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## **HOUSE HISTORY RESEARCH**

**HENDRE FECHAN**, Llanaber / Llanddwywe parish.  
(NGR SH 596213)  
**in Dyffryn Ardudwy, Meirionydd, Gwynedd,**  
**later in joint ownership with other local farms.**



**Hendre Fechan**

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### HOUSE HISTORIES of some FARMS in Dyffryn Ardudwy, Merionethshire.

#### HENDRE FECHAN, Llanaber / Llanddwywe parish, Merionethshire. NGR SH 596213.

Hendre Fechan is located to the east of the A496 main north / south road between Talybont and Llanaber, north of Barmouth. It is situated on sloping land above the coastal belt of poor pasture at the change to the higher mountain land.

#### Introduction.

The house history material contained below was researched around 2006 as part of a partial investigation into some farm holdings in Dyffryn Ardudwy, Merionethshire. Many references are noted which have not been looked up or copied. 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 owners or families. In early documents it is often not clear whether the area, farm holding or actual farmhouse is referred to; this can make it difficult to be sure when the farmhouse was first built. Building styles alter over time and buildings may be extended, modernised or totally replaced.

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1325/6 Pastura del Hendreeve, Llanaber see (BBCS, iv.162)

1568 July 7: 1. John Wyn ap Tudur Gwyn & Lowry his wife & Ievan ap ....

2. Reese Vachan, Richard Vachan esqs [*Corsygedol*]

DEED to lead to the uses of a fine of **messuages, t'ments** and lands called **Hendrey vechan**, township Llanabere, co Merioneth. (UWB Mostyn 3616)

After 1580 birth of William Phylip: When did Phylip ap Sion ap Thomas ap Robert and Catrin move to Hendre Fechan? Were they there when the 1616 stone was inscribed?

1616 inscribed on stone in wall; there was a walled garden. (pers comm Nerys Jones, Mold)

pre 1620: Sion Phylip wrote about Phylip ap Sion ap Thomas, of Hendre Fechan, Llanddwywe. (Gofyn March gan Phylip ap Sion ap Thomas, of Hendre Fechan, by Sion Phylip, G Davies,

Noddwyr Beirdd ym Meirion, Dolgellau, 1974 p112; J Gwynfor Jones, *The Merioneth Gentry in the Social Order*, JMHRs, 1983, p 290)

1623 Crown rental CHECK for Hendre Fechan – not named  
BUT Wm Phylip for lands of Ieuan ap Hoel and lands of John Wynn 4s 0d  
(NLW, Ms 12731E, D E Jenkins 1 p 28-39)

1625/6 Death of Phylip ap Sion ap Thomas ap Robert, of Hendre Fechan, Llanddwywe. Marwnad Phylip ap Sion ap Thomas, of Hendre Fechan, by Sion Phylip, by William Phylip, his son. (G Davies, *Noddwyr Beirdd ym Meirion, Dolgellau*, 1974 p113)

1630 Oct 20: names William Phyllip of Llanaber, gent. (UWB, Maesyneuadd ms 202)

1642-49 Civil Wars

1644 July 9: re Hugh Tudor's will. Witnesses: Thomas Lloyd, William Phyllip, ..... Lloyd, Thomas Williams. Initialled IJ by Jane Tudyr (Hugh Tudor's widow). William Phylip was probably the royalist poet who lived at the neighbouring Hendre fechan.

1649-1660. The Commonwealth

William Phylip, (c1580-1670) born at Ty'n y Berth, near Tal y bont, and the poet farmer of Hendrefechan, just north of Egryn, was a staunch Royalist who suffered persecution during the Cromwellian period. "William Philip of Ardudwy, near Barmouth, for writing a pathetic elegy on the death of Charles I, fell under the violent resentment of the ruling power; his property was alienated – and himself, in his seventy-third year, was compelled to abscond and take refuge among the furze bushes and clefts of the rocks of the mountains of Ardudwy. ... William Philip, at length growing tired of his life as an outlaw, made his appearance, compromised matters with his persecutors, and returned to his house at Hendre. He was appointed tax-gatherer – high collector of Isartro in 1653".

His father was Phylip ap Sion ap Thomas ap Robert of Hendre Fechan, Llanddwywe, who died in 1625/6; his mother Catrin died in 1651 and both were buried at Llanddwywe. His wife Ann and daughter Elizabeth both died around 1653 and were buried at Llanaber. William wrote a series on *englynion* relating to the siege and fall of Harlech castle (1647). William died in 1669/70 and was buried at Llanddwywe. He left a son, Henry Williams, of Hendre Fechan who presented Mostyn Ms 144 to Griffith Vaughan of Corsygedol in 1678.

(Dictionary of Welsh Biography, 1940, p 765-6; W LL Davies, *Phylipiaid Ardudwy: A survey and a summary*, in *Y Cymmrodorion*, xlii, 115-268)

List of poetry mentioning Hendre Fechan:

1651 William Phylip on the death of his mother: (NLW ms 257);

1653 William Phylip on the death of his wife and daughter: (NLW ms 260;

Cwrtmawr (NLW) 10, 445; NLW ms 593, 254; Cwrtmawr 129, 20; Peniarth 115, 23).

1678: The Red Book of Nanney on page 332: This book was presented to Griffith Vaughan Esq 10<sup>th</sup> 1678 by his humble servant **Henry Williams of Hendre Vechan**. (NLW Mostyn ms 144) (Son of William Phylip)

**28 January 1700: Marriage Agreement between Hugh Owen and Anne Williams**

Articles of marriage ... BETWEEN

Jane Owen of Egrin in the county of Merioneth widow,

Hugh Owen of Cae'r berllan in the said county of Merioneth Esq son and heirs of the said Jane, Rowland Jones of Peniarth Ganol in the aforesaid county, Gent and Catherine his wife, sister of the said Hugh Owen and

**William Roberts of Hendrefechan** in the said county of Merioneth, **Gent, and Susanna his wife and another sister of the said Hugh Owen** of the first party; etc

1715 Hendre fechan, Llanaber named. (Mostyn, Flintshire Record Office)

1724 Rowland Paryy, Hendrefechan, Church Warden at Llanaber. (Merionnydd Archives, Z/PE/10/1)

1727 Hendrefechan, Llanaber named. (JMRHS, ii, p 282)

1734 will & inventory of Catherine Williams, Hendrefechan. (NLW, Bangor Bishops Transcripts, B1734/165)

1746 Dec 26: baptism of Gwen, daughter of Robert Humphrey and Lowry his wife. (NLW, Bangor Bishops Transcripts)

1748 Oct: Marriage of Nathaniel Griffiths, Llanwrst, widow, and Gwen Rice, Hendrefechan, widow. (NLW, Bangor Bishops Transcripts)

1749 Robert Humphreys, Hendrefechan. Church Warden at Llanaber. (Merionnydd Archives, Z/PE/10/1)

1752 July 12: baptism of Humphrey, son of Robert Humphreys, Hendrefechan. (NLW, Bangor Bishops Transcripts)

A Richard Evans married a Jane Williams in Mallwyd in 1749.

1755 baptism of Morris Evans, son of Richard & Jane Evans, Hendrefechan

1757 baptism of Catherine, daughter of Richard & Jane Evans, Hendrefechan

1759 baptism of Emma, daughter of Richard & Jane Evans, Hendrefechan

1771 baptism of John, son of Richard and Jane Evans, Hendrefechan. He died in infancy.

Morris Evans became a mariner and went to live in the Wirral, where his family was established. His descendent is Mr Ray Evans, 17 Burns Close, Stevenage, Herts SG2 0JN Tel 01438 356742.

1763 Sept 15: baptism of Lowry, daughter of **Thomas Rhobert and Sara**. (Merionnydd Archives, Z/PE/10/1, Llanaber registers)

1765 Hendrefechan named see (Edward Wynne, Prif Addysg y Christion - Llanaber, 194)

1768 April 1: **John Owen of Hendrefechan**, co Merioneth, timber merchant. Re sale of timber in parish of Llanfair. (UWB, Mostyn ms 3815)

1768 May: Agreement between William Vaughan of Corsygedol, co Merioneth, Esq. and **John Owen of Hendre fechan**, co Merioneth, merchant, for a lease of a farm called Mochras in the parish of Llanbedr, co Merioneth. (UWB, Mostyn 3656)

1771. 1. William Wynn alias William Nanney of Maesyneuadd Esq Co Mer.

2 .....

Draft Mortgage names ... Corwert uchaf, Ty Mawr oddiar y fynwent, p Llanaber; Recites previous transactions (+ tenants) re **Hendrefechan**, Caer henadwy, **Cae porth Egrin**, Ty yn yn mhen y Bryn, Y Dermo, Y Ty Mawr, etc p Llanaber & Llanddwnog, co Mer ... (GAS, X/Poole / 3530, 3531)

1771: names Hendre, Caer Henadwyn, Caer perth, Parishes Llanaber & Llanddwyn, co Mer. (GAS, X/Poole / 3534)

1787 March 11: death of Catherine Jones, aged 50. (Llanaber memorial inscription 0605)

1795 Hendre Vechan, freehold of £50, named in ..... see (The Cambrian Register 1795, i.300)

1779 burial of Lucy, wife of William Griffith. (Llanaber)

1804 Sept 23: baptism of Robert, son of Hugh Jones, Hendrefechan and Jane his wife. (Merionnydd Archives, Z/PE/10/1 & NLW, Bangor BT, Llanaber)

1805 June 29 burial of Robert, son of Hugh Jones, yeoman 1805 (Merionnydd Archives, Z/PE/10/1, Llanaber registers)

1806 Apr 13: Baptism of Robert, son of Hugh Jones, Hendrefechan and Jane his wife. (Merionnydd Archives, Z/PE/10/1)

1804/5 Including 1802 mortgage with Edward Jones of Wepre Hall, Chester re Hendrefechan & other business. (GAS, X/Poole/2555)

1805 Jan 4: died Jan 1, burial of Catherine, wife of **John Roberts, late of Hendre Fechan**, aged 50 years. (Llanaber memorial inscription 0605 & NLW, Bangor BT, Llanaber)

1806 Apr 13: baptism of Robert, son of Hugh Jones, Hendrefechan, and Jane

1808 April 6: Baptism of William, son of **John Williams & Eleanor** his wife. (Llanaber) (Merionnydd Archives, Z/PE/10/1)

1811 baptism of Thomas, son of John Williams & Eleanor his wife. (Llanaber) (Merionnydd Archives, Z/PE/10/1)

1816 **Shon ac Ellen Williams** & their son Thomas Lewis attended Sunday School at Hendre Eirion until they moved to Llanenddwyn. (Y Lladmerydd, 1900-02, ed Rev Evan Davies, Trefriw, vol XVI, 1900, Dolgellau)

1809 March 3: Indenture (Deeds)

1811 FINE levied re Hendrefechan, etc, occupation of John Owen etc ... then John Williams ... (Deeds)

1814 November 12: Indenture (Deeds)

1818 Nov 11 & 12: Lease & Release of 6 parts. (Deeds)

1826 June 14: JOHN MAUGHAN of Barnt Green, co Worcester, Esq, BOUGHT Hendrefechan.

WHO OWNED HENDREFECHAN in 1809?

? Cynric Lloyd who then married Martha Hughes, in 1826 he was "late of Gloddota co Caernarfon". Is this Gloddaeth? Who was Cynric Lloyd?

**Abstract of Title 1826 – 1917 (with dates from 1811)**  
**(including references to documents dated 1809-1826)**

### 1826 June 14: Indenture

1. William Griffith of Barmouth, county Merioneth, Mariner
2. **John Williams of Hendrefechan**, county Merioneth, farmer, William Lewis of Carthan, Llanfair, county Merioneth farmer & Catherine his wife, and William Jones of Northwich in County Palatine of Chester, Officer of Excise.
3. John Jones of Barmouth co Merioneth, shipwright.
4. **JOHN MAUGHAN of Barnt Green, co Worcester, Esquire.**
5. Henry Hoyle Oddie the younger of Caroy Street, parish of St Clement Danes co Middlesex
6. Martha Lloyd of (blank) widow of Cynric Lloyd late of Gloddota, Co Carnarvon, esquire, deceased.

RECITING **Indentures of Lease & Release dated 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> November 1818**, (summary) Release being of 6 parts made between

1. the said Cynric Lloyd & his wife Martha
2. Edward Hughes & Mary his wife; Thomas Parry Jones Parry & Margaret his wife; Gyllim Lloyd Wardle & Ellen Elizabeth his wife;
3. Bell Lloyd [*? of CROGEN, an enlightened agriculturalist (DWB p 675)*] Thomas Mostyn [*? HSM 1799, d 1831 unmarried*] Edwards William Lewis Hughes and the Very Revd William Davies Shipley, Chief Dean of St Asaph in co Flint [1745-1826 DWB]
4. Griffith Williams
5. the said John Williams, William Lewis & Catherine his wife and William Jones
6. the said William Griffith

and **A FINE levied at the first Great Sessions held on co Merioneth in 1811** by Edward Hughes & Mary his wife [*? heiress of Robert Lewis of Llysdulas, chancellor of Bangor & thus her husband was the principal proprietor of Parys Mine*];

Thomas Parry Jones Parry [*LLWYN ON, WREXHAM*] & Margaret his wife [*Nee Parry, 1764-1830; heiress of MADRYN, CEFN LLANFAIR, WERN FAWR & RHYDOLION*];

Gyllim Lloyd Wardle [*Hartsheath, Mold, (former owners were Lloyds (see Arch Camb 1875,227-30; 1890,331) 1762?-1834; c1800 bought WERN, Penmorfa, sold it in 1811 to Huddart, left Wales c1812 to flee his creditors (Gresham, 1973, Eifionydd p 134-5)*] & Ellen Elizabeth his wife [*1766-?; sister to Margaret above*]

And William Lewis and Catherine his wife

to the said William Griffith ... all ... **Hendrefechan**, Caeyrhonadwy, **Caeporthegryn** and Cypaint Maur otherwise Cypain Maur in parishes of Llaber (sic) & Llanddroyoe (sic), co Merioneth, and formerly in the several occupation of John Owen, Gwen-Ash (?Vch) Hugh, William Bedward and William Griffith ... and then of **John Williams** his under-tenants & assigns .....

AND the reversion(s) / remainder(s) thereof were limited and assured unto the said William Griffith, his heirs ... for ever ... SUBJECT to a proviso in the said Indenture of Release that if the said John Williams, William Lewis & Catherine his wife and William Jones ... should pay unto the said William Griffith £1,000 with 5% interest on 12 May next, ... then William Griffith should convey the premises to them.

RECITING that the sum of £1,000 was not paid whereby the estate and interest of William Griffith in the mortgaged premises became absolute by law.

RECITING that by **Indenture 12 November 1814** between

1. the said John Williams, William Lewis & Catherine his wife and William Jones;
2. the said William Griffith; 3. the said John Jones.

William Griffith agreed to lend a further £200 to 1.; security of the premises made to the said John Jones in TRUST for the said William Griffith ...;

RECITING that the sum of £1,200 remained owing to William Griffith;

RECITING that the said JOHN MAUGHAN agreed with the said John Williams, William Lewis & Catherine his wife and William Jones for the absolute purchase of the inheritance in fee simple ... at the price of £1,750 and that £1,200 be paid to William Griffith to discharge the mortgage.

[Schedule of land with field names and acreage given (including Ffridd Porth Egryn issa 4 a 3 r 23 p & Ffridd Porth Egryn uchaf 1 a 3 r 30 p) in parishes of Llanaber & Llanddwywe.]

....

COVENANT by the said Martha Lloyd with the said John Maughan for production of an **INDENTURE dated 3 March 1809** between 1. the said Cynric Lloyd 2. Edward Hughes; 3. Martha Lloyd by her then name of Martha Hughes; 4. Bell Thomas Mostyn Edward Williams Lewis Hughes and William David Shipley.

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

To John Maughan Esq as **purchaser from John Williams late of Hendrefechan** for whom the same was originally set out and allotted in respect of Hendrefechan:

Allotment	60	18 acres
	61	29 acres 2r
	23	9 acres 3r 15p

(Dolgellau Record Office, Z/QR/EN/3 pages 66)

1839 tithe schedule: Owner: **John Maughan**; Tenant John Williams

Acreage: 110a 3r 23 p in Llanaber + 20a 1r 115p in Llanddwywe = 130+ acres

1841 Census Schedule Llanaber Is Mynydd ED 13. No 28 Hendrefechan

William Jones	30	farmer	Born Merionethshire
Thomas Lewis	30	ag lab	“
Rees Jones	20	M servant	“
Jane Griffith	35	farm servant	“
Mary Jones	20	“	Not born in Merionethshire

1842 Jan 9: baptism of John, son of William and Mary Jones, Hendrefechan, farmer. (NLW, Bishop's Transcripts, Bangor, Llanaber)

1846 John MAUGHAN died, leaving his estate to his widow, then to his nephew John Maughan of Jervaux Abbey. His other nephew was William Maughan of Harewood near Leeds WILL of JOHN MAUGHAN gave all his farms & lands at Ddolwridiog & Hendrefechan, county Merioneth to his wife Elizabeth & then to his nephew John Maughan of Jervaux Abbey. His other nephew was William Maughan of Harewood near Leeds. His nephew John Maughan of Dudley, William Robson & James Tomson were the executors.

**1846 July 28: John Maughan died**

1848 Elizabeth Maughan, John's widow died.

1851 Census Schedule Llanaber Is Mynydd ED 4c. No 2 Hendrefechan

Evan Griffith	Serv	M	34	ag lab	born Llanaber
Humphrey Lloyd	serv	U	17	“	“
Richard Lloyd	serv	U	16	“	“
Mary Roberts	serv	U	17	“	Llanenddwyn

1861 census Schedule Llanaber Is Mynydd ED 11. No 46 Hendrefechan



Robert Jones	H	M	46	farmer 65 acres	born Llanddwywe
Ann “	W	M	46		Llanenddwyn
Gwen “	dau	U	20		“
John “	son	U	12	scholar	Llanaber
William R “	son	U	2		“
William Evans			26	Wesleyan minister	Anglesey
Edward Jones			17	carter	Dolbenmaen, C
Owen Thomas			14	cattlefeeder	Llanfachreth
Ann Jones			21	house servant	“

1871 census schedule Llanaber Is Mynydd, ED 11. No 3 Hendrefechan

1. Jane Owen			24	housekeeper	
Joseph Green?			18	groom	Shropshire
2. David Evans			21	farmer's servant	bailiff Mer. Llan.....

1879 July: John Maughan of Jervaux Abbey died at Dumfries, Scotland & was buried at Ponteland Co Northumberland, leaving no children but a widow, Emily Maughan. William Maughan inherited, subject to a £50 p.a. annuity to Emily Maughan.

1881 Census schedule Llanaber Is Mynydd ED 11. No 6 Hendrefechan

Jane Humphreys	serv	U	40	housekeeper	born Llanfair
Catherine Thomas	serv	U	20	housemaid	Llanenddwyn
James Roberts	serv	U	22	manservant	“

1882 February: Receipt for succession Duty payable by William Maughan on the decease of John Maughan.

1882 February 1: WILL of WILLIAM MAUGHAN of Harewood near Leeds, but the residing at Elswick Park, Newcastle on Tyne. Appointed James Logan the younger of The North British & Mercantile Insurance Company, Mosley Street, Newcastle on Tyne and Arthur Taylor Wear of No 1 Wentworth Place, Newcastle, surgeon as Trustees. As owner he conveyed the property (subject to the payment of a £50 annuity to Emily Maughan, widow of the late John Maughan of Jervaux Abbey) to the appointed Trustees to hold the estate upon trust for his three children, John Maughan, Elizabeth Wilkins Smith wife of William Henry Smith and William Maughan junior, in three equal shares.

**1887 May 4: WILLIAM MAUGHAN died** leaving his estate to his three children, John, Elizabeth and William.

1888 December 18: his widow Elizabeth Maughan died & was buried in Ponteland co Northumberland.

1891 September 27: death of his son John Maughan late of Corbridge, co Northumberland, retired master mariner, made his will dated 9 September 1891 and bequeathed all his estate to his brother William Maughan.

1891 His son John Maughan died, leaving his third to his brother William.

1891 Census schedule Llanaber Is Mynydd Fiche 26 No 34 Hendrefechan

Emily Maughan	H	W	72	living on own means	Isleworth Middx
Elizabeth M Smith	visitor		20		Scotland
Jane Humphreys	serv		49	cook	Bala
Jane Jones			22	housemaid	?
Morgan Jones			21	groom	Dolgelley

1891 Dec 9: His daughter Elizabeth died, leaving her third to her son Henry Humble Wilkin Smith.

1894 Feb 24: Henry Humble Wilkin Smith sold his third to William Maughan for £350.

**1894 Feb 24: Indenture between**

1. James Logan the younger of The North British & Mercantile Insurance Company, Mosley Street, Newcastle on Tyne and Arthur Taylor Wear of No 1 Wentworth Place, Newcastle, surgeon (the Trustees)
2. Henry Humble Nemmo Smith of Wallsend on Tyne, engineer (Vendor)
3. William Maughan of Mosley Street, Newcastle, iron broker (Purchaser)

WHEREAS (summary) William Maughan, late of 2 Elswick Park, Newcastle, Gentleman (father of the purchaser) owner & intended to convey the property (subject to the payment of a £50 annuity to Emily Maughan, widow of the late John Maughan of Jervaux Abbey) in his will dated 1 February 1882, whereof the appointed Trustees to hold the estate upon trust for his three children, John Maughan, Elizabeth Wilkems Smith wife of William Henry Smith and William Maughan the purchaser, in three equal shares.

WHEREAS (summary) The testator William Maughan died on 4 May 1887 .... his widow Elizabeth Maughan died 18 December 1888, & was buried in Ponteland co Northumberland.

WHEREAS (summary) the said John Maughan late of Corbridge, co Northumberland, retired master mariner, made his will dated 9 September 1891 and bequeathed all his estate to his brother the purchaser; and died 27 September 1891

WHEREAS Elizabeth Wilkins Smith died at Lenzic Glasgow N.B. on 9 December 1891 intestate leaving her husband William Henry Smith and the Vendor surviving her.

WHEREAS the vendor is the eldest son at law and heir ... & entitled to her third of the said ... lands

WHEREAS the vendor has agreed to sell to the purchaser his one third share ...

WHEREAS the Trustees have agreed to join the three shares and convey the whole to the purchaser

£350 paid by purchaser to the vendor ... for his third ... that messuage or farmhouse now in the occupation of Emily Maughan, 3 roods & 35 perches in Llanaber parish and the parcels of Hendrefechan farm in the parishes of Llanaber and Llanddwywe, co Merioneth ... as per schedule .... As in the Indenture dated 14 June 1826 being the conveyance of the same premises to John Maughan of Barnt Green, Co Worcester. Schedule 131 acres 2 roods 14 perches, Details of field numbers & names given.

1901 No 5 **Hendrefechan Hall**

Emily Maughan	H	Widow	82	living on own means	born Wiltshire	E
Evan Owen		servant	single 29	coachman, domestic	Llanddwywe	W
Barbara Williams		servant	single 27	cook, domestic	Talsarnau	W
Elizabeth Richards		servant	single 18	housemaid, domestic	Llanaber	W

(1901 census schedule Llanaber Is Mynydd Fiche 26)

1902 April 2: death of Emily Maughan, Hendrefechan, widow of the late John Maughan of Durley, aged 83. (Llanaber memorial inscription 0122; Merionnydd Archives, Z/PE/10/8)

**1902 April: EMILY MAUGHAN died**

? William Henry Smith died

? some land was sold. Fields 28-37 from schedule.

1910 Land Tax Llanaber:

owned by Wm Maughan esq., Mosley Street, Newcastle on Tyne;

No 3: tenant G J Griffith (*as at Hendre Eirian*) 110 acres;

No 4: tenant of house Mrs Robinson (Dolgellau Record Office Z/QR/L/2 no 3 & 4)

1910 Land Tax Llanddwywe: owned by Wm Maughan esq., 13 Mosley Street, Newcastle on Tyne; No 65 tenant Griffith Jones Griffith (*as at Hendre Eirian*) 21 acres; (Dolgellau Record Office Z/QR/L/3 no 65)

1911 census not checked

1913 July 14: WILL of H Bickersteth gave everything to his wife Catharine, who was his executor.

1917 April 4: INDENTURE between

**1. William Maughan of Lauriston Hexham co Northumberland. Iron Broker**

**2. Harold Bickersteth of 2 Tollemarche Road, Birkenhead, co Chester, J.P.**

sale for £3,375. Land in Llanaber parish 3r 35p now or recently in the occupation of Grace Robinson; and land in the parishes of Llanaber & Llanddwywe as mentioned in the schedule in the Indenture dated 14 June 1826 ... now in the occupation as to part of Mrs Grace Robinson and the remainder to Ellis Jones Williams.

1917 April 4: Mr William Maughan sold Hendrefechan to HAROLD BICKERSTETH of Birkenhead, Iron Broker, for £3,375.

1929 March 6: H Bickersteth died at Birkenhead.

1930 April 15: Catharine Bickersteth of Hendrefechan, Dyffryn, Merionethshire now owns the freehold of c118 acres .

1931 August 22: WILL of Catharine Bickersteth: appointed her three sons to be her Executors.

1932 Dec 28: Catharine Bickersteth his wife died at Hendrefechan. Her three sons Charles Herbert, Dennis Sylvester and Edgar Harold were her executors. (Deeds)

1933 March 18: Probate was granted to her three sons.

c1939: Mr & Mrs Bickersteth had a maid during World War II. (Pers Comm. Betty Parry, Uwch y Nant, Dyffryn)

c 1940s A very nice moneyed old gentleman lived at Hendrefechan. He was from Birkenhead where he ran the firm; he was gentleman farmer with pigs

c1950s Charles Bickerstaff, his son, moved away. There was a sale of the household goods. The farm was sold to Capt Tom Davies. (pers comm Elinor Evans, Nov 2006)

1947 June 5: TENANCY AGREEMENT for PART of Hendrefechan:

**1. Charles Herbert Bickersteth of Hendre Fechan, Llanaber, near Barmouth, co Merioneth** (Kathleen Sara Bickersteth, [Dennis] Sylvester Bickersteth, Edgar Harold Bickersteth and Agnes Elizabeth Phibbs (wife of Walter Charles Phibbs) all of Hendre Fechan, Llanaber (Landlords) by the said Charles Herbert Bickersteth their agent;

**2. Thomas Edwards of Hendre Eirion, Llanaber, near Barmouth, farmer (Tenant).** 2 has a yearly tenancy commencing 9 September 1946, rent of £65; 12 months notice from either party; certain condition given. PLAN showing land involved – fields nos 768, 765, 741, 742, 723, 716, 713, 722, 745, 715, 491, 736, 769, 732, 725, Ffridd, Gors.

1947 June 5: Tenancy agreement with Thomas Edwards of Hendre Eirian for part of Hendrefechan. (Deeds)

1950 ?Col. Bickerstaff sold Hendrefechan Hall to Capt Tommy Davies. Ian Bickerstaff, their son, was a tobacco farmer in Kenya, where he was killed by the Mau Mau. (Nerys Jones, Mold)  
1950 July 25: the three Bickersteth sons sold part of Hendrefechan to Thomas Henry DAVIES & Lena his wife for £6,550. 1950, 1953 mortgages. (Deeds)  
1960 converted outbuildings into a cottage.

1950 June 9: several Local Authority SEARCHES  
1950 July 17: Application for Official SEARCH. C H Bickersteth, D S Bickersteth, E H Bickersteth all of Hendrefechan, Talybont; Thomas Henry Davies, aforesaid Master Mariner & Lena Davies his wife of Hendre Eirian, Talybont.

1950 July 25: Conveyance of 16.954 acres PART of Hendrefechan to Edmund Davis of London House, Dyffryn for an estate in fee simple.

1950 July 25: DEED of SURRENDER between  
1. Thomas Edwards of Hendre Eirian, Llanaber (Tenant) &  
2. Captain Thomas Henry Davies, Master Mariner, and Lena Davies his wife both of Hendre Eirian, Llanaber (Landlords)  
Tenant assigns to Landlords ALL lands in conveyance dated 25 July 1950 between 1. C H, D S and E H Bickersteth and 2. T H and L Davies, as in Tenancy Agreement between the Bickersteths and T Edwards to merge the lands and release T Edwards from all claims etc.

1950 July 25: **CONVEYANCE between**  
**1. Charles Herbert Bickersteth, D S Bickersteth & Edgar Harold Bickersteth all of Hendrefechan, Talybont co Merioneth (VENDORS) &**  
**2. Thomas Henry Davies, Master Mariner, and Lena Davies, his wife, both of Hendre Eirian, Talybont, (PURCHASERS) for £6,550.**  
PART of the farm & lands known as Hendrefechan in parishes of Llanaber & Llanddwywe containing 47.511 acres; together with 18 acres in Llanaber; and parcel of c35 acres; Together with the right to graze 35 sheep over the whole, but subject to the right of grazing over the same for 20 other sheep belonging to adjoining owners WERE CONVEYED to Thomas Henry Davies and Lena Davies for an estate in fee simple. PLAN of lands & allotment. + schedule of field numbers, names & acreages.

1950 July 25: LEGAL CHARGE between 1. Thomas Henry Davies, Master Mariner) and Lena Davies his wife ..... formerly of Hendre Eirian, Talybont, co Merioneth & 2. The Liverpool Investment Building Society. Advance of £2,700 at rate of 4%. £16 10 /- for 20 years.

1953 July 24: Thomas Edwards of Hendrefechan Talybont, farmer, gave Thomas Henry Davies & Lena Davies of Hendrefechan, Talybont a loan of £2,000 on second mortgage with 4% interest p.a. Legal charge now lost. Thomas Edwards confirms that he has today received the £2,000 representing the balance.

1953 July 25: LEGAL CHARGE between  
1. Thomas Henry Davies & Lena Davies of Hendrefechan, Talybont (Borrowers) &  
2. Margaret Ellen Price of Llys Mynach, Barmouth, widow (Mortgagee). Advances £2,000; repayment with interest of 5.5 %.

1960 October 29: Planning permission to convert outbuildings into a cottage at Hendrefechan, Talybont. Owners Capt & Mrs T H Davies.

1962 September 9: Margaret Ellen Price acknowledged the repayment of the £2,000 with interest from Thomas Henry & Lena Davies.

1962 MEMORANDUM: by a conveyance dated 10 October 1962 PART of the within described property was conveyed to Meirwen Owen, wife of David Wyn Owen of Tyddyn Mawr Farm Talybont, co Merioneth, farmer, for an estate in fee simple subject to certain exceptions .... (attached to 1950 July 25 conveyance)

Sale for £4,650 of 40 acres, together with farm buildings in parishes of Llanaber & Llanddwywe, and 18 acres in Llanaber parish ...

Condition re line of pipes from Hendrefechan house, right of way on foot etc. PLAN.

1962 October 15: Official search. Meirwen Owen, Tyddyn Mawr farm, Talybont.

1962 October 22: Application for Official search.

1963 April 10: Permission granted for the erection of a private garage permitted to remain on site until 31 December 1968 unless prior consent obtained for its retention.

1968 July 16: Permission for change of use of stone garage to shelter ponies. Mrs Lena Davies, Hendre Fechan, Talybont.

1969 February 20: permission granted for retention of private garage.

1973 June 4: Official search for local land charges. By Solicitors in Dolgellau.

1973 June 5: Official search for local land charges. By Solicitors in Dolgellau.

1973 June 11: Official Certificate of Search for Hendre Fechan, Llanaber.

1973 September 4: Application for official search. Thomas Henry & Lena Davies & Robin & Rhian James-Jones.

1973 September 18: CONVEYANCE between 1. Thomas Henry Davies, retired Master Mariner, & Lena Davies his wife of Hendrefechan, Talybont (vendors) &

2. Robin James-Jones & Rhian James-Jones of 2 Frondirion, Dolgellau (purchasers). Sale for £27,500 as joint tenants. PLAN

1973 September 18: Legal Charge between Robin & Rhian James-Jones and the Alliance Building Society

Second Schedule principal sum £7,500 at 10% interest.

1976 February 10: Requisition for search in Register of local land charges. By Solicitors in Walsall.

1976 March 23: Land Charges Act search for bankruptcy by Joseph Horace Bertram Gould.

1976 March 24: Land Charges Act for Robin James-Jones.

1976 April 3: Statutory Declaration of Mrs Lena Davies relating to Hendre Fechan, Talybont. Mrs Lena Davies of Y Wenallt, Ffordd Gors, Dyffryn Ardudwy:

Between c1922-1950 I resided at the adjoining farm of Hendre Eirian. Re both farms have use of part of the same track.

1976 May 12: CONVEYANCE by Robin & Rhian James-Jones to J H B Gould Esq. of Berry Ring, Billington Bank, Stafford. SALE for £30,000.

1976 May 12: Legal Charge between Joseph Horace Bertram Gould of Hendre Fechan and the Heritable Securities & Mortgage Investment Association Ltd for £7,500 at 12.5% interest.

1976 Mr Joseph Gould, an RAF navigator & Russian translator bought it, and worked from there with his wife and two girls. After the Cherobyl accident he translated for Trawsfynydd Nuclear Power Station.

1977 November 29: Planning permission for Riding Stable & Trekking Centre at Hendre Fechan, Tal y Bont.

1978 April 6: Legal Mortgage between Joseph Horace Bertram Gould, Freelance Translator of Hendre Fechan, Talybont and the National Westminster Bank Ltd. Freehold.

1978 Insurance documents.

1979 May 3: Land charges Act Applications by J H B Gould.

1979 May 9: Mortgage with Midland Bank Ltd

1982 October 15: Re-conveyance between Midland Bank Ltd & J H B Gould

1982 November 26: Legal Charge between 1. J H B Gould (Proprietor) and 2. Lilian Emily Gould (occupier)

1985 July: Barclays Bank PLC document

1986 February 14: Requisition for search. Solicitors in Walsall

1986 February 14: Enquiries of District Councils.

1986 April 16: DEED of GIFT: J H B Gould (grantor) and Lilian Emily Gould (donee)

1986 April 17: AGREEMENT between Joseph Horace Bertram Gould & Lilian Emily Gould (Borrower) and Lilian Emily Gould (policy owner) and Britannia Building Society. Re £30,000 on security of Hendre Fechan, Talybont.

Policy with Scottish Amicable Insurance Co for £37,501.00.

1987 August 24: MORTGAGE between J H B Gould & Lilian Emily Gould (Mortgagor) and Lloyds Bank PLC

1988 several Land Charges Act papers.

1993/4 September: death of Joseph H B Gould

1998 March 9: death of Lilian Emily Gould.

Their children were: Samantha Jane, Susan Katrina and Deborah Ann Leigh.

2007 Their daughter Samantha lives there with her husband "Charlie" Jones & their three children.