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HOUSE HISTORY RESEARCH

EITHIN FYNYDD, Llanaber parish. (NGR SH 601215)
and LLECHEIDDIOR, Llanddwywe parish. (NGR SH 606266)
in Dyffryn Ardudwy, Meirionydd, Gwynedd,
later in joint ownership.



Picture of Eithin Fynydd

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HOUSE HISTORIES of some FARMS in Dyffryn Ardudwy, Merionethshire.

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EITHIN FYNYDD was part of the Llwyn Griffri, then Taltryddyn then Llanfair & then Brynodol estates which grew & changed hands.

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1623 NLW Crown rental – holding not identified

1658: 1. John Wynne of Llwyn Griffri, gent., and Prudence, his wife.

2. Hywel Vaughan of Vaner, Esq and Samuel Poole of Argoed, gent.

COVENANT (unexecuted) to levy a fine upon Kae'r Crydd, Tu coch, and Llwyn hir in Llanfair; Llwyn Griffri, **Eythyn Vynydd**, Tythin y felin and a house called y Tu yn Talybont, in Llanaber and Llanddwywe. (UWB, Maesyneuadd, ms 211)

In 2007, Ty coch was owned by Elwyn Evans, Gerddi Bluog, and Llwyn hir by Mr Edwards of Rhiwgoch. (pers comm Elwyn Evans, Gerddi bluog)

1679 Aug 16: Llwyn Griffri

1. William Wynne of Llwyn Griffith alias Llwyn Griffri, gent

2. Robert ap Oliver of Henhinva, co Montgomery, gent and John Williams of Brynbwa, co Montgomery, gent

3. Oliver Humphreys of Gogarth, gent

SETTLEMENT (after the marriage of the said William Wynne and Margaret his wife, the only daughter of the said Oliver Humphreys) of Llwyn Griffri in Llanddwywe, Bodwilim, Gwastad

Annes, Y Farch Ynys, **Eithin Fynydd**, Tyddin y Felin and Y Ty yn Tal y bont in Llanaber and Llanddwywe; consideration £500; provision for the jointure of Margaret Wynne, mother of William Wynne, and for the succession.

(WW was the son of William Wynn of Llwyn Griffri (see ms 9) and grandson of William Wynn of Glyn. (UWB, Maesyneuadd MSS 18)

1695 June 11: 1. **Griffith Wynne** of Taltryddin, co Merioneth, gent, son & heir of Evan Wynne, late of the same deceased, and ELIZABETH, wife of Griffith Wynn, and daughter and heir of **William Wynn, esq, late of Llwyn Gryffry**, co Merioneth, deceased;

2. Sir Robert Owen of Porkington, co Salop Kt, and Richard Glynn of Lemion, co Carnarvon Esq,

Covenant (marriage settlement of 1 to convey to 2 a capital messuage called Taltryddin Vawr, & messuages and tenements called Yr Hen Evel, Talytryddin Fach, Y Tyre bach, Pen y Bryn, Y Pant Geyn, and Ty yn y coed, in p Llanvaire & Llanenddwynny co M, and in Botandreg, Llanvaire and Dynorwicke, co C,

And messuages called Llwyn Griff, Y Tythin y fellin, Ty yn Tal y bont, **Eythyn Ffynidd**, Bodwyddill, Gwastad anes, y farch ynis, and melin y coddall in p of Llanddwywey and Llanaver. (Llanfair Brynodol D 842)

(See Llanfair & Brynodol 147).

1695 Aug 7: lists "A capital messuage and demesne lands called Llwyngriffry, and messuages called Tythyn y Velyn, Y Ty yn Nhal y Bont, in p Llanddwywey.

Messuages called Eythyn fynnydd, Bodwyddil and Y Varch-ynys in p Llanaber,

Messuage & lands called Melin y Coed in p Llanddwywey

Messuage and lands called Gwastod Agnes in p of Llanaber, all in co Merioneth, the inheritance of Elizabeth Wynne (occupants of property named) (Llanfair Brynodol D 844)

OWNERSHIP (Griffith's Pedigrees p 296)

Taltryddin – Edward Wynn = Mary, daughter of Robert Griffith of Llanfairisgaer (p 47)

Evan Wynn (dead by 1695) = Jane

Griffith Wynn, HSM 1718 = pre 1695, **Elizabeth, daughter & heiress of William Wynne of Llwyn Griffri**, buried 31 May 1717 at Llanfairisgaer

William Wynn of Llanfairisgaer, buried 1745 = Jane, d of Love Parry of Cefn Llanfair, buried 1764 (Ped p224)

Mary Wynn, sole heiress of Llanfair & Taltruddyn, died 1797, in 1748 = Hugh Griffith, Brynodol, born 1726.

1718 Eithin fynnydd see (Llanfair & Brynodol, 147)

1748/9 Eithin fynnydd see (Llanfair & Brynodol, 116)

1748 Marriage of John Benedictus, Llwyn Griffri and Catherine daughter of Robert Thomas, Eithinfynydd. (NLW, Bangor Bishops Transcripts)

1755 R.T. }?of Eithinfynydd or of family of William Price, Eithinfynydd see 1821;

1773 A.T. } (See Llanaber Memorial inscriptions 0334)

1774 E..... T.}

1781 A. P. (Llanaber Memorial inscription 0334a)

1798 Eithin Fynydd, Tale y Treyddyn Fawr, Tale y treyddyn bach, Vaeldre bach, Penybryn, leased to O A Poole (X Poole 3847, 3849)

1821 Oct 26: death of William, son of William and Anne Price of Eithinfynydd, aged 2 years. (Llanaber Memorial Inscription 0334) so born 1819.

1829 Jan 6: death of Robert, son of William and Anne Price of Eithinfynydd, aged 8 years. (Llanaber Memorial Inscription 0336) so born 1821.

1831 Jan 13: death of Thomas, son of William and Anne Price of Eithinfynydd, aged 14 years. (Llanaber Memorial Inscription 0337) so born 1817.

1835 Nov 8: death of Elizabeth, daughter of William and Anne Price of Eithinfynydd, aged 12 years. (Llanaber Memorial Inscription 0336) so born 1823.

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

To Robert Thomas Carreg/y devisee in trust in respect of **Eithinfynydd**, Bodwilien & Gwastad annos:

Allotment	31	158 acres
	32	20 acres 3r
	33	43 acres 37p
	34	11 acres
	35	9 acres 1r
	36	12 acres 1r

[To Robert Thomas Carreg/y in respect of Farch Ynys Fawr]

To Robert Thomas Carreg/y in respect of Llwyn Griffri, Tyddyn y Felin & **Eithinfynydd**:

Allotment	22	130 acres 0r 3p
	57	17 acres 2p
	58	11 acres
	59	19 acres 1r 35p

(Dolgellau Record Office, Z/QR/EN/3 pages 43)

1840s tithe schedule: Owner John Griffith Watkin (minor); tenant: William Price.

Acreage: 332a 2r 14p.

Other properties owned in Llanaber: **Bodgwillin, Gwastadagnes, Marchynys Fawr, Llwyn Griffri** (1 field, no 26)

1841 Census: Llanaber Is mynydd ED 13 No 29 Eithinfynydd

William Rice	55	farmer	born in Merionethshire
Ann	“	55	“
Griffith Ellis	25	ag lab	“
Rees Jones	45	“	“
Bennet Davies	15		“
Elizabeth Edwards	52	farm servant	“
Mary Jones	25	“	“
Tabitha Jones	15	“	“

1845 June 1: death of William Price (Eithinfynydd) aged 60 years. (Llanaber Memorial inscription 0336)

1845 rent for Eithinfynydd £95. (Royal Commission on Land in Wales and Monmouthshire. 1893, vol I, p 729)

1851 Census Schedule Llanaber Is Mynydd ED 4c No 1 Eithinfynydd

Robert Jones	H	M	35	farmer of 150 acres + 5 men	Born Llanddwywe
Anne	“	W	M		Llanenddwyn
Gwen	“	D	U		“
David	“	S	U		“
John	“	S	U		Llanaber
Jane? Hughes	serv	U	18	gen servant	Llanenddwyn
Jane Lewis	serv	U	14	“	“
William Edwards	serv	U	21	ag lab	Penmorfa, C
Thomas Lloyd	serv	U	18	“	Llanddwywe

1855 March 8: burial of Ann Price (Eithinfynydd) aged 69 years. (Llanaber memorial inscriptions 0336)

1861 census Schedule Llanaber Is Mynydd ED 11. No 1 Eithinfynydd

Ann Williams	H	W	78	farmer 201 acres; 2 labs	born Llandwywe
Elinor	“	D	U	34	farmer
William	“	S	U	46	farmer
Edward Ellis			18	servant carter	Llanaber
Evan			14	cattle	

1871 census schedule Llanaber Is Mynydd, ED 11
1871 No 5 Eithin fynydd not checked

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 Census schedule Llanaber Is Mynydd ED11
1881 No 7 Eithinfynydd not checked

1891 No 40 Eithin Fynydd not checked
1891 census schedule Llanaber Is Mynydd Fiche 26

1893 rent for Eithinfynydd £80. (Royal Commission on Land in Wales and Monmouthshire. 1893, vol I, p 729)

1901 census : No 6 Eithinfynydd (Llanaber Is Mynydd Fiche 26)

*Robert Evans	H	M	31	shepherd & cowman on farm	born Llanaber W
Catherine	“	W	M		Harlech W
Lewis	“	S	U	8	“
Robert	“	S	U	7	Llanaber
John	“	S	U	5	“
Hugh Pritchard	“	S	U	3	“

1910 Owner: **J Wynn Griffith, Llanfair is gaer**, Carnarvon; Tenant +Robert Jones, 332 acres. (Dolgellau Record Office, Z/QR/L/2 no 1)

1911 census not checked

c1915 +Robert Jones moved from Eithinfynydd to Sebonig (he was the grandfather of Elwyn Evans, Gerddi bluog)

? Estate Sale check Brynodol estate papers at GAS

?date: *Robert Evans, great grandfather of Aled Lewis Evans moved from Caerllwyn to Eithinfynydd.

His son

His son Robert Evans, (2007) farms up Nantcol – prize winning cattle. (pers comm Gwynnaf Williams)

Aled Lewis Evans's father was born at Eithinfynydd; in 1904 aged 11 he saw the light over Egryn chapel in the Revival; he was a bard.

Aled Lewis Evans was a postman in Wrexham; he lived before in Pentre Uchaf, Dyffryn.

Katrin's father was from Eithinfynydd.

(pers comm Meirion Williams, Hendre Eirian, 3-3-2007)

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LLECHEIDDIOR, Llanddoywe: another nearby earlier farm holding.

1546 July: Lleghitheor vgha, Llanddoywey,

1. Ievan ap Howell ap Llewilin ap Howell, free tenant ...

2. Rees Vichan ap William Vichan (UWB Mostyn ms 3672)

1582: LEASE of Tythyn Coid, Lleghitheor and Pont Fadog Crach. (UWB, Mostyn ms 3680)
No further research undertaken.