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HOUSE HISTORY RESEARCH

MOCHRAS, Llanenddwyn parish. (NGR SH 556266)
in Dyffryn Ardudwy, Meirionydd, Gwynedd,
later in joint ownership with other local farms.

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recently revised. With thanks to all who have contributed information

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HOUSE HISTORIES of some FARMS in Dyffryn Ardudwy, Merionethshire.

MOCHRAS, Llanenddwyn parish, Merionethshire. NGR SH 556266.

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.

The notes do not always follow the format used in the house histories undertaken by the Discovering Old Welsh Houses heritage charity & its predecessors, and is not a complete house history. Nevertheless, it may be a useful starting point for house histories for any of the properties named. Those interested in old houses in old Merionethshire (now part of Gwynedd) could look at the DOWH website : www.discoveringoldwelshhouses.co.uk. Many reports researched by members & volunteers can be seen in the English section, under Library - House Histories – Merioneth.

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MOCHRAS, Llanenddwyn parish, Merionethshire. NGR SH 556266.

Mochras is located on “Shell Island” west of Llanbedr which is on the A497 main north / south road between Harlech and Barmouth. The “island” is a rocky outcrop of an isthmus original joined to the mainland coastal strip with land running north by the Llandanwg old church towards Harlech. This allowed a sea inlet from the south west which permitted storms and gales to drive seawater towards Llanfair and Llandanwg. Later the Mostyn family had that inlet filled with sand and opened a channel from near Llandanwg church to enable a safer anchorage towards Llanbedr. It is still an island at high tides.

1467 Aug 8: 1. Margaret verch Meredudd ap Carwet and Katherine verch Meredudd ap Carwet, free tenants of the township of Llanbeder in the commote of Ardudwy, co Merioneth; 2. Griffith Vichan ap Griffith ap Eignion & John Clydro, clerk
GIFT of ... and a tenement and 10 acres of land in the island of MOGHRES in the said township. (UWB, Mostyn 3628)

1521 Oct 6: 1. Ievan ap Angharat verch Hoell ap Eignion ap Grono, alias Ievan ap Re sap Ievan ap Res, free tenant of the township of Llanbeder in the commote of Ardudwy, co Merioneth
2. Tudur Gwyn ap Gruffith Vichan, free tenant of the township of Llanenddwyn, co Merioneth
COPY of a tenement called Cay Fronw and all other messuages and lands of the said Ievan in a place called MOCHROYS in the township of Llanbeder. (Witnesses named) (UWB, Mostyn 3629)

1553 April 20: 1. Griffith ap John ap Ievan ap Eigon, free tenant of the township of Llanbeder in the commote of Ardudwy, co Merioneth;
2. Rice Vaughan ap William, Esq.
GIFT of a messuage, 2 gardens, 20 acres of arable land and 1 acre of meadow in a place called MOCHARES in the said Llanbeder. (UWB, Mostyn 3634)

1620: Mochras - The residence of Sion Phylip who died 1620.

1623 Mochras Owner: Wm Vaughan Esq. Rent 8s 5d.
(1623 Rental of chief rents issuing to the crown out of the hundred of Ardudwy ywch Artro and out of Isartro, (co Merioneth) (NLW 12731 E, D E Jenkins 1)

1657 Mochchres (UWB, Mostyn 4090)

1796 Mochras (The Cambrian Register, 1795-1818, i.304)

1838 (O.S. map)

1840s Tithe schedule & map not checked

1841 census not checked
1851 census not checked
1861 census not checked
1871 census not checked
1881 census not checked
1891 census not checked
1901 census not checked
1910 Land Tax Assessment not checked
1911 census not checked

19 May 1914: The residence of Sion Phylip who died 1620. The house is doubtless structurally of that period, and in the roof at the east end are three dormer windows which are probably original features; otherwise the internal arrangements have been entirely altered. The farm buildings and barn, of excellent masonry, are at some distance from the dwelling. (Merioneth Inventory, RCAHMW, vi.53)

No further research undertaken.