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Merionethshire.  
NGR SH 587235

## 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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## DISCOVERING OLD WELSH HOUSES

### HOUSE HISTORIES of FARMS once part of the EGRYN ESTATE

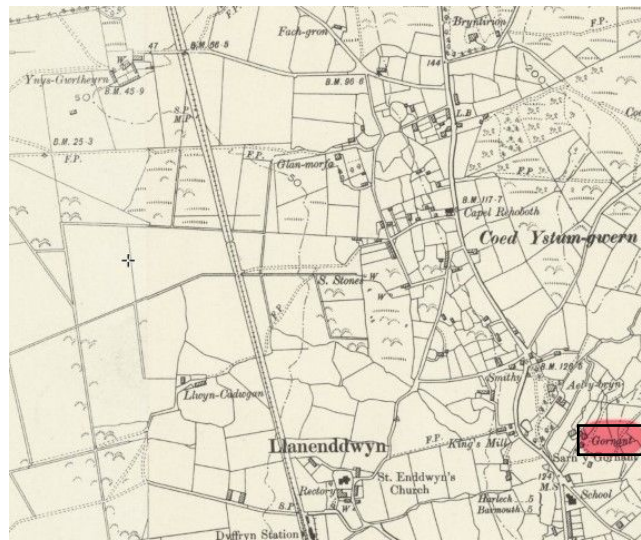
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The house history material contained below was researched around 2006 as part of a detailed investigation into the farm holdings which had at some time been part of the EGRYN ESTATE, near Barmouth, Merionethshire. It does not always follow the format 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.



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1420 Llanenddwyn: And the said **Gafael y gornant** is vacant and gives the Lord Prince, at each of the four terms, 6d. Total 2/0d. (Record of Caernarvon p 277-80)  
*Others cannot yet be identified.*

Gafael Cadwgan ap Heilyn *Not identified.*

*[Gronant: (Llanfachreth) not checked (Lewis Dwnn ii, 93) Wrong parish]*

The land holdings cannot be identified from the 1420 survey in the Record of Caernarvon, although at least three are named in that document. It is probable that they were acquired by the ancestors of William Tydur of Egryn between 1420 and 1623 by purchase from the crown or other owners, possibly by Ednyfed ap Gruffydd Lloyd, one of the Grand Jury of Edward IV in 1453.

1623 Rental of chief rents issuing to the crown out of the hundred of Ardudwy ywch Artro and out of Isartro (county Merioneth)

Llanenddwyn:	Ynys Gwertheyrn,	Wm Tydur	Rental 8/10d
	Llwyn Cadwgan	Wm Tydur	Rental 6/8d
	<b>Gafael y Gornant</b>	<b>Wm Tydur</b>	<b>Rental 2/0d</b>

(NLW 12731 E, D E Jenkins 1, Rental of Chief Rents issuing to the crown out of the hundred of Ardudwy ywch Artro, co M 1623)

1697 Jan 2: 1. Hugh Tyddur of Egryn, co M, Esq.,

2. William Pugh of Mathavern, co Montgomery, Esq.;

Richard Owen of Peniarth, co Mer, Esq.;

Edward Owen of Gwastadfrin, co Mer, Gent.;

Edward Wynne of Llangower, co Mer, Gent.;

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.

*The "other lands" would have included these three farm holdings. It is not known when the buildings were erected.*

(UWB, Mostyn ms 3623)

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.

### **26 October 1702.**

1. Hugh Owen of Caer Berllan, gent.,  
*Edward Wynne* of Llangower, gent. & Margaret his wife,  
**Jane Owen of Egryn, widow,**  
Rowland Jones of Peniarth Ganol, gent. & Catherine his wife,  
William Roberts of Henre Vechan, gent and Susanna his wife,  
*William Pugh* of Mathaven, Montgomery, Esq,  
*Richard Owen* of Peniarth, Esq.,  
*Edward Owen* of Gwastadfrin, gent.,
2. Richard Vaughan of Corse y Gedol, Esq &  
John Owen of Prothsaved, co Anglesey Esq;
3. Anne Williams of Glanalaw, co Anglesey, widow of David Williams.

AGREEMENT – covenant to levy a fine & to have to bar the estate tail, of a capital messuage called Cae'r Berllan and a water mill called Melyn Caer Berllan, and Tyddyn

y Llechwedd, Tyddyn Nant Myddary, Tyddyn Rhiwerva, Tyddyn Du, Tyddyn y Triane, Tyddyn Pwll, Pen y Brynio, and Tyddyn Maes y llan ...

and for raising £914 by the **sale of** Ynys Gwertheirn, Llwyn Cadwgan, Rhyd yr Eirin, **Gornant Issa and Gornant Uchaf**

and for conveying Egrin, Melyn Egryn, Ymwlich, Cayre, Tyddyn Mawr & Caer Llwynne (B12) (Draft incomplete)

SALE of Ynys Gwertheirn, Llwyn Cadwgan, Rhyd yr Eirin, **Gornant Issa and Gornant Uchaf** to ye said Richard Vaughan for £914 to be employed towards the payment of the debts of John Owen, gent. now deceased, late brother of ye said Hugh Owen, part to those payments

& 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, Ymwlich, (?CAERAU CHECK NOT NAMED) Tyddyn Mawr & Caer Llwynne with their appurtenances to ye said *William Pugh, Richard Owen, Edward Owen & Edward Wynne* for ye houses herein after-mentioned in draft for ye payment of ye residue of debts of ye said John Owen ....

In consideration of the marriage heretofore solemnised between ye said Hugh Owen & Anne his now wife, third daughter of the said Anne Williams, widow, by David Williams Esq., deceased, late husband of ye said Anne Williams, widow

28 January 1700 ...

Hugh Owen, gent., deceased, late father of ye said Hugh Owen ...

Respective jointure of said **Jane Owen, widow** and **Anne Tudder**, the widow & relict of **Hugh Tydder, late of Egrin** aforesaid in the said County of Merioneth **deceased**, and for the settling of a complete jointure upon Anne now the wife of the said Hugh Owen party to these proposals ...

Property		tenant
Caer Berllan	in occupation of	Ann Roberts, widow
Melyn Caer Berllan		said Ann Roberts
Tyddyn Llechwedd		William Humphrey
Tyddyn Nant Myddaw		William John
Tyddyn Rhiwerva		Edward Thomas
Tuddyn Du		ditto
Tyddyn Pwll		Rees Hugh & John David
Pen y Brinio		ditto
Tyddyn Maes y llan		ditto

... £200 charged upon the last messuages and promised by said Hugh Tudder deceased, the same farme shall be in the said William Pugh, Richard Owen, Edward Owen & Edward Wynne.

... Ynis Gwerthern, Llwyn Cadwgan, Rhys yr Eiria, **Y Gornant Issa & Y Gornant uchaf in** several parishes of Llanenddwyn, Llanfair ... to Richard Vaughan. (Dolgellau Record Office, Hengwrtuchaf Deeds, Z/DH/72)

*Need to CHECK 1702 purchase by Vaughan in UWB, Mostyn Mss.*

*Need to CHECK MOSTYN for later references*

*1841 census returns not checked*

c1842	Ynysgwithewin	Owner: Lord Mostyn	Tenant: himself
	Llwyn Cadwgan 1.	Owner: Lord Mostyn	Tenant: William Barrett

Llwyn Cadwgan 2.	Owner: Lord Mostyn	Tenant: Rev Richard Davies
Gornant Issa	Owner: Lord Mostyn	Tenant: Cadwalader Roberts
Gornant Uchaf	Owner Lord Mostyn	Tenant: Morris Jones

(Dolgellau Record Office, Llanenddwyn tithe map)

1851 census returns not checked

1861 census returns not checked

1871 census returns not checked

1881 census returns not checked

1891 census returns not checked

1901 census returns not checked

1910 Land Tax returns not checked

1911 census returns not checked

1921 census returns not checked

1923 Feb: Valuation of Llwyncadwgan, Llanenddwyn: 84 acres  
Occ of owner, Edward Ellis Williams. Valuation £2,920.  
(GAS, XD/35/76 p 57, Yale & Hardcastle)

c1954/5 Ynys: John & Emma Owen. Their daughter married Ellis Ewart Williams of Ystumgwern. (Gwyndaf Williams worked there on the farm as a young man)

Gwyndaf William's brother Gareth Williams, retired builder, Dyffryn Ardudwy, might be able to help with recent owners & tenants in Dyffryn. (Pers comm)