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CARNEDDI

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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SNOWDONIA DENDROCHRONOLOGY PROJECT

CARNEDDI,

Nantmor, Parish of Beddgelert, Caernarfonshire.

HOUSE HISTORY

Owned by the **Anwyl family of Parc** at least since 1623

1623: Rent roll of his majestie's chief rent ... from Ardudwy: Nanmor:

| | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|----|----|
| Wm Lewis Anwyl Esq | Carneddi | 0s | 8d |
| | Gelli Wastad & gallt y ty yn y nant | 0s | 2d |
| | Hendrefechan | 0s | 2d |

(NLW, ms 12731E, D E Jenkins 1, p 28-39)

1669 May 22 Marriage settlement in consideration of marriage between Lewis Anwyl and Catherine Griffith, spinster, elder daughter of William Griffith of Llyn, co C Esq., and of £2,000; touching mansion house of Parke, Ynisfawr, Ynisfach, Carreg Alltrem, y weirglodd fawr, Gelli Cornwydydd, Garthfoel, Llety Evan, Rhayndre, Garth y Llwynor, Coed Ty, one fulling mill and one water cornmill, all parish of Llanfrothen; Hendrefechan, **Carneddi**, Gelli Wastad, all Nanmor, parish Beddgelert; etc. (Dolgellau, Z/DJ/197)

Notes from Namora's book

Carneddi is a mountain farm of c83 acres. (Page 9)

Fields names include Y Gors Goch, Cae Tan Beudy, Clwt yr Wyn, Y Gwndwn Mawr, Gotal (Page 10)

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Sir Robert Williams's wife Catherine Anwyl of the old family of Parc & Dolfriog, were owners of some farms in Nantmor, probably including Carneddi (C C H Ch S F Cyf viii, 1977, 116-9)

1742 Morus paid rent to Sir Robert Williams of Marl, Llandudno (Rent book, LL G C (C))

1743 & 1744 Morus paid rent of £8 10s to Richard Vaughan, Pant glas, Pentrevoelas. (Rent book, LL G C (C))

1745 Sir Robert died & the land was inherited by the sister Anne, wife of Sir Thomas Prendergast of Ireland. Rent for 1743-49: £8 10s, increased in 1750-51 to £10. (Bye-Gones Feb 26, 1902)

1752-1761 Morus ap Hywel paid £18 rent for Carneddi & Hendrefechan.

According to Bob Owen, **Morus ap Hywel, Carneddi**, married Sian Prys of Beddgelert on 19 May 1732 & had at least 3 children: Rhys in 1732; Robert who died as a baby, & Robert in 1738.

Morus remarried – Catrin verch Richard Prees & Alice Rowlands & had Griffith, Jane & Owen, surnamed Morris / Maurice.

Morus ab Hywel died 11 Nov 1761 aged 63 years (1762 on his gravestone)

In his will Morus left £5 to his son Rice Morrus & £6 to Robert & £10 to

His wife received £30. £35 to Owen, £25 to Jane, the residue to his executor Griffith Maurice. (Ll G C (C))

(Page 13) Rhys Morrur went to Hafod y Llyn; Robert Morrur to Hendrefechan & **Griffith Morrur stayed at Carneddi** (H C Dec 23, 1913)

Griffith Morris married Elinor Edmwnd, daughter of Edmwnd Pritchard of Y Corlwyni. They had 4 sons: Morus, Richard, Robert & Hywel.

Cwt Coch was on Cae Dafydd land ... (Methodists at Corlwyni)

Morus Gruffydd, the eldest son, kept school in "Store House" of Y Ddol, He died 1 June 1845 aged 82 years.

Hywel Gruffydd, the 4th & youngest brother, had a small school with Henry Thomas, son of Aber tavern in the old Kiln, Cae Dafydd. Thomas married Marsli Powell, Hafod y Rhisgl; Hywel worked at Hafod y Rhisgl & married Ann Evans, Drwsycoed who also worked there. They moved to Gwynant Street & had 7 children.

(Page 19) Richard Gruffydd, 3rd son, married Catrin, daughter of Robert Hughes Tylyrni. Old Tylyrni was built by Morus ap William of Hafod Garegog as beudy – date stone of 1662. Later a new house, Pen y Bont was built – the home of Richard & Catrin. Richard walked to Sasiwn y Bala (Methodist). Sunday school was held in Tylyrni.

Their son Gruffydd Prisiart, of Tylyrni, Methodist, moved to Beddgelert – a miner.

Connection with Carneddi with next generation: Carneddog's brother, William and his wife Elin Evans Dinas Ddu, lived at Tylyrni, having Robert, Jane and Judith.

(page 22) **Robert Gruffydd**, Carneddi, 2nd son of Gruffydd ap Morris, born 1765, married Beti Jones, sister of John Jones, Cowper. They had 3 sons: John Roberts farmer in 1841, Griffith Morris farmer in 1841 & Morris Griffith carpenter in 1841; and 2 daughters: Jane and Catrin. Robert died in 1847 aged 82 years, leaving 3 sons in Carneddi.

Griffith Morris remained unmarried; John married Elizabeth, daughter of John Williams, Nantdwr oer & had a son John born 1840.

Morris Griffith, Carneddi, married Mari, daughter of William Williams & Sion Owen (daughter of Owen Morris Hendre fechan), Bwlch Llechog & then Bron yr Aur. By 1861 they had 7 children; then in late **1861 Richard Griffith (Carneddog)** was born, & John in 1864.

(page 23) The old house at Carneddi formed a cross & had been added to 2-3 times. Very rough in the building, especially the oldest part, but it all proved the craftsmanship of the old stone masons. The age of the house is uncertain.

There was an old church of part of the land and some people judge from the cross-shape that that has something to do with the old church. All built when Catholicism was the old religion of our country.

Carneddi was a home for ordinary people from 1650. It was a simple mountain farm and the land around had been dug and brought from the mountain with pickaxes, in small fields full of stones which had been gathered a piled tidily.

The inhabitants had never been famous but they were all fond of poetry and singing. Some of them became foremost in religion (Methodism). Carneddog was interested not only with the rough life but also some of his ancestors. Carneddog married Catrin.

When Carneddog became ill in 1897 the landlord was forced to realise the disgraceful condition of the old cottage. Perhaps what some of his neighbours in the area had told the landlord was enough to make him realise how bad it was. It is also likely that

Catrin herself wasn't short of drawing his attention. Anyway it took 6 years before Mr Priestley was made to realise his responsibility towards his tenant to build a new house bigger for the needs of the family. Before this was done, it became necessary to find somewhere for them to live during the period of building and on 12 Nov 1903 Carneddog received the following from the owner: Richard Griffith, I hope it will be convenient for you to go down tomorrow to see Mr Humphreys about receiving the new house at Beudy Newydd for a while, Yours faithfully, A B Priestley.
The new house at Carneddi was ready in 1914.

1901 census ED 14, schedule no 34 (2 rooms)

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|------------------|------|---|----|----------|-------------------|---|
| Richard Griffith | H | M | 39 | farmer | born C Beddgelert | W |
| Catherine “ | wife | M | 35 | milliner | C Beddgelert | W |
| Richard Morris “ | son | U | 3 | | C Beddgelert | W |

1919 John Lloyd Priestley decided to sell his estate.

1920 Hafod Garregog Sale Catalogue Lists field names.
Carneddi was bought by Carneddog for £525.

Soon after the 1921 Sale Carneddog bought the Crown Rent for his property. (Ellen Jones, Gelli'r Ynn, 2008)

c1946: Mr Dunn bought Carneddi when Richard Griffith (d 1947) wanted to sell after his son Hywel drowned in August 1945. Mr Dunn bought Carneddi in order to own the right of way to Ty Mawr.

Richard Griffith's son Richard Morris Griffith* may have sold Ty Mawr to Mr Dunn on his father's behalf. *daughter: Mrs Nesta Minkley, Carneddi, Wood Lane, Cadeby, Nuneaton, CV13 0AU. (Ellen Jones, Gelli'r Ynn, 2008)

1921 Richard Griffith [Carneddog] bought Carneddi & ½ Ty mawr (part with fireplace) – a farm building

The other ½ of Ty Mawr, also a farm building, belonged with Ty mawr cottage. WHO OWED IT? ? Mr Lloyd then Mr Dunn.

Mr & Mrs Ruck farmed Carneddi.

Dec 1945 Mr & Mrs Ruth Orkney-Work bought Carneddi & ½ Ty Mawr from Mr Dunn prior to a court case relating to over grazing & sheep getting onto Gelli'r Ynn mountain land. (Ellen Jones, Gelli'r Ynn, 2008)

1968 Mr Dunn sold his half of Ty Mawr to Ruth Ruck. (pers Comm, Carneddi family, 2008) This joined all Ty Mawr land with Carneddi land.

Check in Ruth Ruck's books.

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