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TYDDYN MAWR,  
Llanddwywe parish,  
Merionethshire.  
NGR SH 591204

## 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**

#### **TYDDYN MAWR, Llanddwywe (& Llanaber) parishes, Merionethshire NGR SH 591204**

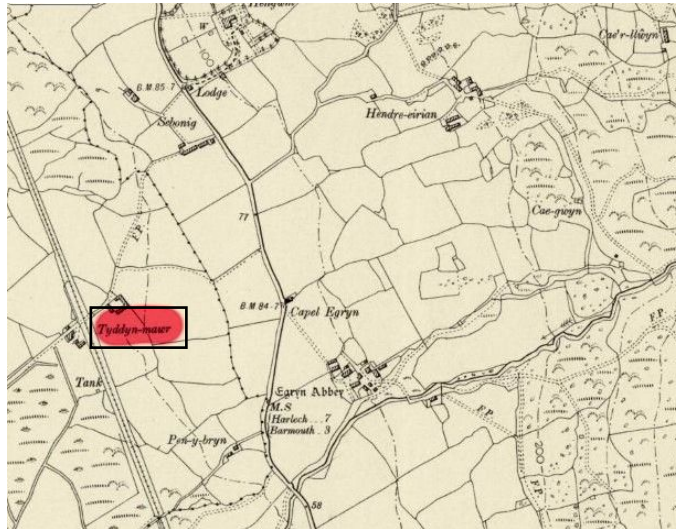
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The house history material contained below was researched around 2006 as part of a detailed investigation into the farm holdings which had at some time been part of the EGRYN ESTATE, near Barmouth, Merionethshire. It does not always follow the format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



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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)

Uwchartro:

Llanddoywen Wm Tudur of **Tyddyn Mawr**

6-8d

(NLW, 12731E, D E Jenkins 1 – no page numbers)

1697 Jan 2: 1. Hugh Tyddur of Egrin, 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.

1670s Jane Tudur, heiress of the Egrin 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 ... & also for ye conveying & settling of ye other messuages, mills, lands, tenements, hereditaments, herein after mentioned called by ye several names of Egrin, Melyn Egrin, 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)

Robert Price, Gerddi Bluog (d 1732) in 1676 married Ann Prys a relative, & had 9 children including

Edward Price of **Tyddyn Mawr**, Dyffryn Ardudwy, who had Elizabeth, Catherine, Edmond & Morgan.

And Eleanor. (T C Griffith, 2003, *Achau rhai o deuluoedd hen Siroedd Caernarfon, Meirionnydd a Threfaldwyn*, p [74]).

*Not sure whether this is the same TYDDYN MAWR*

1790 Dec 17: death of Anne Jones, first wife of Rees Evans of **Tyddyn Mawr** farmer, aged 53. (Llanaber memorial inscriptions 0611)

1791 April 27: death of Evan, son of Rees Evan of **Tyddyn Mawr** by ..... his ....., aged 20. (Llanaber memorial inscription 0634)

1795-1818 **Tyddyn Mawr**, Llanddwywe. see (The Cambrian Register, i.311)

1790-1808: (UWB, Porth yr Aur ms 14,473-4; Cae'r Berllan & Egryn estates rentals; Agent Revd John Lewis)

1790 Feb	<b>Tyddyn Mawr</b> rent	Rice Evan	£40	(UWB, Porth yr Aur, 14,473 p1)
Due Michaelmas 1790	Llanaber <b>Tyddyn Mawr</b>	Rice Evan	£40	
1791	July & Dec	Rice Evan	£40	
1793	May & Dec	Rice Evan	£40	
1794	May & Dec	Rice Evans	£40	
1795	May	Rees Evans	£20	
1796	May	Rees Evans	£20	
1796	Dec & May	Rice Evan	£40	

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

**Llanaber Is mynydd**

Proprietor	Tenant		Land Tax Assessment
Morris Owen Esq.	Gwen Reese	£1-10-0	<i>possibly Tyddyn Mawr</i>

(Need to CHECK under Llanddwywe for any Rice Evans)

Rents continued:

1800	Oct & May	Rice Evan	£40	
1801	Feb & July	Rice Evan	£40	
1801-02	Dec & June	Rice Evans	£40	
1802	Dec	Rice Evans	£20	
1803	June	Rees Evan	£20	
1803	Dec	Rice Evan	£20	
1804	June	Rice Evan	£18-2-0	
1804	Dec	Property tax £1-19-2;	Rees Evan	£18-0-10
1805	Dec	Recd by Rich. Jarret	Rice Evans	£40
1806	June+Caerllwyn gave towards the repairs	£4	Rees Evans	£20+
				£6 Caerllwyn
1806	Dec	including the above £4	Rees Evans	£30
1808	June & Dec		Rees Evans	£20

17 Dec last [ie 1809] Received

from Rice Evan **Tyddyn Mawr** £20 16s 0d  
(UWB, Porth yr Aur ms, 23,545)

1816 Attended Sunday School at Hendre Eirian:

**Tyddyn Mawr**: Lewis Vychan, Heth his wife & Hugh Vaughan his son.

(Y Lladmerydd, 1900-2, ed Rev Evan Davies, Trefriw, vol xvi, Dolgellau)

1817 Sept 26: baptism of William, son of William and Mary Martyn, Mariner, (NLW, Bangor BT, Llanddwywe)

1823: **Accounting up to November 1810** – Balance of Rents on lunatic's estate (*thus described medically*)

John Richards, Carberllan	£15 4s 0d
Robert Poole of Egryn	£45

Robert Jones of Penybryn	£8
Jane Richards of Ymwilch	£11
Rice Evans of <b>Tyddyn Mawr</b>	<u>£20 16s 0d</u>
	£100 (UWB, Porth yr Aur ms 23,553)

1826 Nov 17: John Vaughan, **Tyddyn Mawr** married **Margaret** Jones, Llanddwywe. (NLW, Bangor BT, Llandwywe)

1827 May 7: baptism of Sarah, daughter of John & Mary Vaughan, farmer. (NLW, Bangor BT, Llandwywe)

1827 John Vaughan, Church Warden. (NLW, Bangor BT, Llandwywe)

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

Nos	Tenant's Names	Tenements	Annual Rents
8.	Lewis Vaughan	<b>Tyddyn Mawr</b>	£70 0 0

(GAS, XCV/74 49 p 25)

1833 May 9, Burial of Hugh Vaughan, aged 1 year. ?of **Tyddyn Mawr** / Pen y Bryn. (NLW, Bangor BT, Llandwywe)

1833 May 17?: Hugh Vaughan married Anne Edwards, both of Llanddwywe, in the presence of John Vaughan. (NLW, Bangor BT, Llandwywe)

1835 Oct 16: baptism of Lewis Pugh, son of Hugh & Anne Vaughan, **Tyddyn Mawr**, farmer. (NLW, Bangor BT, Llandwywe)

1836 Sept 8: burial of Hester Vaughan, **Tyddyn Mawr**, aged 71 years. (NLW, Bangor BT, Llandwywe)

1836 Oct 20: Award for inclosing lands in the parishes of Llanaber, Llanddwywe, Llanenddwyn, Llanbedr & Llanfair in the county of Merioneth.

To Mr Edward Pugh Owen in respect of Pen y Bryn and **Tyddyn Mawr**:

Allotment	19	125 acres in plan C
	20	2 acres 1r 35p in plan C bounded to west by sea.

(Dolgellau Record Office, Z/QR/EN/3 pages 73)

1839 Llanaber Is Mynydd Tithe schedule (Dolgellau Record Office)

Owner	Property	Tenant	Acreage
Edward Pugh Owen	<b>Tyddyn Mawr</b>	Hugh Vaughan	116 acres
Field	Name	Use	Acreage
104	Maes y dran llwyn	Arable	2-3-32
105	Penybryn	Arable	<u>2-3-20</u>
Total			5-3-12

1841 Census Llandwywe Is Graig: **Tyddyn Mawr**

Lewis Vaughan	80	farmer	Born Merioneth
Hugh Vaughan	45		"
Ann "	30		"
Lewis "	6		"

+ 2 male ag labs + 2 female farm servants

1842 Tithe schedule Llandwywei:

<b>Tyddyn Mawr</b>	Hugh Vaughan	Owner: Edward Pugh Owen	Acreage
Field	Name	Use	Acreage

\*  
Etc (not copied out)

It is not known when was Tyddyn Mawr sold by the OWEN family.

1845 rent for **Tyddyn Mawr** and Pen y Bryn (buildings given) £125. (Royal Commission on Land in Wales and Monmouthshire. 1893, vol I, p 729)

1851 census Llandwywe Is Graig: No 9 **Tyddyn Mawr**

Hugh Vaughan	H	60	farmer 92 acres employ 3 men,	born Celynin
Ann	"	W	40	"
Lewis	"	S	16	Ag lab
Rees Jones	serv	58	"	Llanaber
William Owen	serv	54	"	Llanfihangel y Pennant
Robert Hughes	serv	36	"	Llandanwg
Jane Williams	serv	19	gen servant	Llanddwywe
John Lewis	serv	16	errand boy	Llanaber

1861 census ED 19 No 38 **Tyddyn Mawr**

Morris Jones	H	50	farmer of 207 acres	born Llanenddwyn
Mary Jones	W	45		Llanaber
Catherine	"	D	14	at home
John	"	S	12	scholar
Mary Ann	"	D	10	"
Edward	"	S	8	"
Elinor	"	D	6	at home
Elizabeth	"	D	5	"
Marjory	"	D	2	"
Robert	"	S	3 weeks	"
William Roberts	serv	34	cowman	
Laura Thomas	serv	25	housekeeper	

1871 census ED 19 No 50 Tyddyn Mawr

Robert Parry	H	U	31	Farmer 250 acres + 2 men born Llanfair
Ellis	"	bro	U	21
Margaret	"	Sist	U	29
John Lloyd	serv	U	18	farm servant
Elizabeth Williams	serv	U	18	gen servant

"E R 1876" date stone on farmhouse

1881 census schedule Llanddwywe Is Graig ED 20/19? No 16: **Tyddyn Mawr**

Robert Parry	H	U	41	farmer 254 acres + 3 men born Llanfair
Ellis	"	bro	U	31
Margaret	"	sis	U	39
Mary	"	sis	U	27
Elizabeth	"	mother	W	69
John Williams	serv	U	46	ag lab

Robert Jones serv U 19 “  
William Jones serv U 16 “  
Margaret Lloyd serv U 16 domestic servant

c1875-80: William Williams born at Eithinfynydd; when young moved with his parents (Thomas Williams?) to **Tyddyn Mawr**. Later moved to Ty Mawr, Llanbedr.

1881 No 56 (census schedule Llanddwywe Is Graig ED 20)

1881 1 uninhabited – Penybryn (census schedule Llanddwywe Is Graig ED 20)

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 **Tyddyn Mawr** & 5 acres in Llanaber. owner (blank); occupier Thomas Williams. (Dolgellau Record Office, Land Tax 1910, Llanaber, Z/QR/L/2 no 10)

1910 **Tyddyn Mawr** & 254 acres in Llanddwywe. **Owner: Mr C M Roberts**, Berwyn, Catherine Drive, Liscard, Cheshire. Occupier: Thomas Williams. (Dolgellau Record Office, Land Tax 1910, Llanddwywe, Z/QR/L/5 no 57)

1911 census *not checked*

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.

Penybryn in ruins; bought by \*Mr J H Davies of Barmouth (Yale and Hardcastle, Caernarfon Record Office XD/35/76; File 17)

1920 June 28: summary of letter "... The (**Tyddyn Mawr**) house is an extremely good one of its class, commodious and in good order of repair; as are also the outbuildings, which consist of piggeries (4 courts) Boiler and Fowl house, Chaff cutting and Pulp house, 6 stalled stable with 2 loose boxes and loft above, Hay barn, 3 cowhouses with 30 ties, cattle sheds and barn. The farm is well cultivated, but a large area is boggy and wet, yet capable of improvement. The occupier farms the holding as a dairy farm, and supplies milk to Barmouth. He appears to be improving the premises generally by fitting up labour saving appliances, and running the place on modern lines.

From W Bowen Jones, 4 Church Street, Carnarvon to Messrs. Morris Owen & Trevor Roberts, Solicitors, Market Street, Carnarvon, (Yale and Hardcastle, Caernarfon Record Office XD/35/83)

1920 Field numbers: 661,663, 673-692, 694-703, 819, 820. Rent £185 p.a.

(Yale and Hardcastle, Caernarfon Record Office XD/35/83)



\*Mr Johnny H Davies was in the coach business & was brother to D E Davies who owned Corsygedol. (Elwyn Evans, Gerddi Bluog)

*1921 census not checked*

c1940s Mr Jones from Highgate, Wrexham owned **Tyddyn Mawr** pre 1950. (pers comm Elwyn Evans, Gerddi Bluog)

c1941 : Land Girl, making hay (Mr Jones had the first bailer in the area), planting potatoes (making wine from the surplus; gave the pigs the left-overs & they were drunk, rolling on the railway embankment); also doing housework; Fetched milk daily from Sebonig where the kind old lady gave her an egg for her tea. Pay: £1 a week. Mrs Jones was from Wrexham and came over to stay for the sea fishing. (Pers Comm. Betty Parry, Uwch y Nant, Dyffryn)

1950: Ken Owen, Tyddyn Mawr, bought Hendrefechan farmland.

Elinor Evans remembers 1) Wil Williams, an elderly man with no children who died at Ty Mawr, Llanbedr, whose parents lived there. They died c1950s.

2) Mr & Mrs Jones, an elderly English couple, buying **Tyddyn Mawr** (?part) and starting the Campsite. Their eldest son John was deaf & dumb & worked in a garage.

3) Dai Owen from Corsdolgau built the new farmhouse in the 1960. His sons Trefor and Kenneth Owen farm Tyddyn Mawr in 2006, with Penybryn & part of Hendrefechan. Elizabeth Owen married Arthur & is an accountant in Dolgellau.

Dai Owen & his wife died c 1990s.

Glyn Edwards remembers John Hugh Davies, the owner, had people renting the farm.

?Mr Brown owned **Tyddyn Mawr** for 4-5 years, & bought it from a Mr ?Roberts

1963 Mr & Mrs Mead bought the old derelict farmhouse & restored it, naming it Bwthyn yr Abad as Ifor Pugh said it was the Abbot's house. They still own it & the Camp Site in 2006.