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BERTHLWYD

Nanmor, Beddgelert
Gwynedd



House History

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Written in the language chosen by the volunteers and researchers & including information so far discovered

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BERTHLWYD: A History of the House & its Families

Nanmor, Beddgelert parish, Gwynedd

Researched by Margaret Dunn © update 14-9-2008

SUMMARY

1. Thomas Lewis head of family at Berthlwyd early 1600s – 1643
2. his wife Gaynor verch Robert Wynne & daughter Gaynor 1642-1687
???
3. Thomas Williams owned Berthlwyd ? -pre1703
??? John Rowlands, Nant, discharged rent charge on Berthlwyd pre1703
4. Gabriel Thomas head of family at Berthlwyd ? 1743
5. Evan Isaac owned Berthlwyd 1743-1755
6. John Evans head of family at Berthlwyd 1755-1794

pre 1772 John Evans moved from Caeglas to Berthlwyd which he had inherited

1772 1st mortgage on Caeglas, from Owen family (maybe John Evans' wife's family) who through failure of repayment became owners of the Caeglas estate including Berthlwyd, Buarthau, Gerynt & Cefn Gerunt until c 1940.

From 1772 other family members/tenants lived in Caeglas; from c 1794 tenants lived in Berthlwyd.

DETAILS

“The small halls of Dolfriog, Cae-Dafydd and Berthlwyd lie nearby ...[to Hafod Garegog]”

(Copy of translation of Welsh in Cymru 1896 by Carneddog, who lived at Carneddi till 1946. Lent by R Gregson Williams, Hafod Garegog Dec 1953)

Berthlwyd wills

?Lewis - late 1500s

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1. Thomas Lewis, Berthlwyd = Gaynor verch Robert Wynne. brother Evan Lewis. Robert Williams

d 1643 B will

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Margaret = John Morgan

2. **Gaynor** = John ? Elizabeth

Elizabeth verch Evan Jane

Pre 1632

d 1687 will I

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Ellin John =?

Alice John = ?Ellis

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.....I.....

children

John Ellis

Alice Ellis

Gaynor Ellis

sheep

heifer

cow in calf

under age in 1687

Will of Thomas Lewis:

In the name of God Amen, the two and twentieth day of ?March in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred fortie and three, I, Thomas Lewis of Berthlwyd in the parish of Bethgelert and diocese of Bangor

Being sick in bodie and of perfect mind and memory God be praised, doo make my last will and testament and forms following: first I commend my soul to God and Redeemer and my bodie to be buried in Christian burial; Item I give and bequeath towards the reparation of God's cathedral church of Bangor xiid and to the church of Bethgelert xiid.

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Gaynor xL8 having had of me heretofore;

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth xiid;

and to my daughter Margaret the wife of John Morgan being my oldest daughter xiid;

Item I give and bequeath to Elizabeth verch Evan my brother's daughter xL8;

Item I give and bequeath to Jane verch Robert Williams one beast of the kind of noate of two years a.. From all the rest of my goods as well moveable and unmoveable thereby not bequeathed ... (I give to my wife)... I appoint my wife Gaynor verch Robert Wynne true and lawfull executor and to deliver of (my personal effects) ... according to her owne mind; for wittnesses I ... hereunto put my hand and seale the day and year above written

Debts due unto me Ellis Rutter ?L xd; Ellis Pierce xd; Pierce ap Ellissa ?? father did ..take to pay me

mark of Thomas Lewis. Sealed & subscribed in the presence of Williams, clerk.

Witnesses: marks of William ap Gerry ap William, Gerry Pierce, Griffith ap William.

Will proved 8 April 1643

Robert Wynne of Glyn (d 1592) did have a daughter Gaynor, who according to J E Griffith, Pedigrees p 217, was married to Humphrey ap Richard Owen of Llanfair juxta Harlech, living 1606. It is possible that she later married Thomas Lewis. (Her brother, Morris ap Robert Wynne had married Marsli, daughter of Cadwalader [of Wenallt] ap Maredudd ap Evan of Gwydir)

2. 1687 Gaynor verch Thomas Lewis' Will:

Her wish was that her remains were to lie in the Church at Beddgelert and legacy distributed to the following: her daughter Ellin John to have cow and calf and the debt, expected from her husband, to be deleted, also the children of her daughter Ellin John are to share and take possession of all the sheep at Hafod y llan; her daughter Alice John to have the horses and one heifer; three year-old heifer to her grandson John Ellis; her grand daughter Alice Ellis to have cow in calf. The rest of her possessions to go to her grand daughter Gaynor Ellis, her sole executor, but if Gaynor Ellis dies childless, her share is to be divided between the children of her daughter, Ellin John. She was persuading Edward ap Evan and Griffith Williams to be the guardians of Gaynor Ellis during her childhood and be responsible for paying her debts. The will was signed on 11 December 1687 with Rowland Williams, Griffith Williams and Evan Williams, Clerk, as witnesses, and it was administered to Edward ap Evan, grandfather of Gaynor Ellis, the Executor, in the presence of Richard Parry, John ..., Edward ap Evan, William Williams and Owen Edwards on 7 February 1688.

Her property, including animals mainly, was worth £45-0-0, valued by Rowland Williams, William Richard, Owen Robert and Pierce Owen. Much correspondence about guardianship was kept.

Before 14 March 1703 the late Thomas Williams had owned Berthlwyd, and John Rowlands, Nant, was able to dispose of the yearly rent charge of 6s 8d in his 1703 will. **(D642 & D 635 p 363 of NLW Llanfair Brynodol MS) SEE & CHECK**

Who was this Thomas Williams? Was he the husband of Jane Jones & father of Gabriel Thomas?

Thomas ??? = Jane Jones of Wern [T C Griffith2 215] Is this the marriage of Thomas Williams & Jane Jones?

John Rowland's second son Thomas Rowland inherited the Nant estate on the death of his brother Richard in 1719.

1722 Bill of complaint re Rowlands of Nant, Betws Garmon, ? trust; mentions Cwm Dyly Issa and Uwcha, Gwastad stane, Gwyfron, Llyndu Issa and Hafod y Porth, p. Beddgelert; a yearly rent charge issuing out of a tenement called **Berthlwyd, t. Nanmor**; Wernesdeg, Glasdraine, Hafod Wedir, Havod y riske and Wenallt, parish of Bethkellert and properties elsewhere . (NLW Llanfair Brynodol D642)

TCGriffith 2[215]

Ffoulk Prys [73] Tyddyn Du d1625 bard = Elizabeth Meyrick

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Elizabeth Prys, Wern 1621-1713

Evans

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Ffoulk Jones, Wern -1721 Jane Jones=**Thomas**?(Gabriel)
or **Thomas Williams**, Berthlwyd d by 1703

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3. Gabriel Thomas d 1743. Ffoulk Thomas. Lewis Thomasl Margaret Thomas. Catherine Evan

and Evan Thomas d 1728 will = **Ellin Owen CAEGLAS**

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Jane verch Evan = **Evan Isaac CAEGLAS**

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Robert Gruffydd 1717-50
Evan Griffith= Mary Anwyl
Margaret G = Wm Oakeley

= Jane Jones alive 1743

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3. Gabriel Thomas Berthlwyd = Margaret Ffoulk Lewis Mgt **Evan Thomas** = Ellin Owen
d 1743 B will I alive 1732 Thomas Thomas Thomas Caeglas d 1728 (will)

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I I Wern & Penrhyn) I I I I

Thomas 1695-97 Jane 1697-?pre 1732 Jane= **Evan Isaac** Gaynor, Elizabeth & Mary
I Caeglas All 4 living in 1732

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John Evans

Gabriel Thomas transferred his land to his brother's son in law, Evan Isaac, Caeglas & his eldest son John Evans.

1742 Feb 8 & March 1: Indenture of bargain and sale made between

1. Evan Isaac of Caeglas, Llanfrothen, gent. and Jane his wife, & and the said John Evans ?decides by the names and description of John Evans eldest son and heir apparent of this Evan Evans and Jane his wife

2. Robert Griffith of Tan y bwlch co Merioneth Esq

3. Edward Owen the younger of Garthynharad of the said county, gent and William Annwyl of Llandecwyn in the county aforesaid Esq
being deeds making proper ... (GAS, X/Poole 3790)

1743: Indenture of lease & Release **4th & 5th May 1743** being made between the said Evan Isaac, Jane Isaac & John Evans by several names & descriptions ...

1. Evan Isaac, Jane Isaac & John Evans
2. Rev Evan Owen, Clerk, Rector of Llanberris

1. in consideration of the sum of £150 to them in hand paid by the said Evan Owen did grant, bargain sell alien release and confirm unto the said Evan Owen (in possession) and to his heirs and assigns all and singular those several messuages, tenements and lands with the appurtenances of them the said Evan Isaac, Jane his wife and John Evans, or of any or either of them situate & lying in the parish of Llanfrothen aforesaid and commonly called ... **Caeglas, Y Bwlch greananog, Y Gelli felan uchaf, Y Gelli felan issa** and then or late in the tenure of the said Evan Isaac his under tenants or

..... *Caeglas etc were now in tenure of Hugh Williams & his under tenants* ...
(GAS X/Poole 3554; 10 pages & GAS X/Poole 3790) TRANSCRIBED

1744 Gabriel Thomas' will:

His wish was that his lands, buildings, holding called Berthlwyd, Beddgelert would be transferred to Evan Isaac, Cae Glas on the condition that £6 10s 0d is paid yearly to Margaret his beloved wife, for the period of her natural life. In turn John Evans, eldest son of Evan Isaac was to take possession of Caeglas. One shilling each are to be given to his brothers Foulk Thomas and Lewis Thomas and a shilling also to the children of his late brother Evan Thomas, Caeglas, namely Jane Evans, Gainor Evans, Elizabeth Evans, and Mary Evans. His mother Jane Jones was to have 5 shillings and then Margaret his wife and only executor was to have the remainder of his estate.

Will signed 14 September 1732 with Maurice Anwill, John Jones & Owen Jones as witnesses.

A Settlement of £80 was made on Evan Isaac, Llanfrothen, Merionethshire and **Rev Evan Owen Llanberis** in order to administer the estate of the late Gabriel Thomas before Rev John Owen, Clerk, Ch Diocese Bangor. Will proved 1744.

1744 notes on will of Gabriel Thomas of Berthlwyd, Bethgelert:

Item - devise Evan Isaac of Cae Glass be executor and all that messuages house & tenements etc commonly called Berthlwyd ... for and during the term of 99 years upon special trust and confidence to pay unto Margaret my wife yearly sum of £6 10s 0d for the term of her natural life and subject to the same to raise the sum of £120 by sale or mortgage of my estate or any part thereof for the term of 99 years ... the yearly sum of £6 10s 0d payable unto John Evans eldest son of Evan Isaac of Caeglas and heirs for ever

Item – brother Foulk Thomas 1/-

brother Lewis Thomas 1/-

Niece Jane Evans 1/-; niece Gaynor Evans 1/-; niece Elizabeth Evans 1/-; niece Mary Evans 1/-, daughters of my brother Evan Thomas deceased Caeglas.

Mother Jane Jones 5/-; Wife Margaret.

Signed in the presence of Maurice Anwill, John Jones, Owen Hughes.

(UWB, Bangor 2137, p 565, Bob Owen notes)

1755 Death of Evan Isaac, Cae Glas

Evan Isaac Caeglas (died 2/4/1755) =1720 Jane ferch Evan, Parc [215]

sons eldest John Evans 1721 – 1794 at Berthlwyd, Gent, on same B gravestone as Gabriel Thomas
Robert Evans 1730-

Evan Evans 1722-1768 Caeglas

1764 July 7: Note concerning sureties: D Morris, clerk, and Hugh Anwyl, J Ps, approved of Richard Roberts of Pont Mawr, pa of Trawsfynydd and **Evan Evans of Caeglas**, pa of Llanfrothen, as sureties for William Humphreys, mason, for maintaining for 15 years the fence near Pont y Morfa Glas,

(K Williams-Jones, 1965, Calendar of the Merioneth Quarter Session Rolls Vol I, 1733-65, p 257)

1765 Feb 18 Marriage of **Evan Evans** & Mary Foulkes, both of this parish, in presence of John Roberts & David Morris. (LF church records)

1765 Sept 18: Burial of Mary Foulkes, Cae Glas, aged 23 (MI C019) names Evan Thomas & Evan Evans (LF church records)

?1765 Oct 9 Burial of Evan Evans, Cae Glas, farmer, aged 40 (LF church records)

1767 Mar 2 **Marriage by licence of John Evans, Llanfrothen & Lowry Owen, Dolegelly** in presence of David Morris & William Williams. (LF church records)

1768 Feb 5 **Baptism Ellen, daughter of John Evans, Cae Glas, Gent. & Lowry Owen.** (LF church records) (The family had moved to Berthlwyd, Beddgelert, pre 1772)

WERE the Owen family later involved in mortgaging / owning the Caeglas estate, the relations of Lowry Owen? Which Dolgellau family were they?

pre 1772 John & Lowry Evans with Ellen Evans born 1768, moved to Berthlwyd.

1794 John Evans, Gent died at Berthlwyd.

When did Lowry his wife die? In childbirth – with Ellen or in a second pregnancy?

A Lowry Evans died 24 Oct 1810, of Drwsycoed; (B records) probably not the same person.

Their only child was **Ellen Evans** of Dolgellau (1768 Caeglas LF-post 1855)

1772 Dec 10 Indenture Assignment & further mortgage **Evan Owen, Clerk, Pant Philip, Llangelynin** co Merioneth (**GAS X/Poole 3790**) CHECK

1772 Dec 18: 1. Evan Owen of Pant Philip, parish Llangelynin Co Merioneth, clerk

2 **Jane Isaac of Caeglas, Llanfrothen, widow of Evan Isaac, gent., deceased, and John Evans of Berthlwyd, pa Bethgelert, co Caernarvon., gent, son and heir apparent of Jane Isaac**

3. William Nanney of Maes y Pandy, co Caernarfon, Esq.

Draft **mortgage & further charge** on Cae Glas, Y Bwlch Grananog, Y Gelli felan ucha, Y Gelli felan issa, pa Llanfrothen and deeds etc concerning the same.

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And ... Indenture of Bargain & Sale and Release duly executed **28 Feb & 1 March ?1742**

1. Evan Evan of Caeglas, Gent., & Jane his wife & John Evans his son & heir apparent
2. Robert Griffith, Tanybwlch, Esq, Co. Merioneth
3. Edward Owen the younger, Garthynharad, Gent., and William Anwyl of Llandeckwyn, Esq.

being deeds to make proper tenants to the Precipe and to declare the uses of a common recovery then shortly thereafter to be had suffered and executed of the said premises the said Robert Griffith at His Majesty's Court of Great Session held 28 March did in due form of law purchase and bring writ of ... (Latin) ... defocet against Edward Owen and William Anwyl....

... **5 May 1743**...

... £167 8s 9d principal sum plua interest called in by Evan Owen, Jane Isaac & John Evans have applied to William Nanney to advance and lend the same, plus £5 18s 3d, making £173 7s 0d William Nanney agreed

..... Caeglas etc were now in tenure of Hugh Williams & his under tenants ...

(P 6) ,, ,, **17 Dec 1773**

John Evan signed his name; Jane Isaacs made her mark

(X/Poole 3554; 10 pages) TRANSCRIBED

Is this being start of the mortgages which resulted in the estates being taken over by the Owen family?

1795 Nov 3 1. Ellen Evans of Dolgelley, Co Merioneth, spinster

2. **Maurice Owen of Caernarfon** co Caernarfon Esq & Owen Antony Poole of Caernarfon, gent Draft counter bond in £520 for indemnifying Mr Owen & Mr Poole against a promissory note for £260. **(GAS, X/Poole 6662)**

E Evans was held and firmly bound unto **Maurice Owen of Caernarfon** gent & Owen Poole of Caernarfon, gent, mortgages the Caeglas estate.

1794-6 Ellen Evans, Draft Further Assignment of Mortgage in fee of premises called Y Bwlch Grananog,

Y Gelli fellin uchaf, Y Gelli Fellin issa in parish of Llanfrothen. Consideration £250.

1. William Nanney otherwise Wynn, Maes y Newydd, co M, now of Chester, Esq.,
2. Ellin Evans only daughter and heir at law of her late father John Evans of Berthlwyd, Bethgelert
3. third party not named

Names documents 28 Feb & 1 March 1742; Lease & Release 4/5 May 1743; Indenture 18 Dec 1772.

(page 12) Jane Isaac departed this life; John Evans departed this life in 1794, leaving Ellin Evans party to these ... whereas the principal sum of £173 -7-0 was not paid to Wm Nanney on the day said in the Indenture of 16 December 1772 ... the full sum of £250 plus interest ... at the request of Ellin Evans ... hath agreed to pay ... discharged the sum of £158 ... 18 December 1772

Now therefore this Indenture witnesses that the sum of £159 by the direction of Ellin Evans ...

(GAS X/Poole 3790) CHECK

1798 Wooden board in Berthlwyd kitchen said to be from pew in Beddgelert church read: E Evans, Berthlwyd 1798 (RCAHMW notes)

1805 June 1: 1. Rev Jn Nanney of Maesneuadd, eldest son & heir at law of Wm Nanney Esq

2. Eleanor Evans of Dolgelleu, only child and heiress at law of John Evans, late of Berthlwyd, gent.,

3. **Margaret Owen of Caernarvon, executor of Maurice Owen**, late of Caernarfon, and O A Poole of Caernarfon, gent.,

4. John Jones of Trefgraig, co Caernarfon, Gent.

Transfer of mortgage of lands in the parish of Llanfrothen called Cae Glas, Bwlch Grananog, Y Gelli felan ucha, Y Gelli felan isa, co Merioneth. Consideration £300

Whereas John Evans, his father & mother, Evan Isaac & Jane did in 28 Feb; & 1 March 1743 ...

Whereas on 4/5 May 1743 ... for consideration of £150 ...

Whereas on Dec 1772, Jane Isaac & John Evans ... £173-7-0 ...

Principal sum & interest due on 23 December 1794 amounted to £243-14-0 and while the said Eleanor Evans not being prepared to pay, the said Maurice Owen ... advanced the same to her to ... Wm Nanney ... Indenture under hand of W Nanney 23 Dec 1794.

... Wm Nanney undertook to transfer ... unto the said Maurice Owen & O A Poole

... subject to redemption on payment of the said sum of £243-14-0 + interest ... Full sum of £260

-Wm Nanney died some years past ... John Nanney his son & heir

- Maurice Owen died – widow Margaret Owen applied to Eleanor Evans for payment thereof & whereas Eleanor Evans not having the sum of £260, applied to the said John Jones to advance the sum +£40 making the sum £300, to which he consented. John Jones paid £260 to Margaret Owen & O A Poole

1805 Received on the date of the written Indenture of & from the within named John Jones the sum of £40 with the sum of £260 by him paid to within also named Margaret Owen & O A Poole by my direction & app... making together the sum of £300 is in full the consideration money mentioned to be paid to the said Margaret Owen & O A Poole. Signed Eleanor Evans ... etc (**GAS, X/Poole 3935**)

1832 Park Sale Catalogue names Miss Ellen Evans as owner of Caeglas estate (GAS DJ246)

1838/40 Beddgelert Tithe Commutation Map. Miss Ellen Evans of Dolgellau owned Berthlwyd Buarthau, Gerunt & Cefn Gerunt.

1840 Llanfrothen Tithe Commutation Map. Miss Ellen Evans of Dolgellau owned Caeglas

1855 Common land map for Mynydd Sygun area names Miss Ellin Owen as owner of Caeglas estate.

1865 June 1 Transfer of mortgage of lands in parish of Llanfrothen; Cae Glas etc (**GAS X/Poole/3953 (?or 3935) & 3384**) **CHECK**

HOW did Cae Glas pass to from Margaret Owen to Owen Owen?

1845 May 3 will of **Owen Owen, surgeon, Coleshill**, co Warwick bequeathed to his brother Robert Hassall Swaffield (late Owen) & his friends George Harper (Whitchurch, Salop) & the Rev Philip Roberts to hold the same on trust as to **his freehold (properties) in the parishes of Beddgelert & Llanfrothen**, that they should convey to his second son, Richard Jones Owen when reaches 21 years.

1848 Apr 24 Owen Owen died; his wife Mary Anne Owen proved the will; George Harper died

1851 & Rev Philip Roberts died 1861; Robert Hassall Swaffield died 1870, leaving his eldest son Charles James Orton Swaffield surviving; Mary Anne Owen died 24 Feb 1890;

1860 June 6 Richard Jones Owen attained the age of 21 years

1864-1873 Berthlwyd slate quarry 30 men; 170 tonnes. (Bob Owen, Diwydiannau Coll p 32)

1864-1873 Gerynt slate quarry 30 men, 50 tonnes. (Bob Owen, Diwydiannau Coll p 32)

1865 Dolfriog slate quarry 10 men, 40 tonnes (Bob Owen, Diwydiannau Coll p 32)

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1890 Aug 16: Owen Owen's nephew CJO Swaffield conveyed to **Richard Jones Owen** messuages, tenements & lands in parish of Llanfrothen, co Merioneth called **Bwlchgrananog; Gillifelanucha, Gillifelanissa** formerly in the occupation of Thomas Hughes, his undertenants & assigns since of William Davies his undertenants & assigns.

1890 Aug 16: CJO Swaffield transferred the following property to Owen Owen's second son, Richard James Owen.

1. Berthlwyd (95 acres 1 roos 12 perches) occupied by Richard Roberts at a rent of £24 ... sublet to John Evans;
2. Buarthau (87 acres 1 rood 14 perches) occupied by Richard Roberts, William Jones & others

1890-91 Particulars of rent for **Dr Owen Owen. Oalley House, Wrexham**, by William Jones of Sygun Fawr 1890-1901. Re Cae glas, Berthlwyd. Buarthau, Gerynt (1892 repairs) Cefn Gerynt; the Quarry. (UWB Searell MS 1 p87-124) Many details. Photocopied document.

1893 Aug 5: Mr Owen was the owner of Berthlwyd, Gerynt etc (Sale Catalogue of Baron Hill lands)

1918 Aug 7 in his will, Richard James Owen appointed Captain Robert Henry W Owen & his sister in law Alice Augusta Owen to be his executors & Trustees to sell. Monies to Alice during her life & then to Captain R H W Owen.

1926 Nov 7 R J Owen died

1927 Jan 18 Probated granted to **Robert Henry Withington Owen**, nephew of the deceased one of the executors.

1929 June 22 Alice Augusta Owen died.

1940 **Robert Henry Withington Owen** assented to the vesting in himself of the Caeglas estate in Llanfrothen parish. (He was Owen Owen's first son's son). Now absolute owner.

1940 Aug 1: Colin Alasdair Gresham bought Berthlwyd (841 acres), Sheepwalk subject to grazing & other rights of Buarthau & Cefngerynt.

1961 May 23: Col & Mrs Mather bought Berthlwyd (Gordon + Donald Mather & Raymond Bark Jones)

1967 Apr 6: Gordon Mather died.

1982 May 18: Donald Mather died

1989 Professor & Mrs Richard Edwards bought Berthlwyd.

HAFOD Y WERNLAS TENANTS

1761 Jun 5 B marriage of Richard Edmund, Llwyn yr hwch, **Hafod Wernlas** & Corlwyni (1738-1825) and Jonet Rowland, Hafoddydd Brithion (1739B-1817B) (TCGriffith2 [177] When did he live there?

1761 June 5: marriage of Richard Edmund, Tailor & Jonet Rowland, old spinster (G)
1762 Apr 4: baptism of Jane daughter of Richard Edmund, Llwyn yr Hwch, Tailor & Jonet Rowland his wife.

1770 Apr 29: baptism: Catherine daughter of Richard Edmund, Havod y Wernlas & Jonet his wife.

1776 Oct 6 baptism of Margaret, daughter of Hugh Owen, **Hafod y Wernlas**, labourer & Jonet. (Beddgelert Bishops Transcripts)

Berthlwyd -?Wernlas (from Gwilym Hughes, Neuadd Wen, Ffordd Penmynydd, Porthaethwy, Ynys Mon LL59 5RS & TCGriffith2 [228])

1774 May 27: marriage of Sion Prisiart (born 1750 Pentrevoelas- died 1835 Berthlwyd, stone mason and Sian Williams who died 1807 at Berthlwyd

Their children were William Jones (was he leasing the sheepwalk in 1838?),

Alice Jones (born 1778 Penrhyn/Penllyn Beddgelert – died 1859 Llandeinionlen), in 1805 married Robert Prichard, Llandegai & Berthlwyd. They had Jane 1806, **Elizabeth at Berthlwyd 1809**, John Prichard 1812 & Alice William Roberts 1815)

John Jones (born 1781 Berthlwyd- died 1863 Ty'n Llwyn), married Margaret Davies.

Richard Jones (**born 1784 Hafod Wernlas -?died in Pentrefelin**),

1784 Feb 8 baptism of Richard son of John Prichard, **Havod y Wernlas**, farmer & Jane. (Beddgelert Bishops Transcripts)

Griffith Jones (born 1787 Buarthau)

Dafydd Jones (born 1789 Buarthau-died 1830 Liverpool / Wesleyan minister in London)

1807 May 18 burial of Jane Williams, Berthlwyd (Beddgelert Bishops Transcripts) [wife of Sion Prisiart, Berthlwyd who died at Berthlwyd 1835 – see above]

1789 Feb 15 baptism of Richard, son of John Jones, Hafod y Wernlas, labourer & Anne. (Beddgelert Bishops Transcripts)

BERTHLWYD TENANTS

Griffith Price, Berthlwyd d 1755 B will

1755 Griffith Price, Berthlwyd: will: A settlement arranged on Jane Griffith Berthlwyd widow of the late Griffith Price and Richard Evan (yeoman) Cwmcaeth, Beddgelert, in order to administer the estate on behalf of William Wynne, deputy bishop and Jane Wynne on 29 November 1756. His property was valued at £39 6s 0d, comprising mostly animals, by Henry William and William Griffith.

Were they tenants after the death of Gabriel Thomas (1744) and before John Evans moved to Berthlwyd (after 1767marriage) ?

1760 Aug 27 burial of Janet ych Probert, married woman, Berth lwyd. (Beddgelert Bishops Transcripts)

1769 July 30 burial of Ann Edwards, Berth llwyd (Beddgelert Bishops Transcripts)

1801 Apr 7 burial of Griffith Jones, Berthlwyd, infant. (Beddgelert Bishops Transcripts)

1806 Mar 2 baptism of Jane, daughter of Robert Prichard, Berthlwyd & Alice (Beddgelert Bishops Transcripts)

1809 May 7 baptism of Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Prichard, Berthlwyd & Alice (Beddgelert Bishops Transcripts)

1810 Mar 4 baptism of David Jones, son of ?*Richard Jones*, Berthlwyd & Alice (Beddgelert Bishops Transcripts)

1812 May 3 baptism of John Prichard, son of Robert Prichard, Berthlwyd & Alice. (Beddgelert Bishops Transcripts)

1815 Apr 4 baptism of Alice, daughter of Robert Prichard & Alice. (TCGriffith2 [228])

1829 Dec 19 burial of Jane Thomas, Berthlwyd, aged 3 months, Llanfrothen parish records)

Berthlwyd kitchen:

? Richard Jones – a poor man (1903 essay)

A daughter of Llwyn yr Afon lived at Berthlwyd. Her (or her sister's) husband was Thomas Jones who was farming Berthlwyd. (1903 essay)

1838 (53) Berthlwyd Thomas Jones 95 (?acres/rent); Sheepwalk Thomas Jones + William Jones 64 (?acres/rent)

1841 census

Thomas Jones	40 years farmer	born in Merionethshire
Margaret	40	Not born in Merionethshire
Morris	15	Born in Merionethshire
John	14	“
Jane	11	“
Thomas	8	“
Henry	5	“
William	2	“
Margaret	7 mths	“

Berthlwyd kitchen:

After (Thomas Jones) John Jones married one of the daughters of Robert Anwyl & they lived there, and moved to Gerynt. (1903 essay)

Michael Humphrey, son of Papelleni & his wife (see Penrhyngwartheg) lived there; from there they buried Michael, young, about 1847/48.

1847 Aug 29: death of Michael, son of William Humphrey Tan y Bryn, aged 26. (Beddgelert Memorial Inscription A140)

It was then empty for a few years, until Margaret, youngest daughter of Richard & Catherine Roberts married a man from Nantlle or Talsarn called Richard Jones, a quarryman. He left his wife and three little girls and went away and was never seen again in the area. His wife was buried at the age of 26 in 1860 and from then on nobody lived there. And now there is nothing but walls. (1903 essay)

1842 Mar 11: death of Robert, aged 4, son of Robert & Catherine Roberts, Berthlwyd (Beddgelert Memorial Inscription A019)

1847 May 18: death of Elinor, aged 19, daughter of Robert & Catherine Roberts, Berthlwyd (Beddgelert Memorial Inscription A019)

1848 May 30: death of Robert, aged 5, son of Robert & Catherine Roberts, Berthlwyd (Beddgelert Memorial Inscription A019)

1851 census schedule no 47

Richard Roberts	50	farmer 159 acres	born in pa Beddgelert, Merionethshire
Catherine	wife 45		
Jane	dau 24	unmarried	Born in Beddgelert, Merionethshire
Margaret	dau 18	unmarried	“
John	son 4		“

1860 May 12: death of Margared, aged 27, daughter of Robert & Catherine Roberts, Berthlwyd (Beddgelert Memorial Inscription A019)

1861 census schedule no 49

Richard Roberts	59		
Catherine	wife 58		
John	son 14	unmarried	born in Beddgelert, Merionethshire
Catherine Jones	g dau 5		“
Margaret Jones	g dau 4		“
Jane Jones	g dau 3		“
Elizabeth Davies	17	unmarried house servant	“

Plus one uninhabited house

1863 Feb 15: death of John, aged 17, son of Robert & Catherine Roberts, Berthlwyd (Beddgelert Memorial Inscription A019)

1871 census schedule no 66

Richard Roberts	69	farmer 80 acres	born in Beddgelert, Caernarfonshire
Catherine	wife 65		born in Llanberis, Caernarfonshire
Margaret	g dau 15	scholar	born in Beddgelert, Caernarfonshire
Jane	g dau 13		“

1881 census

1 or 2 uninhabited houses

1890 Aug 16: CJO Swaffield transferred the following property to Owen Owen's second son, Richard James Owen.

1. Berthlwyd (95 acres 1 roos 12 perches) occupied by Richard Roberts at a rent of £24 ... sublet to John Evans;

2. Buarthau (87 acres 1 rood 14 perches) occupied by Richard Roberts, William Jones & others

1891 census schedule no 52

John Evans	35	slate quarryman	born in Beddgelert	Welsh
Ellen Evans			“	Welsh
Griffith	6		“	Welsh (Islwyn)
William	5		“	Welsh (Hafodydd Brithion)

Ellen	2	“	Welsh (Gerynt)
George	1 month	“	
William Evans	17	unmarried slate quarryman & farm servant born Llanfrothen, M	Welsh

UWB Searell MS1 p87-124: Particulars of rent for **Dr Owen Owen. Oalley House, Wrexham**, by William Jones of Sygun Fawr 1890-1901.

1891 Jan 5	John Evans Berthlwyd	£18 15-0	Income Tax allowance 11/-
1891 May 12	“ “	£11	
1892 Jan	“ “	£11 9-0	
1892 July 11	“ “	£11	
1892 Nov	“ “	£5 10-0	
1893 July 4	“ “	£2-10-0 + £1 + £2-15-0 + £1-5-0	
1894 July	“ “	£4	
1894 Oct	“ “	£3 + £4	
1894 Nov pd Jan 1895	“ “	£6 + £6	Income Tax 12/10d Balance £5.
1896 May 12	not named		
1896 Sept 26	“ “	£6	Paid Dec £4
Due to Dr R Jones Owen			
1896 Nov paid Jan 1897	“ “	£5 + £1 + £1	Income Tax 12/10d Balance £5
1897 July 28	“ “	£5 + £3	Balance £3
1898 Apr 26	“ “	£5	

Balance Rhent 12 Nov 1897

To balance		£9-0-0
Income Tax Allow John Evans paid		<u>12-10</u>
		£ 8-7-2
Rhent 12 May '98		<u>£11-0-0</u>
24 July paid ££ on acc		<u>£19-7-2</u>
1998 Balance		£17-7-2
4 Oct paid		<u>£ 6-7-2</u>
Rhent 12 May '98 yndue		£11-0-0
20 Jan 1899 paid £6-0-0 Bala.		£5-0-0
Rhent 12 Nov 1898		£11-0-0
Paid income tax 12/10d		
May 1 st by cash	£4-7-2	£5
Nov 11 balance		£11-0-0
12 May 1899 half year		£11-0-0
13 August 1899 paid on acc	£7-0-0	
16 Nov 1899 paid	£4-0-0	
Balance		£11-0-0
Sent to Mr Owen Nov 17 th		
Half year due 12 Nov 1899		£11-0-0
Paid Cart the new hay shed		
	By contract	£13-5-0
	Materials	£ 4-5-0
	By cash	<u>£ 14-0</u>
		£18-4-0
Balance		£ 3-16-0
1900 May 12 half year		£11-0-0
Paid July 28 1900	£11	£14-14-0

3 Nov 1900 paid £3-16-0 Balance	£3-14-0
Payd half year rhent May 12 1898	
Paid July 26 J Evans paid	£2
4 Oct " paid	£7 income tax 12/10d
17 Jan '99 John Evans Berthlwyd	£7
May 3 rd 1899 John Evans	£5 income tax 12/10d
30 Aug 1899 John Evans Berthlwyd	£7
Balance of Rents due 16 Nov 1899	
John Evans Berthlwyd	£4-0-0
11 May 1900 Ellin Evans Berthlwyd	£18-4-0
Hay house Berthlwyd £17-10-0	
Half year ended May 12 1900	
Ellen Jones Berthlwyd	£11
Ellen Evans Berthlwyd	£3-16-0
23 Jan 1901 Ellen Evans Berthlwyd	£11-0-0 Income Tax 19/3d
Ellin Evans Berthlwyd	£11-0-0
Half years rent Nov 12 1900	
23 Jan 1901 paid	£9-0-0
By J..... April 22 1901	9-0
arian a fwriadwyd am y tea	10-0
allowed by Mr Owen	<u>11-3</u>
	£11-0-3
Half year rent May 12 1901	
Ellin Evans paid 15 July	£11-0-0
Half year due May 12 1901 Payments	
15 July Ellin Evans	£11
Half year rent due Nov 12 1901	
Ellin Evans Berthlwyd Jan 20 paid	£11 Income Tax allowed £1-2-6

1900 Apr 29 death of John Evans Berthlwyd aged 44. (Beddgelert Memorial Inscription B469)
 John Evans worked the slate quarries of Blaenau Ffestiniog & died of peritonitis.
 His wife Ellen was born in 1865 at Buarthau; she was widowed with 7 children, the four above +
 Evan John, Begu (Margaret) & Dafydd 1898, (Averil Burgess' father being the youngest aged 2
 year)s.

1901 census Schedule No 28: Berthlwyd

Ellen Evans	H Widow	36	farming	born Beddgelert, C	Welsh
Ellen Evans	dau	S	12	"	W
George Evans	son	S	10	"	W
Evan J Evans	son	S	7	"	W
Maggie Evans	dau	S	5	"	W
David Evans	son	S	3	"	W
Johnathan Jones	bro	S	22	brother	"

(William Evans, 15, was shepherd at Hafodydd Britthion for the 1901 census)

William Evans worked for Richard Jones at Hafodydd Brithion before & after his marriage, & then became the tenant there. His was the last Welsh family at Buarthau

pre 1918 memories of Mrs J M Stanway (Cefn Gerunt) in 1994 remembered at Berthlwyd:

Wil Evans' mother and Griffith Evans, his wife Janet who taught in Nantgwynant school & died of TB, their son and daughters

? Ellen Jones daughter of William Jones married John Evans born Beudy Newydd; moved to Berthlwyd. Ellen died 1920, having had William Evans (born Beudy Newydd, brought up Berthlwyd) who married Mary.

1920 Dec 23 death of Ellen Evans his wife aged 55. (Beddgelert Memorial Inscription B469)

1940 Owner, Colin Gresham rented the farm.

Last to live in Berthlwyd (memoires of Mrs Gwyneth Roberts, Castell in 1991)

William Owen Roberts, his wife Mair and boys Ellis, Gwynant & Emllyn (then in Garndolbenmaen)

Brother Guto Roberts, Rhoslan was in Bethlwyd when the Povey family were in Gelli Iago; Guto married Mariam Elias, sister of Twm Elias.

c1956, Wil Roberts, then of Rhoslan, bought Cae glas from Owain Williams (Hafod Owen family) who married Jane, Garthllwynog (her sisters were Kate & Mary)

1961 Owner: Col & Mrs Mather

1989 Owners: Dr & Mrs Richard Edwards