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## BUARTHAU

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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# BUARTHAU: A History of the House & its Families

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NGR SH 625 476

Grade II

From CADW Listing Schedule:

Late C18/early C19 storeyed two-unit farmhouse with contemporary, continuously-roofed stable section to L, squat end chimneys.

Uncertain when the Berthlwyd estate was subdivided to form the additional holdings of Buarthau (1762 earliest date), Gerynt (1767 earliest date), Cefn Gerynt.

OWNERS of the Berthlwyd estate

## 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
Gabriel Thomas left his estate to Evan Isaac & his son John Evans		
5. Evan Isaac	owned Berthlwyd	1743-1755
6. John Evans	head of family at Berthlwyd	1755-1794

## 1762 earliest date so far for Buarthau.

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

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

1794 John Evans died & his only child Ellen Evans inherited the Berthlwyd & Caeglas estate.

She appears to have mortgaged the estate and it passed to the OWEN family.

?1796 Ellen Evans, Further Assignment of Mortgage in fee

1. Wm Nanney otherwise Wynn, Maes y Neuadd, 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 documemts 8 Feb & 1 March 1742; Lease & Release 4/5 May 1743; Indenture 10 Dec 1772.

**(X/Poole 3790) CHECK**

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.

Whereas John Jones – father & mother Evan Isaac & Jane did in March 1743 / 28 Feb; & 1 March 1743 (24 sheets of paper) (X/Poole 3935)

**\*\*\* X/Poole 3790 Ellin Evans, spinster, Merioneth party to a deed 1794-1795 CHECK**

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

1839 Beddgelert Tithe Commutation Map. Miss Ellen Evans of Dolgellau owned Berthlwyd (Thomas Jones), Buarthau (William Jones) sheepwalk ( W & T Jones), Gerunt (W Jones) & Cefn Gerunt (W Jones).

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 (**X/Poole/3953 & 3384**) **CHECK**

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

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.

*UWB Searell MS1 p87-124: 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 Many details. **CHECK***

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

1918 Aug 7 in his will, R J 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 RJ 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).

c 1940 Colin Gresham bought Berthlwyd +?

After the closure of the slate quarries, Buarthau & Berthlwyd joined to make a sufficient farming unit, until c1950 (C Gresham, Nanmor Deudraeth, JMHS, ???, p 116 onward)

## TENANTS

Place names only given after 1758

1762 Dec 5 baptism of Margary, daughter of Robert Owen, Buarthau, joiner, & Mary (Beddgelert Bishops Transcripts)

1765 Oct 13 baptism Richard, son of David Morris, Buarthau, labourer, & Anne (Beddgelert BT)

1768 Jan 31 baptism of Edward, son of David Morris, Buarthau, farmer, & Anne (Beddgelert BT)

1771 May 31 baptism of Elizabeth, daughter of David Morris, Buarthau, & Anne (Beddgelert BT)

1772 Apr 10: David Morris, Buarthau, named in will of Maurice Anwyl, Cae Dafydd (TCGriffith1 p 38)

1773 Sep 12 baptism of John, son of David Morris, Buarthau, farmer, & Anne (Beddgelert BT)

1775 Aug 27 baptism of Jane, daughter of David Morris, Buarthau, ?mason/majer, & Anne (Beddgelert BT)

1783 Nov 30 baptism of Owen, son of William Owen Buartha farmer & Rachel (Beddgelert BT)

1793B baptism of Catherine Roberts, Buarthau, who in 1819B married Owen Cadwalader, Hafod tal Du, Dolwyddelan; Pwll y galch & Gelli'r Ynn, Beddgelert [124] (TCGriffith1 [108])

1806 Owen Williams Talwrn, Abererch & Penarth bach married Jane Williams (1756-1873, aged 83) daughter of William Owen, Penarth bach, farmer. (TCGriffith [117])

1787 Sep 16 baptism of Griffith, son of John Prichard, Buartha farmer & Jane (Beddgelert BT)

1789 Jun 21/8 baptism of David, son of John Prichard, Buartha farmer & Jane (Beddgelert BT)

Became Rev Dafydd Jones, London (Wesleyan) (TCGriffith2 [228])

1798 Sep 30 baptism of Jane, daughter of John Prichard, Buartha farmer & *Catherine* (Beddgelert BT)

Had John Prichard been widowed & remarried, or is this a mistake?

1804 Jul 22 baptism of Morris, son of Henry Maurice, Buarthau & Catherine (Beddgelert BT)

1807 Mar 22 baptism of Jane, daughter of Henry Maurice, Buarthau & Catherine (Beddgelert BT)

1833 William Jones married Margaret, Henddol, Barmouth (1800-1840)

1838 Tithe schedule

Buarthau Owner: Miss Ellen Evans tenant William Jones

Sheep walk " William Jones & Thomas Jones (Berthlwyd)

1840 Aug 4 death of Margaret Jones, Buarthau aged 40. (Beddgelert Memorial Inscription A094)

1841 census Buarthau

William Jones	55	farmer	born in Merionethshire
William Jones	7		"
David Jones	5		"
Humphrey Jones	3		"
Margaret Jones	1		" (christened on her mother's coffin)
Margaret Williams	45	farm servant	NOT born in Merionethshire
Margaret Jones	15	farm servant	"

1840s Did William Jones re marry? to Margaret (Begi) daughter of William Evans, Ty'n Coed (TCGriffith1 [176])

1850 Nov 6 death of William Jones aged 50. (Buarthau) (Beddgelert Memorial Inscription A094)

1851 census schedule no 46

Margaret Jones	56	widow farmer 90 acres,	born Beddgelert, Merionethshire
David Jones	14	scholar	“
Humphrey Jones	12	scholar	“
Margaret Jones	10		“

1860 Dec Marriage of William Jones & Ellen Roberts, Carreg Coch, Morfa bychan,

1861 census schedule no 48

William Jones	26	farmer 100acres	Born in Beddgelert, Merionethshire
Ellen Jones	19	wife	Born Beddgelert, Caernarfonshire
Margaret Jones	61	mother, former farmer's wife	Born Beddgelert, Caernarfonshire

*1862 Jan 20 baptism of George , son of William Jones & Ellen, Buarthau. Died May 1 1862.*

*1863Apr 5 baptism of George , son of William Jones & Ellen, Buarthau. Died USA Aug 14 1907.*

*1865 Feb 27 baptism of Ellen H, daughter of William Jones & Ellen, Buarthau*

*1869 Jun 20 baptism of Eunice, daughter of William Jones & Ellen, Buarthau. Died 1979 in Tremadog, aged 100*

1871 census schedule no 45

William Jones	36	Farmer, assistant Overseer	Born Ynyscynhaiarn, C
Ellin Jones	30	wife	Born Beddgelert, Caernarfonshire
George Ll Jones	7	son	Born Beddgelert, C
Ellin H Jones	6	daughter	“
Eunice Jones	1	daughter	“
John M Jones	62	U lodger quarryman	born Llandwrog, C

*1872 Jan 17 baptism of Elizza,, daughter of William Jones & Ellen, Buarthau*

*1874 Jan 1 baptism of David, son of William Jones & Ellen, Buarthau. To Tan Llwyn, Sygun.*

*1878 Nov 26 baptism of Jonathan, son of William Jones & Ellen, Buarthau*

1881 census schedule no 1

William Jones	46	farmer, Assistant Overseer	Born Beddgelert, Merionethshire
Ellen Jones	40	wife	Born Tremadog
George Jones	17	son	Born Beddgelert, M
Ellen H Jones	15	daughter	Born Beddgelert, M
Eunice Jones	11	daughter, scholar	“
Elizza Jones	9	daughter scholar	“
David Jones	7	son	“
Jonathan Jones	2	son	“

1881 June Ellen Jones. Wife of William Jones died (Beddgelert Memorial inscription A 045)

*William Jones married the daughter of Searell, manager at Sygun Copper mine.*

1891 census schedule no 51

David Jones 17	unmarried farmer	Born Beddgelert	Welsh
Lizzie Jones 19	sister	“	Welsh
Jonathan Jones 12	brother, scholar	“	Welsh

1901 census schedule No 29 Buarthau

Lizzie Jones HS	29	farming	born Beddgelert, C.	
David Ll Jones brother S	27	farming	“	Wwlish Both

1904 Feb 22 William Jones died aged 70. (Beddgelert Memorial inscription A 045) (then of Sygun Fawr)

? David Jones died at Tan llwyn, Sygun – near his father’s home.

? Lizzie died at Bronallt, Tanrhiw Newydd, Beddgelert. In 1994 the house belonged to Ifan Roberts Castell.

? Jonathan Jones married sister of Sir Tom Williams, Hafod y Porth & moved to Llyndi Isa, then moved again.

1910 Land Tax Assessment

1911 census

? 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.

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

Local memories

House deeds

c1920s Mr Chris Moore, young Englishman, kept poultry, cut knee & died of lockjaw.

Moore Family with old gipsy style caravan (Lady taught Ballet in London)

c1990s Mr Richard Weekes & family

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