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Merionethshire.
NGR SH 602209

House History

Partial House History by Margaret Dunn,
revised 2020

Written in the language chosen by the volunteers and researchers & including information so far discovered

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HOUSE HISTORIES of FARMS once part of the EGRYN ESTATE

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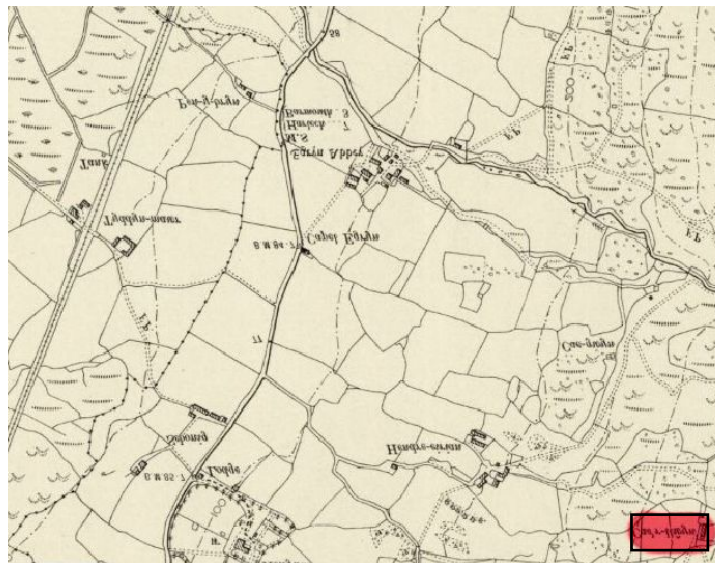
House History by Margaret Dunn, revised 2020.

The house history material contained below was researched around 2006 as part of a detailed investigation into the farm holdings which had at some time been part of the EGRYN ESTATE, near Barmouth, Merionethshire. It does not always follow the format used in the house histories undertaken by the Discovering Old Welsh Houses heritage charity & its predecessors and in most cases is not a complete house history. Nevertheless, it may be a useful starting point for house histories for any of the properties named.

This document is a list of pieces of information (date; summary, full source) so far found about this house, and is not a prose history of the building & its families. It is hoped to include a detailed history of the Egryn & Caerberllan estates and their owners & tenants on the DOWH website as soon as possible.

Margaret Dunn 9 July 2020.

It is not known when and how the ancestors of the Tyddur family of Egryn acquired these scattered holdings. They may be the remnants of a divided family estate shared by partible inheritance, or may include lands acquired by marriage.



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1623 Rental of chief rents issuing to the crown out of the hundred of Ardudwy ywch Artro and out of Isartro (county Merioneth) (NLW, 12731E, D E Jenkins 1 – no page

numbers). Caer Llwyn is NOT included on this crown rental. It was probably built between 1623 & 1697. It is not always clear whether land listed includes a house.

1670s Jane Tudur, heiress of the Egryn estate, married Hugh Owen of Caerberllan, Llanfihangel y Pennant, Merionethshire, probably in the 1670s, being his second wife. After Hugh Owen's father's death, they moved to the larger & more modern mansion of Caerberllan, uniting the two estates.

1697 Jan 2: 1. Hugh Tyddur of Egryn, co M, Esq.,
3. John Owen of Caer Berllan, gent., **nephew of the said Hugh Tyddur**;
Release, being a mortgage of the capital messuage called Eggrin & other lands (document badly mildewed) co M. Consideration £800.

Eggrin,	in occupation of Morris Humphrey; ...
water corn mill called Melin Eggrin	said Morris ...
Tythyn Mawr	in occupation of Robert John...
Caerllwyn Widow
Ynys Gwrtherin	in occupation of David Griffith
Llwyn Cadwygan	Hugh John
Ymwelch	Maurise Williams
Rhyd yr Erian	David Richard
Cae issa	William ap Evan
Y Gornant issa	Evan John Edward
Y Gornant uchaf	David John

(UWB, Mostyn ms 3623)

26 October 1702 ... & also for ye conveying & settling of ye other messuages, mills, lands, tenements, hereditaments, herein after mentioned called by ye several names of Egrin, Melyn Egryn, Ymwelch, Tyddyn Mawr & **Caer Llwynne** with their appurtenances to ye said William Pugh, Richard Owen, Edward Owen & Edward Wynne for ye houses herein aftermentioned in draft for ye payment of ye residue of debts of ye said John Owen (Dolgellau Record Office, Hengwrtuchaf Deeds, Z/DH/72)

1747 Oversser / officer of the parish: Owen Richard, Cae'r llwyn. (Merionnydd Archives, Z/PE/10/1)

1748 baptism of Mary, daughter of Owen Richard and Mary, Caerllwyn. (NLW, Bangor Bishops Transcripts)

1750 8th month 25: baptism of Catherine, daughter of Owen Richard of Caerllwyn and Mary his wife. (Merionnydd Archives, Z/PE/10/1)

1753 Oct 4: baptism of Robert, son of Owen Richard of Caerllwyn and Mary his wife. (Merionnydd Archives, Z/PE/10/1)

1786 May 19: burial of Owen Richard, Caerllwyn. (NLW, Bangor Bishops Transcripts)
His widow Mary had the lease until 1798-1800.

1796-1808:(UWB, Porth yr Aur ms 14,473-4; Cae'r Berllan & Egryn estates rentals; Agent Revd John Lewis)

1790 Feb: Caerllwyn. House is leased to Caerllwyn	Mary Owen	£6 10s 0d
Due Michaelmas 1790 Llanaber	Caerllwyn Mary Owen	£13
1791 July & Dec	Mary Owen	£13

1792	May & Dec	Mary Owen & Ellin Owen	£13
1793	May & Dec	Mary Owen	£13
1794	May & Dec	Mary Owen	£13
1795	May 27	arrears settled	£1-10-0
1795	May 27	Received of Rees Dafydd on account of Mary	£6-10-0 + £1-10-0
1795	Dec	Mary Owen	£2-10-0 + £2-10-0
1795 total = £13			
1796	May 18	Mary Owen	£6-10-0
1796	Dec & May 97	Mary Owen	£13 pd £11

1798 Land Tax Assessments (Dolgellau Archives IR/23/118) (No property names)

Llanaber Is mynydd

Proprietor	Tenant	Land Tax Assessment
Mr Owen	Mary Owen	15/0 probably Caer Llwyn

Did she die 1798-1800? Check Llanaber records

1800	Oct & May	Griffith Roberts £1, Rice Evan £12
1801	Feb & July	Rice Evan £12, Griffith Roberts £1
1801-02	Dec & June	Rice Evan £12, Griffith Roberts £1
1802	Dec	Rice Evan £6, Griffith Roberts 10/-
1803	June	Rice Evan £6, Griffith Roberts 10/-
1803	Dec	Rice Evan £6, Griffith Roberts 10/-
1804	June	Rice Evan £6, Griffith Roberts 10/-
1804	Dec	Rees Evan £5-18-3; Property tax 11/9; Griffith Roberts 9/-, P tax 1/-
1805	June & Dec	Rice Evan £12, Griffith Roberts £1
1806	June & Dec	Rees Evan £6 10-0, Griffith Roberts £1
[see 1806 Tyddyn Mawr]		
1808	June & Dec	Rice Evan £13, Griffith Roberts £1

1816 Attended Sunday School at Hendre Eirian:

Caer Llwyn: William Evans, his wife Catherine and two relatives, William Griffith and Lydia. (Y Lladmerydd, 1900-2, ed Rev Evan Davies, Trefriw, vol xvi, Dolgellau)

1830: Schedule to which the Abstracted Indenture refers: Rental of the Caerberllan Estate

Nos	Tenant's Names	Tenements	Annual Rents
9.	William Evans	Caerllwyn	£37 0 0

(GAS, XCV/74 49 p 25)

1839 Llanaber is mynydd Tithe schedule (Dolgellau Record Office)

Owner	Property	Tenant	Acreage
E P Owen	Caer Llwyn	Hugh Vaughan	c111
Field	Name	Use	Acreage
907		Pasture	7-2-6
908		Pasture	4-3-8
909		Pasture	16-1-17
910		Rough pasture	4-0-3
911		Rough Pasture	1-0-12
912		Rough pasture	2-0-3
913		Rough pasture	4-2-35

914		Arable	2-2-5
915		Arable	1-0-32
916		Arable	1-2-20
917		Arable	1-2-24
918		Arable	0-2-0
919		Meadow	1-3-27
920		Arable	4-1-8
921		Arable	1-1-36
922		Arable	???
970	Allotment	Mountain pasture	<u>58-5-39</u>
Total			111-0-39
Summary	Mountain pasture	58 acres	
Rough Pasture		11 acres	
Meadow		1 acre	
Arable		41 acres	

It is not known when this holding was sold by the OWEN family.

1841 census schedule

No 50 Caer Llwyn David Davies 15 ag lab born Merioneth
Mary Ellis 35 farm servant “

1845 rent for Caerllwyn £29. (Royal Commission on Land in Wales and Monmouthshire. 1893, vol I, p 729)

1851 Census Schedule Llanaber Is Mynydd ED 4c No 4 Caer Llwyn
John Morris H M 65 farmer employ 3 men born Llanaber
William Morris Son U 25 “
John Morris Son U 34 miner “
Elinor Jones serv U 32 house servant Penmorfa, Caerns

1861 census schedule Llanaber Is Mynydd ED 11.
Caer Llwyn Uninhabited

1871 census schedule Llanaber Is Mynydd, ED 11 No 6 Cae Llwyn
Lewis Evans H M 49 farmer 60 acres, born Llanddwywe
Anne “ W M 33
Anne “ D U 5
John “ S U 3
Robert “ S U 1
Catherine Williams serv U 19 domestic Harlech

1881 Census schedule Llanaber Is Mynydd ED11 No 9 Caer Llwyn
Lewis Evans H M 60 farmer 90 acres born Llanddwywe
Ann “ W M 45
John “ S U 13 scholar Llanaber
*Robert “ S U 11 scholar
Thomas “ S U 8 scholar
William “ S U 5 scholar

1891 census schedule Llanaber Is Mynydd Fiche 26 No 41 Cae Llwyn
 Lewis Evans H M 72 farmer born Llanenddwyn W/E
 Ann " W M 55 Llanddwywe Welsh
 Thomas " S U 17 Llanaber W
 William " S U 15 Llanaber W

1893 rent for Caerllwyn £40. (Royal Commission on Land in Wales and Monmouthshire. 1893, vol I, p 729)

c1898 Caerllwyn was bought **from Robert Jones of Hendrewallog**, Towyn, the agent for Constance Marian Roberts of Liskard. (pers comm Elinor Evans) It is not known who bought it.

CHECK for his agent / solicitor's documents at Dolgellau.

c1899 *Robert Evans was at Caerllwyn as owner or tenant. Robert Evans moved to Eithin Mynydd. His great grandson is Aled Lewis Evans. A cousin is Laura Phillips, Llwyn Ynn, Talybont. (pers comm Elinor Evans)

1901 census schedule Llanaber Is Mynydd Fiche 26 No 7 Caer llwyn
 Owen Williams H M 28 farmer, born Talsarnau (Esgair Olwen)
 Lizi " W M 24 Dyffryn W
 Maggie " D U 2 " W
 Ellen " D U 11month " W
 Elizabeth Jones g mother 72 Llanfair W

1910 Caerllwyn & 116 acres of land: **Owner occupier Owen Williams** (Dolgellau Record Office, Land Tax 1910, Llanaber, Z/QR/L/2 no 9)

1911 census not checked

1921 census not checked

Until c1926: Owen Williams & his wife Lizzie lived at Caer Llwyn until c1926 when he moved to Llwyngwian Fawr. He had nine children at Caer Llwyn; the eldest daughter was Maggie Williams; Nellie; Nancy; Katie; Betty; another girl; David, Griffith Owen & Mair the youngest who died aged 4.

The third child was David Williams who moved back to Caer Llwyn when he married Catherine Evans of Bronyfoel isaf. David & Catherine Williams had five children. They lived at Caer Llwyn for around 17 years and they left for Hendu, near Taltreuddyn.

Caer Llwyn has been mainly empty since then, (mid 1940s) except for farm workers who stayed for a short time. There is no road to Caer Llwyn, which is above Hendre Eirian. (pers comm Elinor Evans)

Gwyndaf Williams, Bethel is Owen Williams' grandson, son of Griffith Owen Williams and Nancy Augusta Simkiss. (pers comm Gwyndaf Williams)

Glyn Edwards remembers Dafydd Williams' family there with sheep and 4/5 cattle. (pers comm)

Late 1940s: Davy Williams, his wife, and his grandmother in a bed in the parlour. Stepladder to croglofft. Their children were Elinor who married Robert Prysor Evans (his grandmother was a Lloyd of Cwm Bychan), Oldest son - David Eurwyn Williams at Gorsdolgau, near Faeldre, in 2006. [now in his 70s; his son Aled Williams farms. Beti at Bellaport, Talybont; Elfyn (c1938-1960s).

They were the last family to live there. They moved to Hendu after the 1960s. Their mother died quite recently. (pers comm Nerys Jones, Mold).

c1949 David Williams left for Hendy. After that Tom Payne, a farm labourer at Hendre Eirian, lived there for a while.

2006 In a ruinous condition.