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Hafod Tan Y Graig

Beddgelert
Gwynedd

House History

A Part History of the House & its Families

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

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HAFOD ANHREG later caUed HAFOD TAN Y GRAIG

NANT GWYNANT, Gwynedd (in former Caernarfonshire)

EARLY REFERENCES

1199 Charter of Prince Llewelyn the Great granting much of Nant Gwynant to the Cistercian monks at Aberconwy. This includes the holding called Havod Tandrec.

? 1322/3 6 Edward III, Hafat Tandrec. (AC, 1939,150.)

1508 Havod Tantherek. Baron Hill 3206 (Bxx 390)

c 1509 Meredith ap Ieuan ap Robert obtained the lease of the grange of Nanhoyne from the Abbot of Aberconway.

1536 Henry VIII s Minister s Accounts of Nanhwynan grange: includes Havod Taurek.

1524/5 Havod tandreck (Wynnstay, 101/142)

1558/9 Havod tandreck (Wynnstay, 101/141)

1592 Hafod Tandreg: (Calendar of Wynn Papers No 132. / 24)

Sir John Wynn of Gwydir claimed that his great grandfather Meredith ap Jevann ap Robert held the grange of Havod Tandreg in the lordship of Nanhoyne by lease from the Abbot of Conway and exchanged it with a neighbour, Dafydd ap Meredith ap Griffith ap Yollyn, for the lease of another grange, Havod Riske, which Meredith left to his son Cadwalader.

The northeast gable end and fireplace of a 16th-17th century house survives, with a small contemporary cottage nearby. (1954 RCAHMW)

1629 Havod Tandreg ucha, Havod Tandreg issaphe (Wynnstay C/30)

Owned by the Wynn family of Gwydir and passed to the Wynnstay estate.

1800 Havod hangraig (Bangor, Forth yr Aur 18654)

1803 Havod hangraig (Bangor, Forth yr Aur, 19970)

1803 : Sold by Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., with Llyndy Uchaf, to Rev Daniel Vawdrey

KNOWN TENANTS

1715 Nov 17/18: tenants John Williams £10-10-0

William Probert £10-0-0. (Chester archives: DMD/D/12)

1761 Henry Williams widow. 14/0 1/4d (Land Tax)

1767 Will of Henry Williams, Havod Anrheg mentions his wife Ellin, his daughters Ann Parry, Jane Parry, Margaret Parry, **Jonnet Parry**; his sons William Parry and **John Parry**; his grandchildren David Williams, Henry Williams, William Morris, Robert Morris, Richard Isaac & Jonnet Morris. His estate was worth £127-12-0. (Achau ac Ewyllysiau Teulueodd De Sir Gaemarfon, T C Griffith, 1989, p 35)

From Roy Williams of Neston: (sources unknown) **Jonnet Parry** married Griffith Williams 6 Dec 1767 Children: William bom/bapt? 12 Dec 1768 at Hafod Anrheg

Elenor Henry 3 Oct 1771
Janet 7 Aug 1774 at Gerunt
Sion (or Sian?) 6 April 1777
Ann 22 August
11 April 1790 at Gerunt

(See Gerynt file for the family from 1783 1813)

Mr Henry Williams, a descendent of the Henry Williams of 1761, has researched his family history and now lives at 21 Bryn Tyddyn, Pentrefelin, Criccieth, Gwynedd LL52 OPE. TEL: 01766 522953.

1771-1775 Ellin Williams Hafod Hanreg (Land Tax)
1777-1783 **John Parry** Hafod Tan y graig (Land Tax) He was the son of Henry & Ellin Williams
1784-1802 John Parry, yeoman. Proprietor Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart. (Land Tax)

1803 1830 Daniel Vawdrey, the new owner, who built Plas Gwynant c 1804/5 within the holding and brought great agricultural improvements. (Land Tax) John Parry wrote to Daniel Vawdrey asking to be allowed to remain as tenant.

1804 Daniel Vawdrey married Ann Wyatt of Penrhyn / Llandegai, sister of James Wyatt, later of Bryn Gwynant.

1805 He straightened the bend in the Afon Glaslyn.

1807 Daniel Vawdrey of Plas Gwynant . Who lived at Hafod Tan y graig?

1808 1811 He planted 20,000 trees oak, firs, ash.

1824 10 cottages on the estate, 2 being the original farmhouses.

1829 High Sheriff of Caernarfonshire.

1836 Daniel Vawdrey 1 moved to Hafod Tan y Graig & died there in 1844.

c 1830s Mr Vaudrey, an old fashioned gentleman in gaiters used to live at Hafodhandreg. He used to give an ox at Christmas to the poor at Beddgelert. We children used to be taken over to visit the Vaudreys and were allowed to pocket desert for those of us left at home. (John Clough Williams-Ellis, A Merioneth Boyhood in the 1830s, JMHRs, 1964, p 357) 1838 Hafod Tan y graig on O.S. map 75 (IAMW ii.23)

1839 Daniel Vawdrey (Tithe schedule)

1841 census Daniel Vawdrey Ann	69 Independent means.	Not bom in Caems.
Thomas Griffith	59	
Thomas Margaret	17 Agric, labourer	
Morice Catherine Williams	50	Bom in Caems
	18	

1844 Daniel Vawdrey 1 died. His widow Ann died in 1845.

post 1820 WHEN WAS THE HOUSE REBUILT & LET TO GENTRY FAMILIES ?

1851 census (56) Charles Caton Spooner 32 Civil Engineer Bom Mer, Maentwrog

Mary Spooner		Birmingham
George Pervival Spooner	9mth	Beddgelert.
David Jones	44 Groom & gardner	Penmachno
Margaret Williams	22 servant. Cook	Beddgelert
Jane Griffith	21 housemaid of nurse	Llanaber
Catherine Buckingham	widow 27 nurse	Ynyscyncaiam

1861 census (67) H P Hammer, Liverpool + wife & son

1866 PLAN of enlarged current Hafod Tan y Graig.

1867 Saw Mill operating.

1870 new road to Hafod.

1871 census Unoccupied. Akermans there from 1870 1873.

1881 census Caretaker

1884 Captain J G Wynn Griffith of Bangor.

1891 census Gardner

1892 Benjamin LL Vawdrey died.

1896 Rev Daniel Vawdrey 11 died, unmarried.

1901 census

1910 Land Tax Assessment

1911 census

1934 Daniel Vawdrey 111 died.

1979 Daniel Vawdrey IV died, unmarried.

NAME

1939 AC.p1Sl. — Hafod Tan y Graig.

RW/HA. 168 Lienor VII, 246.

Herald Lienor Bodandreg (Portdinorwic); Hafat Tandrec Mon. Augt v.673.

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