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Llanddwywe parish,
Merionethshire.
NGR SH 593203

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

**PENYBRYN, EGRYN, adjoining of Tyddyn Mawr farm, Llanddwywe parish,
Merionethshire.
NGR SH 593203**

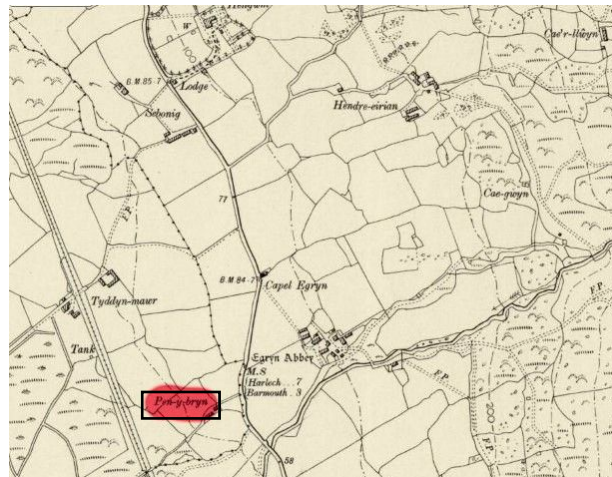
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The house history material contained below was researched around 2006 as part of a detailed investigation into the farm holdings which had at some time been part of the EGRYN ESTATE, near Barmouth, Merionethshire. It does not always follow the format 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, families & 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 cannot be identified from the 1420 survey in the Record of Caernarvon, although at least three of the holdings 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. 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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Penybryn was probably originally part of Tyddyn Mawr land but it is not known when exactly it was built prior to 1796.

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1796-1808: Egryn rent £112 recd from Robert Poole (UWB, Porth yr Aur ms 14,473-4; Cae'r Berllan & Egryn estates rentals; Agent Revd John Lewis)

Due Michaelmas 1790 Llanddwywe	Penybryn	Robert Jones	£20
1791 July & Dec		Robert Jones	£20
1792 May & Dec		Robert Jones	£20
1793 May & Dec		Robert Jones	£20
1794 May & Dec		Robert Jones	£20
1795 May & Dec		Robert Jones	£20
1796 May		Robert Jones	£10
1796 Dec & May		Robert Jones	£20
1800 Oct & May		Robert Jones	£20
1801 Feb & July		Robert Jones	£20
1801-02 Dec & June		Robert Jones	£20
1802 Dec		Robert Jones	£10
1803 June		Robert Jones	£10
1803 Dec		Robert Jones	£10
1804 June		Robert Jones	£10
1804 Dec	Property tax 19s 4d	Robert Jones	£9 0s 8d
1805 June & Dec		Robert Jones	£20
1806 June & Dec		Robert Jones	£20
1808 June & Dec		Robert Jones	£20

17 Dec last [*ie* 1809] Received
 from Robert Jones, Penbryn
 (UWB, Porth yr Aur, 23,545) £8 0s 0d

1823: **Accounting up to November 1810** – Balance of Rents on the (Egryn / Caerberllan owner who was described medically as a) lunatic's estate including the £400 (timber): £1,125 5s 6d. Deft NOT paid any part of this to Edward Owen, but Deft said that the lunatic was maintained by the Deft for 4¾ years after the 15 August 1810 to the day of his death 29 April 1815 – amounting to £950, and Deft said he has not received any sum on account of the said £950, save the following tenants did pay to him the deft:

John Richards, Caerberllan	£15 4s 0d
Robert Poole of Egryn	£45
Robert Jones of Penybryn	£8
Jane Richards of Ymwlich	£11

1891 census not checked

1893 rent for Tyddyn Mawr and Pen y Bryn (buildings given) £180. (Royal Commission on Land in Wales and Monmouthshire. 1893, vol I, p 729)

1901 census not checked

1910 Not listed under Llanaber – probably included with Tyddyn Mawr farm.
(Dolgellau Record Office, Land Tax 1910, Llanaber, Z/QR/L/2 no 10)

1910 Tyddyn Mawr & 5 acres in Llanaber. owner (blank); occupier Thomas Williams.
(Dolgellau Record Office, Land Tax 1910, Llanaber, Z/QR/L/2 no 10)
Pen y bryn not named separately.

1911 census not checked

1920 June 28: **The buildings at Penybryn are in ruins**, excepting that the old dwelling house is utilized for sheltering cattle. (Yale and Hardcastle, Caernarfon Record Office XD/35/83)

1920 June 28: Valuation of Tyddyn Mawr farm including **Penybryn** situate in the parishes of Llanddwywe is y graig and Llanaber, Merionethshire.

- Tyddyn Mawr and Pen y bryn farms, situate alongside the main road running from Barmouth to Harlech with the buildings thereon: 147-2-24 acres

- Shingle bank and foreshore above High Water Mark of ordinary tides. 12-1-26 acres

- Allotment in the parish of Llanddwywe is y graig 103-0-0 acres

Total acreage 263 -0-10. Value £5,100.

I am of the opinion that this property is a safe investment upon mortgage for a sum of £3,700. W Bowen Jones, 4 Church Street, Caernarfon.

Bought by Mr J H Davies of Barmouth

(Yale and Hardcastle, Caernarfon Record Office XD/35/76; File 17)

1921 census not checked

c1940s – a ruin. (pers comm Elinor Evans)