TCGriffith 2 [215])

When did she / they live at Parc?

John Isaac, Parc 1677-1733 [73] Left heiress daughter Ann Jones £1,500 in 1733

Under Neath lyeth ye body of John Isaac of Park who died the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 1733 aged 56 (Welsh verse) (Llanfrothen church to left of altar)

TCGriffith2[122] & [73] **ANCESTORS of Parc & Caeglas family:**

Robert ap Ieuan = Elizabeth verch Lewis ap Ieuan, Pengwern

Son, Morris ap Robert, Hafod Ysbyty

Son, Robert ap Morris, yeoman, Ffestiniog d 1665F will = Catherine John [78] living 1665

When did Isaac ap Robert Morris arrive at Park?

**Isaac ap Robert Morris**, Wern & Parc, (d 1718) married Gwen Jones, of the family of Edmund Prys (living 1734). "I.R. / G.I." (Llanfrothen MI C01)

They had 9 children: (TCGriffith 2 [122])

Richard Isaac. Hafod y Mynydd d 1796LF [121]

Evan Isaac, Caeglas, freeholder, d 1755 (TCG2xxvi) Caeglas Will 1748) = 1720 Jane verch Evan [215] (still alive 1772)

Robert Isacc, Llanfrothen (c1680-1734)

Morris Isaac, Hafod Talog (1681-1748) (TCG2xxvi will1777, Hendregwenllian)

1748 July 7 burial of Morris Isaac, Park, aged 67; on same gravestone: Edward Morris, Caeglas, (c1729-) died 1814, aged 85; Margaret his wife (c1725-) died 1810, aged 85. (Llanfrothen MI C01) **Who were they? Check gravestone.**

Ellis Isaac, died 1755-6, Cae yn Cefn, Trawsfynydd

Gwen Isaac living 1734

Jane Isaac 1689-1759 = Robert Morris, 1683-1748 Hendregwenllian & Maesgwyrlleyn

Gaynor Isaac, Pen cae gof, old widow, living 1763 married John Richard, Llanfrothen

**John Isaac, Parc**, (1677- 1733) married 1716 Margaret, Wern, Llanfrothen (daughter of David Griffith, Ersuran) Their only daughter Ann Jones married 1755 Rev John Jones, Criccieth. (TCGriffith 2 [42])

1746 Deed to lead to the uses of a fine to be levied at the next sessions. Indenture between 1. Sir Thomas Prendergast & Dame Anne his wife, only sister & heir of Sir Robert Williams, deceased, 2, Sir Thomas Mostyn & Robert Davies Esq.....touching **Parc desmense (tenant Margaret David)** (Dolgellau archives Z/DJ/201)

Underneath lie the body of / John Isaac of Park, died 27<sup>th</sup> of Sept. 1773 aged 56. (poem in Welsh) (Llanfrothen MI IC02)

Did his family remain at Park?

Was John Edmund at Parc before his marriage in 1768?

**John Edmund, yeoman, Parc (1732TF-1800LF)**, son of Edmund Jones (1703-1779)

Esgwrn, Trawsfynydd & Sarah Edmund (1709-1777) married 6/1/1768 B Tryphena Williams (1738-1801) (TCGriffith 2 [113])

John Edmund, Parc married 6/1/1768LF Tryphena daughter of William ab Ellis, Glasdraean, (smith) (CTGriffith 2 [18]) They had

1768 Nov 4: baptism of Ann daughter of John Edmund, Park, yeoman & Tryphena (LF records)

1770 Jun 30: baptism of Sarah daughter of John Edmund, Park, yeoman & Tryphena (LF records)

1772 baptism of Alice daughter of John Edmund, Park, yeoman & Tryphena (LF records)

Jane (1773-

Eleanor (1776-

Catherine (bapt 22-7-1778-

**\*Edmund Jones, Parc (bapt 31-8-1778LF-1834LF)**

1798 Llanfrothen Land Tax Parc. (IR/23/118)

Owner: Sir Edward Pryce Lloyd Bart.

Tenant: John Edmunds £6 18s 0d.

1799 March 29: Sale of Timber. Lot 1 Oak trees scribed and numbered, growing on Park Demesne and Gath-llwynog farms, Llanfrothen. Lot 2 Oak trees also scribed and growing on Park demesne aforesaid The above timber are fit for building vessels from 40-60 berthen, and are situated within two miles of Traethmawr where vessels of 80 tons take in their loading. John Edmund the tenant at Park will shew the above timber. (? – G Bloor, Caeglas)

1800 Dec 4 John Edmunds, late of Park, farmer, aged 69 years. (Llanfrothen MI IC02)

1801 Dec 9 Tryphena Edmunds, his wife, aged 63. (Llanfrothen MI IC02)

\*Edmund Jones in 1803Llanbedr married Margaret Lloyd (1778-1842). They had Jane (1803-1847LF) married 1828 David Lloyd, Ty Obry

Anne (c1803-4 Oct 1810) (Llanfrothen MI IC02)

Gwen (1805LF-

John (1808- 25 June 1810) (Llanfrothen MI IC02)

Griffith (1809LF-

Anne (1811LF- 1842 (*Ramoth*)

Jennet (1812-1849LF) married David Pugh, Gwernfynydd, Trawsfynydd.

**John Edmund Jones, Parc (1815-1857)** married Elizabeth (1824-1893) & had children.

*Catherine (c1818-1830 Ramoth)*

(TCGriffith 2 [113])

1830 July 1: death of Catherine, daughter of Edmund & Margaret Jones, Parc, aged 12 (ie born c 1818) (Ramoth MI 065)

1834 May 12: death of Edmund Jones, Parc, aged 56 (Ramoth MI 064)

1840 Tithe map & schedule no 1a Parc & 1b Gelli

Owner: Hugh Reveley Esq.

Tenant: John Edmunds

1841 census Parke

Margaret Jones	60	farmer	born in Merionethshire
John	25		"
Ann	29		"
Janet	27		"
George Roberts	25	ag lab	"
Edward Hugh	50		"
Francis ?Molt	15		"
Jane Evan	20	farm servant	Not
Mary Williams	15	farm servant	"
Eleanor Roberts	40		Not



1841 Ty llaeth Park

Robert Griffiths	33	quarryman	Born in Merionethshire
Mary “	35		Not
Catherine “	5		Not
Eleanor “	4		Not
Griffith “	2		Not
Anne “	3 mth		Not
Jane “	3 mth		Not
Miriam Williams	14	farm servant	Born in Merionethshire

1842 July 30: death of Margaret wife of Edmund Jones, Parc, aged 63 (Ramoeth MI 064)

1842? death of Anne, daughter of Edmund & Margaret Jones, Parc, aged 30 (ie born c 1811/2) (Ramoeth graveyard)

1847 Dec 19: death of Jane, widow of David Lloyd, Ty obry, & eldest daughter of the late Edmund & Margaret Jones of Park, aged 44 yrs. (Ramoeth MI 066)

1851 census

1857 Apr 2: death of John Edmund Jones, Parc, aged 41 (Ramoeth MI 063)

1861 census

1871 census

1874 Aug 25: Park tenant – Mrs E Edmunds £70; (Dolgellau Z/DJ/278)

1875 Park Farm tenant: Mrs Edmunds (Dolgellau Z/DJ/192)

1881 census

1891 census

1893 Apr 3: death of Elizabeth, wife of John Edmund Jones, aged 68 (Ramoeth MI 063)

1901 census

1910 Land Tax

1911 census

Check local memorieschurch/chapel records                      estate rentals etc

John Samuel Jones, Parc & Maes y llech (c1889-1972) married Laura (1851-1930) (TCGriffith 2003 [53])

?? Margaret, daughter of Morris Jones, Parc, married Huw Jones (TCGriffith 2003 [110])

1941 tenant at Parc: Mr Richard Hughes of Laugharne Castle. (Anwyl Family p38)

2008 tenant at Parc: Richard Haslam (been visiting there since he was a boy)

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# SNOWDONIA DENDROCHRONOLOGY PROJECT

## PARC estate: MIDDLE PARC (2 & 3),

Llanfrothen, Gwynedd

NGR 26272 34396

Grade II\*

### HOUSE HISTORY

From CADW Listing schedule:

Seat of the Anwyls, one of the notable families of Meirionydd in the Tudor & Stuart periods. A junior branch of the Clennau family, they were settled at Parc by at least the mid C16 and possibly earlier. Robert ap Morris (d. 1576) was responsible for the first of a series of unit-planned ranges, which by the late C17 comprised a large complex of 4 domestic blocks and a gatehouse, as well as associated stable and agricultural ranges. It is likely that the primary house was rebuilt or remodelled during this period and that the second, third and fourth ranges (Parc 2, 3 & 4) were also fully or partly his work.

Of these the first two houses were long ago demolished and now only traces remain. These are incorporated in the N most section of the two conjoined ranges which now comprise Middle Parc; the SW gable of the second house survives and retains its (now altered) fireplace newel stair.

The northern section of Middle Parc is a much-altered link-block between the second and third houses, the latter being represented by the main section to the SW. Both blocks have elegant cylindrical chimneys which, if original (ie late C16 or C17) would be unparalleled in north Wales vernacular. It is however possible that these are additions of the second-quarter or mid C19, and are "Tudorbethan" cosmetic alterations. Both blocks were altered by Sir Clough Williams-Ellis, owner of the Brondanw estate who converted the buildings for modern use after the last war (1945). The interior was not inspected in 1998.

**Dendrochronology results:** Parc Hendy (Parc 3) old house

Transverse beam in GF S room

Upper lintel over stairs

Felling dates

Winter 1654/5

After 1594

**Y Parc (Park), Llanfrothen, Gwynedd (NPRN 404989)**

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(RCAHMW Review 2006-7, p 58-9)

**Llanfrothen, Y Parc (Park)**

(a) Principal house (House 4) (SH 6268 4395)

(b) Subsidiary house (House 3) (SH 6273 4396)

(c) Gatehouse : Gatws (SH 6282 4402)

Felling dates

Summer 1660; Spring 1668; Winter 1669/70.

Winter 1654/5

Winter 1617/18

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**Parc, Croesor, Llanfrothen, Gwynedd. NGR 26272 34396 Grade II\*.**

This group of stone-walled storeyed houses, gatehouse and barns was the seat of the Anwyl family, prominent during Tudor and Stuart periods. It is situated on elevated ground at 120m above O.D. above the steep valley not far from the former estuary shore-line.

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Only stone traces of Parc 2 remain, appearing to be conjoined with

**1655 Parc 3 (Parc Hendy)**. In this later building the upper lintel over stairs was felled after 1594 and the ground floor transverse beam in winter 1654/5. Katherine Anwyl may have had house 3 built / modernised, possibly completing a plan of her late husband Robert Anwyl who had died young in 1653.

**Owners: The family was originally from Clennau**

SEE Parc 4 Main house for details.

c1520s The 3<sup>rd</sup> son of Clennau - **Robert ap Morris** (born c1500- d 1576) – moved to Llanfrothen & built house 1 (now demolished). He was a patron of William Llyn, C16 poet. He married Lowry, d of Lewis ap Ifan ap Dafydd of Pengwern.

1576 **Lewis Anwyl** (d 1605) His brothers were called Roberts. Huw Machno was his house poet. His will (PCC 77 Hayes) enumerates various properties held by him in Caernarfon & Merioneth.

1605 **William Lewis Anwyl** (JP, Deputy Sheriff of Merioneth, d 1642) in 1593 married Elizabeth, d & h of Edward Herbert ap John ap Sir Richard Herbert, Kt, of Cemaes, Montgomeryshire. They had 16 children. ?built house 2 (now ruinous)

William Lewis Anwyl was the first of the family to hold the office of High Sheriff (Meirionydd 1610 & 1623, and Caernarfonshire 1636). He is known to have greatly extended Parc in the early C17 and in his will (d 1641) mentions the newly built house. A **cywydd** by the poet Huw Machno speaks of "his new house of great construction" as well as mentioning gardens, orchards, walls, parks and "fair towers". It is likely that the primary house was rebuilt or remodelled during this period and that the second, third and fourth ranges (Parc 2, 3 & 4) were also fully or partly his work.

1596 1<sup>st</sup> son Lewis lived in Cemaes; d 1642 before his father; High Sheriff of Montgomeryshire.

1642 2<sup>nd</sup> son inherited Parc: **Robert Anwyl**, already a prosperous merchant who did not expect to inherit the estate. High Sheriff of Montgomeryshire in the 1650. A Royalist who lent the King £300 – fined £1,000, married Catherine, d of Royalist Sir

John Owen of Clenenney. Died 1653, leaving her with two young sons, Lewis & Owen.

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It is possible that the gatehouse belongs to this **early C17 phase**, although it may have undergone some **later C17 alteration**, including the insertion of the attic dormers. The gatehouse would have been the porter's private accommodation and appears always to have been storeyed with one room to each floor, the upper one open to the roof; a blocked first-floor hill-slope entrance probably relates to a later (C18 or C19) loading bay.

Interior: Single-room floors, the upper open to the roof. 2-bay pegged oak collar truss roof with original purlins.

#### Dendrochronology results: Parc Gatws, Gatehouse

W principal rafter

E principal rafter

Felling dates

(Winter 1617/18)

Winter 1617/18

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Felling dates

- |                                               |                                           |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
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**OWNERS of the Parc estate: SEE Parc 4 for details**

- |             |                                                                                                      |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1500s -1699 | Anwyl family of Parc                                                                                 |
| 1699-1734   | Catherine Anwyl, (d 1726) Plas Newydd, daughter of Owen Anwyl married Sir Griffith Williams (d 1734) |
| 1734-       | Sir Robert Williams                                                                                  |
| c1740-1746  | Ann Williams married Sir Thomas Prendergast                                                          |
| 1746-1758   | Sir Tomas Prendergast <b>sold</b> the Parc estate to Sir Thomas Mostyn, 4 <sup>th</sup> Bart.        |
| 1758-1796   | Parc estate inherited by Sir Roger Mostyn, 5 <sup>th</sup> Bart.                                     |
| 1796-1831   | <i>Parc inherited by Sir Thomas Mostyn, the 6<sup>th</sup> Bart; d 1831.</i>                         |

1798 Land Tax: Included with Parc (Dolgellau IR/23/118)

1831 The Parc estate passed to his sister Elizabeth who in 1794 had married Sir Edward Pryce Lloyd (1768-1854), Pengwern, created Baron Mostyn in 1831.

1832 July 11 Catalogue of sale of Park estate CHECK  
Gatws Parc – not shown on plan; let with Park to Edmund Jones.

1834-1942 Hugh Reveley Esq, Brynwgwin bought the Parc estate from Baron Mostyn.

1840 tithe schedule – included with Parc

1932 May 24: Park Estate Sale Catalogue, NO plans. (Dolgellau Z/F/60)  
Parc farm, with its sub-tenancies of Beudy-Newydd, Bwlchllaindir & Gatws, are in the occupation of Richard Prichard as principal tenant. 380 acres. £224 p.a,

1936 Oct 14: Parc & Croesor Estates (Dolgellau Z/F/62 & Z/F/63)  
Lot 2 Parc farm                      Messrs R A & E A Williams    380 acres       £70  
Bwlchllaindir (disused) Rowland A Williams                      £25 + Llety sheepwalk  
Gatws                      Mr J W Wyllie £5 p.a. + rates

1938 Rentals from Brondanw estate, 1920 onwards: P Park (Dolgellau ZM/3119)  
24. Gattws      J W Wyllie      £5 + rates

1942 Jan 21: Parc & Croesor Estates (Dolgellau Z/F/64)  
Park farm:    Messrs R A & D C Williams    £65  
Bwlchllaindir Rowland A Williams    £25 + 100 sheep on Llety sheepwalk  
Gatws              J W Wyllie £5 + rates  
1942 the Reveley family sold the Park estate to Clough Williams-Ellis, of Plas Brondanw.

*1938 tenant + 1941 properties owned :*  
*Park etc, Coedty (Evan J Evans). Penrallt ( Reprs of Robert J Roberts), Croesor Fawr ( Robert Roberts + N W Roberts), Croesor Uchaf (W G Owen + D Davis), Garreghylltrem, Beudy Newydd, Gelli, **Gate House**, Tan y bryn, Bwlchllaindir, Fronwen, 1/4 Brynhyfryd, 1/3 Caerffynnon, Moelwyn, Bryn Croesor, Ceunant y Parc. (Merioneth Archives Z/M/3119/4)*

#### **TENANTS:**

*(1766 Jul baptism of Jane, daughter of Pierce Samuel & Margaret, Vottu Garreg Fawr) (LF records)*

1770 Dec 2: baptism of Samuel, son of Pierce Samuel, Park Gatehouse, labourer & Margaret (LF records)

*1773 baptism of John, son of Pierce Samuel & Margaret, Gelli (LF records)*

*1776 baptism of Griffith, son of Pierce Samuel & Margaret, Gelli (LF records)*

1778 Jul baptism of Catherine, daughter of Pierce Samuel & Margaret, Gelli (LF records)

Evan Edwards, Gatws Parc (c1759-1823) married Ann Owen (c1759-1830) & had Edward 1782; Owen 1784; John Evans. Maesgwrllyn 1785-1869; Eleanor 1789-1835; Thomas 1792; William 1795-1846; Edward 1801. (CTGriffith 2 [252])

1822 Apr 10: burial of Evan Edwards, Gatehouse Park, aged 64 years. (LF records)

1835 Dec 8: burial of Eleanor Evans, Gatehouse y Park, aged 47 years (LF records)

1840 tithe map & schedule – included with Parc

1841 census    look again

1851 census  
1861 census  
1871 census

1874 Oct 15: death of Owen Jones, Gatehouse, aged 54 yrs. (Ramth MI 237)

1881 census

1884 Mar 17: death of Hugh, son of Griffith & Mary Thomas, Gatehouse Park, aged 4½ months (Ramoth MI 239)

1896 Jul 31: death at Bwlchllaindir of Mary, daughter of Griffith & Mary Thomas, aged 9 months. (Ramoth MI 239)

1901 May 15: death of Annie at Bwlchllaindir, daughter of Griffith & Mary Roberts, aged 19 yrs. (Ramoth MI 239)

1891 census

1897 Aug 21: death of Laura Jones, widow of Owen Jones, aged 77 yrs. (Ramoth MI 237)

1901 census  
1910 Land Tax  
1911 census

1911 Aug 4: death of Ann, wife of William Davies, Gatehouse, aged 71 yrs. (Ramoth MI 247)

1925 Aug 24: death of William Davies, aged 71 yrs, (Ramoth MI 247)

1912 Jan 14: death of Samuel Jones aged 63 (Ramoth MI 073) Gatehouse Park

1918 Nov 15: death of Blodwen Jones, his daughter, aged 19 (Ramoth MI 173)

1944 Mar 8: death of Catherine Jones, aged 85, wife of Samuel Jones (Ramoth MI 073)

1957 Aug 28: Elizabeth C Lloyd (niece) aged 44 – accident. (Ramoth MI 073)

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? – 2005 Robin Aherne.

Check local memories; Parc estate sale catalogues and rentals etc

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# SNOWDONIA DENDROCHRONOLOGY PROJECT

## MIDDLE PARC (2 & 3),

Llanfrothen, Gwynedd

NGR 26272 34396

Grade II\*

### HOUSE HISTORY

From CADW Listing schedule:

Seat of the Anwyls, one of the notable families of Meirionydd in the Tudor & Stuart periods. A junior branch of the Clennau family, they were settled at Parc by at least the mid C16 and possibly earlier. Robert ap Morris (d. 1576) was responsible for the first of a series of unit-planned ranges, which by the late C17 comprised a large complex of 4 domestic blocks and a gatehouse, as well as associated stable and agricultural ranges. It is likely that the primary house was rebuilt or remodelled during this period and that the second, third and fourth ranges (Parc 2, 3 & 4) were also fully or partly his work.

Of these the first two houses were long ago demolished and now only traces remain. These are incorporated in the N most section of the two conjoined ranges which now comprise Middle Parc; the SW gable of the second house survives and retains its (now altered) fireplace newel stair.

The northern section of Middle Parc is a much-altered link-block between the second and third houses, the latter being represented by the main section to the SW. Both blocks have elegant cylindrical chimneys which, if original (ie late C16 or C17) would be unparalleled in north Wales vernacular. It is however possible that these are additions of the second-quarter or mid C19, and are "Tudorbethan" cosmetic alterations. Both blocks were altered by Sir Clough Williams-Ellis, owner of the Brondanw estate who converted the buildings for modern use after the last war (1945). The interior was not inspected in 1998.

**Dendrochronology results:** Parc Hendy (**Parc 3**) old house  
Transverse beam in GF S room  
Upper lintel over stairs

Felling dates  
Winter 1654/5  
After 1594

**Y Parc** (Park), Llanfrothen, Gwynedd (NPRN 404989)

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**Llanfrothen, Y Parc (Park)**

(a) Principal house (House 4) (SH 6268 4395)

Felling dates

Summer 1660; Spring 1668; Winter 1669/70.

(b) Subsidiary house (House 3) (SH 6273 4396)

Winter 1654/5

(c) Gatehouse : Gatws (SH 6282 4402)

Winter 1617/18

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**Parc, Croesor, Llanfrothen, Gwynedd. NGR 26272 34396 Grade II\*.**

This group of stone-walled storeyed houses, gatehouse and barns was the seat of the Anwyl family, prominent during Tudor and Stuart periods. It is situated on elevated ground at 120m above O.D. above the steep valley not far from the former estuary shore-line.

The first house, now demolished, was thought to have been built by Robert ap Moris (d 1576). His grandson William Lewis Anwyl (died 1641) had greatly extended Parc before his death.

**1618 Parc Gatws** contains principal rafters felled in winter 1617/18.

Only stone traces of Parc 2 remain, appearing to be conjoined with

**1655 Parc 3 (Parc Hendy)**. In this later building the upper lintel over stairs was felled after 1594 and the ground floor transverse beam in winter 1654/5. Katherine Anwyl may have had house 3 built / modernised, possibly completing a plan of her late husband Robert Anwyl who had died young in 1653.

**Owners: The family was originally from Clennau**

SEE Parc 4 Main house for details.

c1520s The 3<sup>rd</sup> son of Clennau - **Robert ap Morris** (born c1500- d 1576) – moved to Llanfrothen & built house 1 (now demolished). He was a patron of William Llyn, C16 poet. He married Lowry, d of Lewis ap Ifan ap Dafydd of Pengwern.

1576 **Lewis Anwyl** (d 1605) His brothers were called Roberts. Huw Machno was his house poet. His will (PCC 77 Hayes) enumerates various properties held by him in Caernarfon & Merioneth.

1605 **William Lewis Anwyl** (JP, Deputy Sheriff of Merioneth, d 1642) in 1593 married Elizabeth, d & h of Edward Herbert ap John ap Sir Richard Herbert, Kt, of Cemaes, Montgomeryshire. They had 16 children. ?built house 2 (now ruinous)

William Lewis Anwyl was the first of the family to hold the office of High Sheriff (Meirionydd 1610 & 1623, and Caernarfonshire 1636). He is known to have greatly extended Parc in the early C17 and in his will (d 1641) mentions the newly built house. A **cywydd** by the poet Huw Machno speaks of “his new house of great construction” as well as mentioning gardens, orchards, walls, parks and “fair towers”. It is likely that the primary house was rebuilt or remodelled during this period and that the second, third and fourth ranges (Parc 2, 3 & 4) were also fully or partly his work.

1596 1<sup>st</sup> son Lewis lived in Cemaes; d 1642 before his father; High Sheriff of Montgomeryshire.

1642 2<sup>nd</sup> son inherited Parc: **Robert Anwyl**, already a prosperous merchant who did not expect to inherit the estate. High Sheriff of Montgomeryshire in the 1650. A Royalist who lent the King £300 – fined £1,000, married Catherine, d of Royalist Sir John Owen of Clenneney. Died 1653, leaving her with two young sons, Lewis & Owen.

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**Large BARN SW of PARC, Llanfrothen, Gwynedd**

12-11-05

NGR 26260 34355

Grade II\*

From CADW Listing Schedule:

Located immediately W of Parc, facing a farmyard to the N.

The main section of the agricultural range is an exceptionally-fine primary barn, probably part of early C17 remodelling, and may, like its parallel at Plas Newydd, (Penrhyndeudraeth) have originated as a stable range with accommodation over; evidence of partitioning and even ceiling over of one central section of the first floor, make this a possibility.

To this was added a further barn range in the later C17 or early C18, forming a flush, continuously-roofed range of 10-bays in all; the fine gable parapet of the primary barn's R gable was reused to serve the newer section. At the same time a series of what appear to have been 2-light mullioned windows on both floors of the primary range were carefully reduced to form neat vertical ventilation slits.

A contemporary or near-contemporary addition was a 3-bay carhouse, built at right-angles with the primary barn to the NE.

Interior: 5-bay primary barn with chamfered oak tie-beam trusses with vertical struts; some purlins and all the rafters are replacements. The trusses flanking the entrance bay show evidence of having been closed above the tie-beam and ceiled below it; the right-hand truss also has a groove on its underside, indicative of a former post-and-panel partition. The dividing floor has been removed (apparently early on), though evidence for its former existence is apparent.

Primary barn tenant: Mr L A Williams, Garreghyldrem ( 770566))

Other portions let as workshops.