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## Hafodruffydd-Uchaf

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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## SNOWDONIA DENDROCHRONOLOGY PROJECT

### HAFOD RUFFYDD UCHAF,

#### Beddgelert, Gwynedd

#### HOUSE HISTORY

**Not noted in RCAHMW Caernarvonshire Inventory II, 1960.**

**NOT LISTED by Cadw**

#### **Early History:**

In the mid 13 century this NE part of the township of Pennant in Eifionydd was comprised of bond land (gafaelion) which had “once held some of the depleted remnants of the native population, dwelling in their round huts. It had probably become deserted or almost so, and was in the hands of the Prince, Llywelyn ap Gruffydd.” (CA Gresham 1973, Eifionydd, p 5, 62)

In a charter dated the 11<sup>th</sup> of March **1268**, a Deed of Agreement was made between Llywelyn Prince of Wales, Lord of Snowdon, and the Prior and convent of Beddgelert in which the Prince gave to the Prior and Canons “all the cultivated and uncultivated land with the meadows, woods, pastures, and grazings” west of the rivers Colwyn and Ferlas (Glaslyn) along the watershed from the old bridge (Aberglaslyn) [Yr Wylfa, Moel Ehedog, Bwlch Meillionen, Bwlch llyfn, Bwlch trwsgl, Bwlch rindeyliawr are named] to the Eifionydd/Arfon boundary in the direction of Rhyd Ddu. This land became “The Prior’s Land”. It was given in exchange for lands held by the Prior and Convent in Dolwyddelan, Penardd in Arfon and Ymwelch in Eifionydd. (Littere Wallie, pp 58-9) (C A Gresham 1973 Eifionydd, p 61)

In the Taxation of Pope Nicholas in 1291 the Prior of Bethkellard had 50 cows and 22 sheep. Most of these were probably grazed on the lands in Nant Colwyn but some would have been kept on outlying granges belonging to the priory. (C A Gresham 1973 , Eifionydd, p 63)

Griffith ap Llewelyn, was the prior before David Conway, and retired around 1500.

**Maybe Hafod Ryffudd was named after him.**

David Conway, the last prior, held office and lived in the prior’s house for thirty years, and was dead by 1535, when the king bestowed the priory on the Abbey of Chertsey in Surrey. In 1536 Chertsey was given to the Abbey of Bisham, which was dissolved in 1537. The lands and revenues of Beddgelert were then placed under the jurisdiction of the Court of Augmentations. (C A Gresham 1973 Eifionydd, p 66 )

In **1535-6** The Abbot of Chertsey granted a lease of the site, manors, messuages etc of the Priory of Beddgelert to John Gouch (Ieuan ap Llywelyn ap Gronw of Eifionydd ) who was dead by 1544. (PRO Court of Augmentations, 251/35)

#### **DENDROCHRONOLOGY results as follows:**

S cruck T2 felling date range (1520-60)

Collar T2 (1534-74 (OxCal 1534+63)

Ncruck T2 (1520-60)

N [or is it S] cruck T1 (mean of 2 samples)

1514-54 (OxCal 1512-38)

#### **Site Master OxCal 1531-46**

Situated chimney gable-end into the SE side of an open mountain valley, at 190m above O.D. Front faces 7SOUTH. Nearby stream.

*Hafodruffydd-uchaf, Beddgelert, Gwynedd, (NPRN 406475)*

*A platform-sited, three-bay range with upper-end chimney and trusses of morticed collar-beam type; redundant mortices cut into fireplace beam suggest modification of an earlier dragliff plan. This upland farmstead was in the possession of the Augustinian priory of Beddgelert until the Reformation. The tree-ring date range of 1531-46 straddles the Reformation, but it seems likely that the house was built after a lease was granted by the last prior of Beddgelert in 1528. (R Suggett, RCAHMW Annual Report 2006-7, p 55)*

*BEDDGELERT, Hafodruffydd-uchaf (SH 568 496)*

*Felling date range (OxCal modeled) 1531-46 (unrefined 1531-53)*

*A platform-sited, three-bay range with upper-end chimney and trusses of morticed collar-beam type; redundant mortices cut into the fireplace beam suggest modification of an earlier crogloffft plan. This upland farmstead was in the possession of the Augustinian priory of Beddgelert until the Reformation. The tree-ring date range of 1531-46 straddles the Reformation, but it seems likely from the documentation that the house was built after a lease was granted by the last prior of Beddgelert in 1528. [no was 1529] The house was replanned in the nineteenth century with the introduction of a central stair, new ceilings, and the creation of a heated parlour at the lower end. The stub of a cruck blade in a much altered parallel agricultural range was not suitable for sampling. (Vernacular Architecture, Vol 38, 2076, List 193: Welsh Dendrochronology Project Phase 11, p 135)*

By 1547-8 William Loveles of Henley-on-Thames had bought the lease and he presented a Bill of Complaint to the Court of Augmentations reciting that Richard ap Rice and others had entered upon the Prior's land. His Bill was dismissed but he sought redress from the Court of Chancery, requesting the court to direct the Justices of the Peace to enquire into the matter and set it right. (PRO Court of Chancery, Cl/1244/53) John Wynn ap Maredudd of Gwydir was the 'King's Steward of the lands and possessions belonging to the lately dissolved Priory of Bethkelerd' (CQSR, p 61) and he may have settled the matter. (C A Gresham 1973 Eifionydd, p 66-7)

However in 1556-7, Loveles was again complaining to the Court of Chancery, this time about one tenement, HAVODE RUFFYTH, in the township of Pennant, and consisting of 90 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in the northern part of the Prior's Land. (Early Chancery Proceedings ECP Caernarvonshire 1447/49-53) Loveles claimed that this tenement had been unlawfully entered by Lewis ap Morris Gethin ap Ieuan ap Rice, and held by him. (C A Gresham 1973 Eifionydd p 67-8)

Lewis ap Morris said in his answer that his father, **Morris Gethin, had taken a lease on the lands, dated 2 January 1529, from David Conway, Prior of Bethkilhert.** This lease has survived (NLW Dolfriog deed no. 149) and names HAVOD RUFYDD, Cadair Wyrchyn, Cwm trwscl, Cwm llechog and Cwm duy in Pennant (in Eifionydd) and Pennardd (in Uwch Gwyrfai). The land on the west side of Llyn Gadair was formerly the land of Iorwerth ab Ithel ap Dafydd. Morris Gethin was of Hafod Garegog in Nanmor and was the maternal grandson of Rhys Goch Eryri, the fifteenth-century poet. Morris Gethin married Gwerfyl verch Gruffydd ap Dafydd and Lewis ap Morris was their son. (C A Gresham 1973, Eifionydd pp 60-8)

William Loveles died before 14 November 1562 (GAS Tan y Bwlch Z/DV 163). His executors were still dealing with his estate in 1573 (Dolgellau Archives, Z/DV 165).

According to the Patent Rolls (27 H. VIII, pt. 2, 28-9) Lewis ap Morris was correct & in 1535 Henry VUI granted the Priory to the Abbot of Chertsey; in 1537 the lands of Chertsey were made part of the Priory of Bisham; on 19 June 1538 Bisham was surrendered to the Crown & the profits of the late Priory of Beddgelert were given to Ann of Cleves as part of her pension. After her death in 1557 they came back into the hands of Queen Mary. On 20th February 1560-1 a lease for 21 years of the house and site of Bethkilbert priory was made to John Tamworth, groom of the privy chamber at a yearly rent of £42. (Close Rolls, 3 Eliz)

In 1573 the lands of the priory were sold by the Crown to Lord Cheney; on 18 April the Inquisition for the lands in Caernarvonshire was taken before Robert Turbridge at Caernarvon and the names of tenants and annual rents were as follows: TUTHIN Y LIAN or Y PRIORDIE in Pennant- Kadwalador Gruff ap Robert - 7s. 8d.

**HAVOD RUFFIDD** in Pennant & Cader yr ychen in Pennarth - Ludovicus ap Mores Gethin and Gwervil vz Gruff - 53s. 4d.

MELLIONEN in Pennant - Owen Wynne, armiger - 40s.

COMCLOCH in Pennant - Davith ap Robert - 33s. 4d. etc (PRO Court of Exchequer, 318/2310) (C A Gresham 1973 Eifionydd, p 69)

On 16 February 1575 the bargain and sale enrolled is recorded between 1. John Duddleley and John Ayscough, esqs. and 2. John Salesburye of Ruyge esq. and Henry Dynne of Heydon, co Norfolk, gent, of messuages and tenements called: t'ship treeyrbeirth, co Anglesey ... capital messuage, formerly of Priory of Bethkelert, t'ments called TUTHIN Y LLON, alias Y PRIORDYE and MEILLIONEN, t'ments called COMCLOCHE and Maies y llecha and Braycha y beb, t'ship Pennant co Caerns. ...t'ship Dolwyddelan; ... Tythyn y wenith t'ship aberche;...in Llanfair

... **HAVOD RUFFIDD** and CADER YR YCHEN t'ships Pennant & Pennarth co.... Caerns. etc (NLW Rug 612 )

[See ref to Henry Dynne in 1572 re election of burgess member of Parliament for Denbigh (CWP 44; J Williams Ancient & Modem Denbigh p 98)]

Morys Wynn, Gwydir (died 1580) 'also tenanted MEILLIONEN and purchased from the Crown, for £2 13s 4d the farm of Nant Colwyn and the free farm rent of Cae'r Ychen in **Hafod Ruffudd** in Beddgelert which formerly belonged to the priory of Beddgelert. From this attachment arose Wynn's liability to maintain a poor scholar of that parish in Friars School, Bangor for a year at the cost of £2 14s 4d issuing out of Hafod Ruffudd which was to be paid by even portions during the scholar's residence at the school'. (J G Jones NLWJ XXII p 152; NLW ms 6414(d), 20; UWB Mostyn ms 5441; PRO E. 318/2310; C A Gresham 1973 Eifionydd pp 67-9.)

Morys Wynn established an annual scholarship at Friars School, Bangor for the benefit of one promising scholar from the parish of Beddgelert who was 'to be taught and brought upp in learning' (GAS XCQSR 1616-7[Petition]). In 1607 it was reported that the scholarship had ceased to exist. (NLW ms 9053E.459) The annuity had been paid out of two farms called Meillionen and Hafod Ruffudd in Beddgelert. Charity Commission Reports: Endowed Charities (Caernarfon) (1897), pp 75-6. The returns made to parliament in 1786 showed that Wynn, in his will, had given a rent charge of £3 13s 4d for the maintenance of one poor scholar. (H Barber

& H Lewis, The History of Friars school, Bangor (1901), App., pp. 172-3; Lincolnshire Record office. 4 Anc 4/8, p. 19

(Sir Richard Wynn's Rent-roll 1647); J G Jones 1995 Wynn Family of Gwydir p 146.)

In 1576 Lewis ap Morris's son Hugh Lewis sublet HAVOD RYFFYTHE to Owen ap Robert Owen of Nant Mawr co Anglesey, gent, for 53s. 4d. (NLW Dolfriog 199) In her will dated 17 February 1578/9 Gweyryl verch Ryffith [widow of Morris Gethin] bequeathed her part, that is one half, of HAVOD RYFFYTH between her three sons Wylliam Vychan, Wylliam Gethen ap Mores Gethun and Jhon ap Mores (sic), during the years not expired (NLW Dolfriog 200)

On 14 August 1581 Hughe ap Lewes ap Mores of Nanmor went to arbitration against his uncles, the three sons of Morris Gethin - William Vaughan, John and William Gethyn. The arbitrators awarded that the three brothers "shall assure to Hughe Lewes the moiety of a tenement and lands called HAVOD RYFFYDD in the t'ships of Pennant and Penarth, in the tenure of Gwerfyl ap Gruffith, widow during the unexpired term of the lease granted .... to Maurice Gethyn, deceased" AND that Hughe Lewes "shall release to William Vaughan and John ap Mores one fourth part of HAVOD RYFFYDD being the moiety of the part now in the tenure of Gwerfyl verch Gruffith, for 12 years, at a yearly rent of 13 s. 6d .....(NLW Dolfriog 524) WAS this when the Hafod ryffydd holding became subdivided?

In 1585 a deed to the uses of a fine of messuages and lands...includes .... TYTHYN Y LLAN, Bethkelert (NLW Dolfriog 460)

In 1587 Hugh Lewis died and Letters of Administration of his estate were granted to his widow Jane Woode. (NLW Dolfriog 153) She presented a Bill of Complaint (undated) to the Council in the Marches in connection with the alleged trespass by six people in respect of a leasehold messuage and 100 acres of land called HAVOD RYFFITH in Evionidd and Penarth. (NLW Dolfriog 87)

In 1597 she made an assignment of one third of the lease of HAVOD GRUFFITH , Kader yr ychen, Kwm trwscwll, Kwm llechog and Kwm duy in Pennarth and Pennant, to the executors of the will of Rowland Gruffith of Penbras co Caems. (NEW Dolfriog 36) She was dead by April 1598. (NLW Dolfriog 204) OR WAS this when the holding became subdivided?

In 1602 her eldest son William ap Hugh (Pugh) Lewis died , in the last year of Elizabeth's reign. (NLW Dolfriog 38)

[pre 1604 : Morys Jones bought Meillionen, Hafod Ruffydd with Cadair yr Ychen adjoining it in the next township of Pennarth.(C A Gresham, Eifionydd, 1973 p 70)]

[ Meillionen & Hafod Ruffydd came into the possession of Humphrey Jones, whose mother was the heiress of Meillionen. (CA Gresham TCHS 1969 p 26)]

On 2 July 1614 a grant of the reversion of t'ments and lands and a Bargain and Sale enrolled is recorded between 1. Frances Dynne of the Inner Temple, London, gent., cousin & next heir of Henry Eynne, decd., late of Heyden, co Norfolk, gent, and 2. William Salesbury of Rug, esq. including TYTHIN Y LLAN alias y Priordy, HAVOD RUFFIDD and CADER YR YCHEN, MEILLIONEN, COMCLOCH .....all t'ship Pennant co Caems. (GAS Newborough Rug 1342 & 1343)

In January 1631 the Prior's lease presumably expired, when held by the eldest son of William ap Hugh Lewis, Morris Williams of Havod Garegog (High Sheriff of Merioneth in 1664-5). cl7 (?post 1678) Dolwyddelan rental (NLW MS 6414D p 20) includes "Memorand' Cader'r ychen in Havod Ruffith in Berthkelert That there is a ffee ffarme rent out of Cae'r ychen & Havod wydir in Berthkelert parish of £2-13-11 is to be paid yearly to maintaine a poor scholler of the p'ish of Berthkelert in Bangor school wch old Maurice Wynne Esqr deceased [died 1580] bought from the Crowne belonging to ye Priory of Berthkelert my Lord Willoughby [ after 1678 marriage] has onely ye choice & recommendation of this poor scholler"  
1607 Nov 18 Letter from Henry Rowlands, Bishop of Bangor, reminds Sir John Wynn of Gwydir that the scholarship, founded by his father, has long been void , and suggests that Sir John should nominate a youth said to have been born in Berthkelerte, who has a tunable voice apt for the choir. (NLW CWP 459)

#### OWNERS & TENANTS

1661 Hearth Tax Hafod ruffydd ucha: two hearths,  
Hafod ruffydd issa ? : four hearths.

1697 Hafod ruffyth WILL of Griffith ap Evan made 3 January  
£30 to each of his son, Richard Griffith & two daughters Jane Griffith & Katherine Griffith;  
£10 to his grandson William Prichard . His widow Jane ach Evan was to have half his personal and house contents as executor, his son Evan Griffith to have the remainder. Will proved 1 May 1698; Valuation was £179 (T Ceiri Griffith 1989 Achau ac Ewyllysiau Teuluoedd De Sir Gaernarvon p 19 )

(1697 will of Griffith ap Evans, Hafodruffyth. His wife was Jane ach Evan) Their daughter Jane Griffith in 1689 married Hywel Gruffydd who died in 1712.  
(T Ceiri Griffith 2003 Achau rhai o deuluoed hen Sireodd Caernarfon, Meirionnydd a Threfaldwyn [171])

1721 Margaret Roberts, Hafod Ruffydd (died 1780) married Pierce Morgan, free holder (1690-1745), youngest son of Morgan Hughes, Wernlasdeg (who died 1698) & was a son of Hugh Morgan Hughes of Ystrad who died 1703 & was a son of Morgan Hughes of Ystrad who was alive in 1662. (T Ceiri Griffith 2003 Achau rhai o deuluoed hen Sireodd Caernarfon, Meirionnydd a Threfaldwyn [4])

Margaret Roberts was a daughter of Robert Isaac (1680-1734), Llanfrothen & +Jonet Jones, Festiniog (1681-1762) of Hafodruffydd. (T Ceiri Griffith 2003 Achau rhai o deuluoed hen Sireodd Caernarfon, Meirionnydd a Threfaldwyn [122])

Pierce Morgan & Margaret had 11 children including  
Rhys ap Pierce (1725-1783), Hafodruffydd & Ystumcegid who married Margaret Prys, Glyn Cywarch & had 11 children.

Evan Pierce (1737-1825), who married Alice Prichard & had 15 children of whom Griffith Evans (1779-1846) with Catherine Jones his wife lived at Hafod ruffydd;

William Pierce (1743-1827), Hafod ruffydd had 5 children.

(T Ceiri Griffith 2003 Achau rhai o deuluoed hen Sireodd Caernarfon, Meirionnydd a Threfaldwyn [4])

1762 Oct 30: burial of +Jonet Jones, widow, Hafod Ruffyth, Beddgelert, aged 81 years  
(Llanfrothen church records)

1765 Alice Williams, eldest daughter of William Williams, gent, (1698-1779) Hafod Ysbyty & Ffridd Uchaf, married William (or Evan) Pierce, Hafod ruffydd. (T Ceiri Griffith 2003 Achau rhai o deuluoed hen Sireodd Caernarfon, Meirionnydd a Threfaldwyn [75] & [139])

1771 -1818 Land Tax Returns (GAS XQA/LT/ 7/1) **Hafod Ruffydd Uchaf**

1771 Tenant John Williams (with Meillionen)

(In wills dated 1772 & 1802 - John Pierce, Hafodryffydd is mentioned)

1784 tenant Lettice Williams, widow (with Meillionen) Owner: Richard Parry Esq.

1785-9 tenant Rice Hughes

" "

1795-1801 tenant Mrs Hughes, widow

" "

1802-18 tenant William Williams

" "

1792 June 4 'John Samuel, living on Hafod Ryffydd land' was listed as a witness returning of cattle into Cwm Cyd; deposition of witnesses. (Bangor ms 27475)

1795 Hafod ruffydd is shown on John Evans' map of North Wales (GAS)

1771-1818 Land Tax (GAS XQA/LT/7/1) *Hafod Ruffydd Issa*

Tenant Margaret Roberts, widow. £2-16-0 Owner: Richard Parry Esq. She was the widow of Pierce Morgan, youngest son of Wernlasdeg (1690-1745) and died 1780. (T Ceiri Griffith 2003 Achau rhai o deuluoed hen Sireodd Caernarfon, Meirionnydd a Threfaldwyn [3]) Her property was valued at £261-18-3 comprised many animals and other items. (TC Griffith 1989 Achau ac Ewyllysiau Teuleodd De Sir Gaernarfon, p 42) She was cousin to Thomas Rowland, Caerau who inherited Nant in 1703) (T Ceiri Griffith 2003 Achau rhai o deuluoed hen Sireodd Caernarfon, Meirionnydd a Threfaldwyn [3])

1784-1818 Tenant: Evan Pierce & William Pierce (her sons) (Land Tax GAS XQA/LT/7/1) Hafod Ryffydd issa.

MORGAN family [see Ystrad file]

1745 June 25: +Pierce Morgan copy will (GAS X Poole 3250)

Pierce Morgan of the parish of Bethgelert, co C, gent., To Richard Hughes of Ystumcegid, co C, Gent., and Edward Griffith of Caernarvon, mercer, leaves his house & lands called **Yr Ystrad** in the parish of Llanfairisgaer, co C, & a house & lands called Leinia fathew alias **Tan y fordd** in the parish of Llanwnda, co C, for a term of 200 years in trust to permit his wife Margaret Morgan (Nee Roberts) to occupy the premises during her life & also in trust, in case of wife s death, for the maintenance of his children till they reach 21 years & also in trust to mortgage the said premises to raise the sum of £300, £200 of this sum is to be used to pay off his debts & the debts of his mother Lowry Rowlands. The real estate subject to the above trusts he leaves to his eldest son Morgan Pierce. To each of his sons, Robert, John & Rice leaves £60 each. To the rest of his children leaves £60 each. The rest of his estate & personal estate he leaves to his wife Margaret whom he appoints as executrix.

Pierce Morgan, Hafod Ruffudd (1690-1745)

His eldest son Morgan Pierce died without issue & intestate.



His cousin & heir at law, Morgan Jones, late of Bettws Capel Garmon, deceased. His eldest son & heir, John Morgan of Caernarfon in 1806 post nuptial settlement & abstract of title of John Morgan to Yr Ystrad estate, p Bettws Capel Garmon. He was dead by 1811, as was his son David Morgan; another son John Morgan of Yr Ystrad was involved in lease of Snowdon Ranger in 1812.

(NLW Rumsey Williams Vol 2 nos 288-9, 290-2; also 304?)

(In wills dated 1775, 1780 & 1784 Evan Pierce, Hafod ruffydd is mentioned ) Evan Pierce (1737-1825) married Alice Prichard (1735-1834) in 1760 and had 13 children at Hafod ruffydd between 1762-1779.) (T Ceiri Griffith 2003 Achau rhai o deuluoed hen Sireodd Caernarfon, Meirionnydd a Threfaldwyn [4])

1809 marriage of David Jones (1785-1843) Drwsycoed, Hafodruffydd & Ffridd isaf, and Ann Roberts, Clogwin y gwin (1789-?). (T Ceiri Griffith 2003 Achau rhai o deuluoed hen Sireodd Caernarfon, Meirionnydd a Threfaldwyn [47])

1815 John Williams mentioned in Beddgelert Vestry Book p 18 (GAS, XPA)

1820 Alis Williams wife of William Pierce, died 10 April aged 77 years (A1 67) [she was a midwife, & drowned in crossing river to Ffridd; body recovered below Beddgelert church (UWB Bangor ms 15723 no 115) ]

1812 14 Nov Richard Griffith on behalf of Rich. Parry to Messr. Wm. & Sev. Doche. Agreement for a lease of QUARRIES upon **Hafod ruffydd uchaf**, pa Beddgelert.

(UWB Forth yr Aur Ms 31,180-1) FIRST reference to (slate) quarries.

1814-1820 Griffith Jones, Tancia Mawr (on HR[G] land) received parish relief. (UWB Bangor ms 15723 no 116)

c1816-1820 first edition OS maps surveyor's drawing : not seen for Hafod Ruffydd, Glan y Gorse is shown within a yard on west of turnpike road.

c 1815 - 1820 at **Hafod Ruffydd uchaf** : Griffith Ellis; Catrin Pierce till 1834; Harry Morris till 1844; there used to be three cottages there until the present farmhouse was built by 1880. (UWB Bangor ms 33242 p 71)

1822 Dec 2: Hafod ruffydd £32 for Poor rate (2/- in the £) (GAS, XPA, Vestry Book p56)

1822 marriage of Elizabeth Jones (1801-?) Cae lloi & **Hafod ruffydd uchaf**, 1st Ffoulk Morries, (1799-1829) miner, Llanwnda & had John & William Morris. In 1830 she married 2nd William Williams Rhyd Ddu (bapt 1806) & had 5 children. (T Ceiri Griffith 2003 Achau rhai o deuluoed hen Sireodd Caernarfon, Meirionnydd a Threfaldwyn [106])

1823 Apr: death of Elizabeth Edward, **Hafod ruffydd uchaf**, (bapt 1740), twin daughter of Edward ap Evan (1704-1742) in 1762 = Griffith Roberts, Bryn melyn, Ty Hen (d 1774) (T Ceiri Griffith 2003 Achau rhai o deuluoed hen Sireodd Caernarfon, Meirionnydd a Threfaldwyn [148])

1824 Aug 22: William Williams **Hafod Ruffydd Uchaf**, 1/- weekly Poor Rate. (GAS, XPA, Vestry Book p 63)

1825 Griffith Williams, Hafod Ruffudd buried 23 May aged 44. He is in a 1816 will as of **Hafod Griffith Uchaf**. His wife \*Catrin Pierce was a faithful chapel attender & died in 1858 aged 80 yrs. (burial inscription A093) (UWB Bangor ms 13527 No 115)

1827 William Pirs of Hafod Ruffudd died 14 January, aged 83 years. Widow of Alls Alis Williams. (Beddgelert burial inscription A167)

1827 May 18: \*Catherine Price allowed Hafod ryffydd 1/6d week parish relief (GAS, XPA, Beddgelert Vestry Book p 68)

1828 Craflwyn estate left to Trustees for the four Misses Parry

1828 July allowed Mr Roberts for boundary wall later from Hafodryffydd £41-8-0. (in 1836 ref NEW B/LET 14,137)

1829 Oct 9 Letter to Trustees from new agent John Hughes after his first meeting with the tenants. "The tenants of Hafodryffydd admitted arrears of £ 39-12-0 only; item he is charged at £66 -12-0. He paid the former sum and had Rects to prove that £39-12-0 only was due..." (NLW B/LET 13,745)

1829 Oct 16 Letter to John Hughes from Trustees re ...system to date & receipt all rents paid re arrears at Havodryffydd farm ..."There was an agreement with Mr ? Robertson /now expired / for working SLATE on the Havod ruffd farm. I believe it never was acted upon - or was found unprofitable ". (NLW B/LET 13,747)

1829 Oct 24 Received of Mr Pierce Morgan £42 in discharge of half a year's rent of Hafodryffydd due to the Trustees acting under the will of the late Richard Parry Esq. (NLW B/LET 13,748)

1830 Jan 5 Sir J Lloyd Duckinfield to J Hughes ...Hafodryffydd still in arrears. (NLW B/LET 14,109)

1830 Feb 1 Sir J Lloyd Duckinfield to J Hughes ...Mr Pierce Morgan, Hafodryffydd, rent arrears : £66-12-0. [paid Mr Wynn at Festiniog £39 -12-0] Call to see his receipts; he saye show no more is due. (NLW B/LET 14,111)

1830 Mar 13 Sir J Lloyd Duckinfield to J Hughes. Please remit to Messr Goslings the principal part of the rents up to March 1829 - say £160 - & retain the rest until the £21 due from Pierce Morgan is paid in April. ... You are so much better acquainted with the customs of the country than myself. (NLW B/LET 14,113)

1830 Apr 28 Sir J Lloyd Duckinfield to J Hughes re Pierce Morgan's rent. (NLW B/LET 14,117)

1830 Aug 11 Letter to John Hughes from Trustees ....Havod ryffydd arrears of £27 - originates in a debt of the undertenant (Alice Prichard mother of Griff Evans , Rd Evans), and which Per Morgan undertook to pay on becoming Mr Parry's tenant for both farms. Trustees had seen nothing re lake in Mr Parry's papers. (NLW B/LET 13,759) [Griffith Evans (1779-1845), son of Evan & Alice Pierce, and Pierce Morgan (1780?), son of William & Alice Pierce, were first cousins and grandsons of widow Margaret Roberts . (TC Griffith f [4] ).

1832 Apr 28 Letter to John Hughes from R M Preace (Caernarvon Bank) Pierce Morgan of Hafod ryffydd paid £42 rent. (NLW B/LET 13,793)

1832 Nov 11 Letter to John Hughes from Trustees re ....arrears from Pierce Morgan & Jane Roberts - upwards of £100..(NLW B/LET 13,801)

1833 Feb 9 Letter to John Hughes from Mr Thos Rowlands . Tenant of Hafod ryffydd cannot pay rent; will pay by 12 March at Caernarvon. (NLW B/LET 13,808)]

1833 Sep 9 J Hughes to Mr Hugh Evans. Inform other tenants that J H will be receiving rents at The Hotel, Carnarvon on Saturday, 15 Sept. Particularly tell Hafodryffydd. Bring any repair bills; may be some allowance. (NEW B/LET 14,127)

1834 Aug 9 Letter to Trustees from John Hughes..."You are perhaps aware that the farm of Hafod ryddydd was formerly held as two farms and occupied by two brothers viz Evan Price and William Price, one the father, the other the uncle of the present tenants. It is still held in severalty as before viz by Pierce Morgan and Griffith Evans, the sons of the two former tenants although Pierce Morgan has on the books the farm for some years as sole tenant. The two cousins are however anxious to become tenants - under the Trustees - of that pasture which they severally hold and both applied to have the other -As therefore Pierce Morgan consents to the arrangement and as both concur (?concur) and understand are equally responsible I do not see any objections to Griffith Evans being admitted Tenant of his portion, in that .....will pay £42."  
(NLW B/LET 13,833)

1834 Dec: \*Catherine Price Hafod Ryffyydd 1/6d weekly poor relief (GAS, Xpa, Beddgelert vestry book p 102)

1829-1834 Rentals Hafodryffyydd Tenant : Pierce Morgan. Rent £42  
1834-1848 Rentals Hafod ryffyydd Tenants : Pierce Morgan until 1846.Rent £21  
Daniel Owen 1846 Michaelmas - 1848 Rent £21  
Griffith Evans until 1845 .Widow Catherine Evans Michaelmas 1846-48 Rent £21  
(NLW B/EP 726)

1835 Bapt of William Evans, Hafodruffydd who married Jane Jones (bapt 1835) (T Ceiri Griffith 2003 Achau rhai o deuluoed hen Sireodd Caernarfon, Meirionnydd a Threfaldwyn [105])

1836 Feb 10 Letter to John Hughes (agent) from John Prichard, Beddgelert requesting a tacknote on Meillionen & Hafodruffydd to search for copper, lead slates etc on behalf of Mr Cooper. (NLW B/LET 13,846)

1837 Apr 11 Letter to John Hughes from John Prichard, Beddgelert .....John Williams, miller of Beddgelert, tenant of Sygyn.....He used to cut turf on Hafodryffyydd , but it appears he is not now allowed to do so and he begs the favour of your permission to cut a few on his paying to the tenant 19/- annually to procur ? lime. I told him that probably you could not grant the leave he asks but he says both Sygyn and Hafodryffyydd will again become the property of the same person on the death of the Misses Parry's. (NLW B/LET 13,864)

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1837 Jan: wife of late William Williams Hafod Ryffyydd 2/-d weekly (poor relief) (GAS,XPA, Beddgelert Vestry Book pill)

1837 Ellen Williams, wife of William Williams, **Hafodruffydd Uchaf** died 17 Oct aged 26 years. (Beddgelert MI A282)

[1886 Magdalen Williams, his (2nd) wife, Hendrefechan, died 27 Jan aged 44 years 1888 William Williams, Hendrefechan, died 28 Aug aged 59 years.] (A282)

1837 Oct 10 Morris Parry to J Hughes. John Williams writing for a takenote on the work where he works at; he would have sold the work to a very rich company if he had a takenote. Company in Beddgelert & if Morris Parry has a takenote they will pay him for what he has done. (NEW B/LET 13,877)

1838 Apr 21 Letter to Mr Morris Parry, miner, from John Hughes . JH cannot forward any tacknote but will lay your request before the parties interested in the property – when in hand.... My fear is that the parties whom I represent have no right to grant any Tacknote on the place in question (NEW B/LET 13,918)

1838 Jun 13 Richard Rowlands, Green Gate Street, Caernarvon requests tack note on Hafod y Han, Meillionen, Hafod riffith (NLW B/LET 13,920) [have copy]

c 1830s it was said that 80 people lived in the old cottages on Hafod Ryffydd land. (UWB Bangor ms 15723 No 115)

1838 March: Pierce Morgan & Griffith Evan, of Hafod ruflydd, on Committee. (GAS, XPA, Beddgelert Vestry Book p 118)

1838 Oct 23 Tithe meeting [Hafod ruffydd included Glan y Gors land]  
Tenants of Hafod Ryffydd : Pierce Morgan & Griffith Evans 481 acres  
Owners :Dorothy Parry & others

The old bachelor Morris Parry was the Capten at the two places & had Wil Pierce as mate. (UWB Bangor ms 13723 no 115)

? no date, letter from Laura Parry to J Hughes' office re Morris Parry, Hafodryffydd's letter mentioning he had after working for 2 1/2 years, discovered a good vein of copper at Hafodryffidd for which he had an application from three gentlemen from London who were anxious to work it, & asking us to grant a release & enable him to dispose of it to these applicants. I referred to Mr Hughes second letter from Morris Parry " I shall sell if I can give them satisfaction respecting the release." Please explain this talk of selling our property. (NLW B/LET 14, 361)

1838/9 Apr 17 Letter to John Hughes from Mr Morris Parry re Hafodryffydd Mineworks. Tack note wanted.... The company which I have been speaking with about the place where I and William Pierce were working on Meillionen farm are coming here in the course of a few days, and they mean to put men there to work directly if I can have the tacknote ready, their agent has been here twice lately. I can't rise the lease or else would by all means I should not wonder but they will directly. I am willing to pay you for the Tacknote whatever you will charge of me let it be what it will... (NLW B/LET 13,924) 1839 Aug 23 Letter to John Hughes from Morris Parry, **Hafod rhyfydd uchaf.**" I do beg your favour of granting your favour to lett me to dress what we have risen of ore on Meillionen farm while you get time to make up the takenote for me which I hope will beready in a very short time for which we shall pay you quite well. We intend to send some of the ore off direct if you give us leave to dress it .We expect it to make

from a ton to two after it has been dressed." Morris Parry, William Pierce , miner. (NLW B/LET 13,927)

1839 Pierce Morgan, Hafod Ruffydd, farmer, Guardian of the parish for Eifionydd. (GAS, XPA, Beddgelert Vestry Book p 125)

1840 March: Pierce Morgans, Hafod Ruffydd. Overseer of the Poor and Overseer of the Highway in Eifionydd. (GAS, XPA, Beddgelert Vestry Book p 134)

1839 Oct 14 Letter to John Hughes from Morris Parry **Hafodryffydd uchaf** re mine works " I wish very much to see you at Beddgelert just to put us on the way how to make some kind of road to carry the Mundick to the Post road . We have several tons ready to be shipped. We have promised the work to Mr Cooper because he told us that he had leave from Miss Parry to work there himself, but now we have changed our mind and we main to carry it ourselves. We think there is a good prospect so we trust in you .. Sir...." Pierce Morgan, Morris Parry. (NEW B/LET 13,930) 1840 Jan 25: Morris Parry, Hafodryffydd to J Hughes. "Sir, I beg you not to sett the quarry to no person or persons until I shall see [you] which shall be in the course of next week some of my company will be at Bangor next week or the week following. Yourmost humble, Morris Parry

PS for the quarry which I mentioned in the above is Bwlch y ddaelior on Hafodryffydd farm. (NEW B/LET 14,237)

1840 June 13 Letter to John Hughes from R LL Ellis , Surveyor. John Roberts has delivered map of Meillionen, Hafod Ruffydd, Craflwyn & Bwlch Mwlchan in parish of Beddgelert. (NLW B/LET 13,933)

1840 Hafodruffydd 981 acres 3 roods 19 perches. (NLW B/EP 676)

1840 An account of expenses paid by Pierce Morgan for roofing & slating a cowhouse at Hafodruffydd.

Nov 9 paid Jn Williams for Timbers 11/6

Dec 2 paid Wm Owen for laths & nails 9/-

Dec 16 Slating & repairing the walls etc

John Williams: 12 days at 2/- per day £1-4-0

Wm Pierce : 10 days " £1-0-0

Dec 23 Griff. Williams Smith for nails 1/6

(NLW B/EP 678) total £3-6-0 71841

Take note for minerals slates upon Hafod rifyydd, pa of Beddgelert ( NLW AI Pryce 303)

1841 Jan: Issuing from Charity out of ffridd Uchaf. White cloth to \*Henry Morris **Hafod Ruffydd Uchaf** (+ 5 others) (GAS, XPA, Beddgelert Vestry Book p 141)

1841 census Hafodruffydd (1) follows T'y'n y Coed

Pierce Morgans 60 farmer Born in Caems.

Jane " 5 "

William P " 25 "

Elleanor " 20 "

Jane " 15 "

Catherine " 12 "

Mary " 8 "

David Williams	15	Ag Lab	"
(2) Griffith Evans	60	farmer	"
Catherine "	40	Not	"
Alice "	15		"

Alice (1824-1900) in 1848=Owen Owens (1811-1888) Traian, LlyP. (TCGriffith2[44]  
(T Ceiri Griffith 2003 Achau rhai o deuluoed hen Sireodd Caernarfon, Meirionnydd a Threfaldwyn [44])

	Evan Price Evans	15	Born in Caernarfonshire
	John "	12	"
	Richard "	9	"
	William "	7	"
	Griffith "	6mths	"
	Owen Owens	25	Ag lab
	Dorothy Owens	15	fs "II
(3)	Elizabeth Hughes	30	F s/Ind/Wid? Born in Caernarfonshire
	Jane Owen	4	Not born in Caernarfonshire
(4)	*Henry Morris	70	Aglab Not " left HR Uchaf 1844[Bangor 33242p71]
	Catherine Morris	65	" (Glan y Gors in 1861)
	Morris Parry Morris	35	Copper ore miner " HR Uchaf in 1839 "
	John Thomas	11	"
(5) ++	Catherine Price	60	pauper " (widow of Griffith Williams HR d 1825) (faithful chapel attender UWB Bangor ms 15723 no 115)
	Price Williams	30	Aglab "
	Robert Williams	20	Aglab "
(6)	William Griffith	30	Ag lab "(?Tancia Mawr [Bangor 33242 p72]&
	Jane "	25	" [Bangor 15723 no 118]
	Alice "	2mths	"

(Glan y Gors next)

1841 May: Pierce Morgan Hafod Ruffydd, farmer, Overseer of the Poor. (GAS, XPA, Beddgelert Vestry Book p 14)

1841 July 7: death of Martha, **Hafod Ruffydd Uchaf** & Ffridd aged 29 years, wife of John Roberts (1808-1876), Brynmelyn, Gatws Dolfriog & Beudy Newydd. Married 1834; one child William, bapt 139. (T Ceiri Griffith 2003 Achau rhai o deuluoed hen Sireodd Caernarfon, Meirionnydd a Threfaldwyn [5])

1841 Sep 16 J Hughes to ?(draft letter) "I have had an application from a company for a lease upon the old SLATE quarry at Hafodryffydd / Meillionen at a Royalty of one 10th. They require ... a lease for 60 years or one for 3 lives with 20 concurrent years.

I send (herewith) a copy of one [from Charles Wing Esq, dated Plas Gwynant, 28 August 1841] who is an adventurer with copper mines at Sugan fawr the property immediately opposite one of the Parry farms. (NLW B/LET 14,247)

1841 Sep 22 Laura Parry to J Hughes. Capt Garth is too ill to trouble, re tacknote - working SLATE quarry on Hafodryffydd - or lease ; one 10th Royalty. Why not one 5th ? Will take one 10th for the first two years; then one 8th according to the old practice. (NLW B/LET 14,248)

1841 Nov 4 Dunn, Wordsworth & Dunn to J Hughes . The ladies are full of hope that the application for a lease of the SLATE quarry will lead to a great success of revenue for them.

(NLW B/LET 13,956)

1841 Nov 12 J Hughes to Dunn, Wordsworth & Dunn. The SLATE quarry lease will be accepted by the adventurers - on payment of Royalty of one 10th. (NLW B/LET 13,957)

1842 Jan 10 Miss L Parry, 67, Marine Parade, Brighton to J Hughes... Enquiries re SLATE quarry. (NLW B/LET 13,960)

1842 Jan 26 J Hughes to Dunn, Wordsworth & Dunn. SLATE quarry: Have paid a visit & requested a plan. (NLW B/LET 13,961)

1842 Jan 26 J Hughes to Miss Parry Recommends she accepts Royalty of one 10th on SLATE quarry. (NLW B/LET 13,962)

1842 Jan 27 Dunn, Wordsworth & Dunn to J Hughes, re SLATE quarry: arrangements at your discretion; one 10th to one 5th. (NLW B/LET 14,251)

1842 May 13 William Watkins, Pwllheli to J Hughes re SLATE quarry in Beddgelert. Awaiting to hear re lease. Now we were obliged to discharge most of the quarrymen & have paid them off... let us know if we can continue or not. (NLW B/LET 13,975) 1842 July 4 Laura Parry to J Hughes. Dunn, Wordsworth & Dunn should have told J H to go ahead with SLATE quarry.

(NLW B/LET 14,253)

1842 July 27 J Hughes to Dunn, Wordsworth & Co re SLATE quarry lease...forward draft to J Hughes. (NLW B/LET 13,979)

1842 Aug 19 Laura Parry, 10 Norfolk St. Strand, London to J Hughes ...weather favorable for carrying on the work both in SLATE & copper. (NLW B/LET 14,254) 1842 Dec 5 Laura Parry to J Hughes ...SLATE quarry - who are the partners? (NLWB/LET 14,258)

1843 June 29 J Hughes to Miss Parry, 23, Norfolk St. Strand. Quarry lease of Havodryffydd quarries for signature. (NLW B/LET 13,996)

1843 Feb 21 Mr J Williams, Pwllheli to Laura Parry re Quarry lease. (NLW B/LET 14,262 & 14,361)

**1843 July 8 John Prichard, Beddgelert to J Hughes.**

**Dear Sir, Hugh Evans & Pierce Morgan, tenants of Meillionen & Hafodryffydd are now here & beg me to state to you the disastrous effects of a storm which raged here this morning.**

**The flood has swept away all their wooden bridges, but what they have most to deplore is the total destruction of the stone bridge, built not many years ago by which their connection both by cart & horse with the Turnpike road is entirely cut off. There is a very old horse road by Cwmtrwscwl which [? kept ted | over the Bridge swept away. Is the County liable to repair (or rather rebuild) the Bridge swept away?**

**Perhaps you will send over some person to evaluate the damage here - Hoping you are very much better in health. I am dear Sir, yours, John Prichard.** (NLW B/LET 14,009)

[?Sept 1843] undated. Detailed specification for the rebuilding a stone bridge near Hafodryffydd. (NLW B/LET 13,997)

1843 Sept 22 Evan Williams, Ty'r Capel, Pennant to J Hughes . Quote for making Hafodryffydd bridge : £31-15-0. (NLW B/LET 14,006)

1843 Sept 22 Robert Jones & Robert Griffith, stone masons. Quote for Hafodryffydd bridge : £30-0-0.(NLW B/LET 14,007)

1843 Sept 22 Hugh Williams, Carnarvon to J Hughes. Quote for Hafodryffydd bridge: £30. (NLW B/LET 14,008 & 14,011)

1843 Nov 15 J Hughes to Laura Parry re 'falling in of one of the houses at Hafodryffydd' & 'the bridge near the post road to Meillionen & Hafod ryffydd ... wholly carried away by a flood ... the greatest & most awful in that neighbourhood in the local memory. (NLW B/LET 14,264)

1844 due Lady Day Paid for rebuilding Hafod ryffydd Bridge as p contracts for drawing plans & specifications £20-10-0 (NLW B/EP 686) 1844 Apr 20 Hugh Evans & Partners to J Hughes. Hugh Evans, Griffith Evans & Pierce Morgan shall carry all the necessary materials towards erecting the new bridge upon the farm of Hafod ryffydd, Beddgelert. (NLW B/LET 14,283)

1844 Apr 24 Robert Jones, Beddgelert to J Hughes. Agree to erect the within new bridge according to the plan & specification of Mr G Griffith for £20. Please send plan of bridge to Mr Hugh Evans. (NLW B/LET 14,283)

1844 May 24 Griffith Griffith to J Hughes re Elevation of Bridge, Hafodruffydd. (NLW B/LET 14,263)

1844 June 1 Laura Parry to J Hughes .Delighted to hear something at last from the SLATE quarry; royalty soon? (NLW B/LET 14,285)

1844 June 12 Laura Parry to J Hughes, re SLATE sold. (NLW B/LET 14,286)

1844 June 13 J Hughes to Mr Philip Williams, Tregarnedd, Pwllheli. Wants account of SLATE sold, Hafod Ryffydd quarries; & Royalty. (NLW B/LET 14,287)

1844 June 19 Morris Parry, Beddgelert to J Hughes. Whole amount exported from CWMDY SLATE quarry to Porthmadog : 100 tons. In addition I had sold at the Bank a/c worth £16. (NEW B/LET 14,022)

1844 June 28 Laura Parry to J Hughes. Awaiting royalties from SLATE & copper. (NLW B/LET 14,288)

1844 July 1 Actual bill & receipt To Robert Jones , Mason, To rebuilding a bridge commonly called Pont Hafod ruffydd in the parish of Beddgelert as per contract £25. Settled the above payment of Mr Hugh Evans. Witness Griffith Griffiths, Hafod garregog. Signed Robert Jones To drawing plan specification & superintending the Hafodryffydd Bridge £1. Settled per payment of Hugh Evans Signed Griffith Griffiths. (NLW B/EP 687)

1845 April 19 Memoranda. NO 2: Pierce Morgan has agreed to lett the farm for a year to begin in May next. He will be responsible for the rent. He has taken a farm called Fridd adjoining Hafodruffydd, takes possession May next. Himself is not going to America - has taken Fridd for a year. His two sons are going to America and he ultimately intends to go whenever he can sell his stock to the best advantage which he thinks will be about All saints but will no leave the country until May following. (NLW B/EP 689) 1845 June 25 letter to J Hughes from J Coventry, Plas Gwynant . The late Mr Vawdrey had the privilege of shooting over Miss Parry's estate. He would like to procure the same privilege. What terms?

(NLW B/LET 14,052)

1845 Rental due Lady day 1845 & reed. 1 1Oct 1845

Observations. Pearce Morgan has left Hafod ryffydd since May & let it to a person of the name of Daniel Owen who now resides there & who attended the Uxbridge Arms. Pearce Morgan wanted to give up possession, but I would do nothing with him having not been instructed. He lives in a farm close by & can be written to when necessary. The roof of the cow house fallen in. (NLW B/EP 667)

1846 June 2 Laura Parry to J Hughes re letter to LP re copper mine on Meillionen; she recalls seeing Morris Parry employed at the SLATE quarry when she stayed in Carnarvonshire.

(NLW B/LET 14,075)

1846 Griffith Evans, Hafod Rufiudd died 2 Sept aged 67. (burial inscription A120)



1846 Nov 20 letter from J Hughes to J Coventry Esq, Plas Gwynant. Mr Sampson (Plas Gwynant) had the rights of shooting over Miss Parry's estate. Coventry can have it for £5 p.a. Is another applicant. (NLW B/LET 14,063)

1846 Nov 23 letter to J Hughes from Esau Jones, Ynys Fawr, Tremadoc. Understands Mr Ellis of Plas Brondanw has given up the right of shooting over Meillionen, Hafod ryffydd & Bwlchymwlchan. Takes liberty of asking the favour to sport upon that property. PS Sends a couple of woodcock & snipe. (NLW B/LET 14,062)

1849 Sept 22 J Hughes to Catherine Evans, Hafodryffydd. 'I have just seen Daniel Owen about your **dividing the farm of Hafodryffydd between you**, to which I have no objection on the part of the Miss Parry. I must also request that you will endeavour to live together as neighbours otherwise I shall be under the necessity of giving you notice to quit the farm. (NLW B/LET 14,098 [Daniel Owen was from Brondanw farm, Llanfrothen; very strict Baptist family; worshipped at Ramoth chapel; buried in the cemetery near Brondanw.]

1850 March: Daniel Owen, Hafod Ruffydd farmer, appointed Constable (1 of 2) (GAS, XPA, Beddgelert Vestry Book p 249)

1850 March: Daniel Owen, Hafod Ruffydd, farmer, collector of property & Incom

Tax for Eifionydd ( Gas, XPA, Beddgelertt Vestry Book p251)

1851 Census Hafodruffydd

- |  |                       |               |
|--|-----------------------|---------------|
| (1) Cathrine Evans H w 52 farmer 490 acres                           | Born                  | Dolgelley M   |
| Evan Pirce " S   | u 25                  | Beddgelert C  |
| John " S   | u 20                  |               |
| (2) Richard " S  | u 18                  |               |
| (3) William " S  | u 16                  |               |
| (4) Richard Williams V   | U 45                  | Caernarvon    |
| (5) Marged Owen Serv   | U 18 Serv             | Beddgelert, C |
| (6) (2) Daniel Owen H  | M 56 farmer 490 acres | Llanfrothen M |
| Arm " W  | M 52                  |               |
| (7) Samuel " S   | u 24                  |               |
| (8) +Arm " s   | u 17                  |               |
| Owen " s   | u 14                  |               |
| (9) Cadwaladr" s   | u 12                  | "             |
| Owen Evans serv u 29   | Beddgelert, C         |               |
| (3) <b>ucha</b> Owen Morris H  | M 24 labourer         | Dolbenmaen, C |
| Met with fatal accident at Gorseddau Quarry (Bangor ms 15723 No 116) |                       |               |
| ?Louisa Morris W   | M 21                  | Beddgelert, C |
| Ann Morris D   | U 1mth                |               |
| (4) <b>ucha</b> Elizabeth Williams HW                                | 40                    | Llanfrothen M |
| Owen " S   | U 7                   |               |
| Richard " S  | U 5                   |               |
| Elizabeth " S  | U 2                   |               |

1849 Property Tax Hafodruffydd (NEW B/EP 712)

1851 Property & Income Tax (NEW B/EP 667)

Hafodryffyd Catherine Evans 12/3

Daniel Owens

1852 July Property & Income Tax : (NEW B/EP 667)

Hafod ruffydd: Widow Catherine Evans 12/3

"" Daniel Owen 12/9

1854 Aug 4 Property & Income Tax (NEW B/EP 667)

Hafodryffydd Daniel Owens 12/3

Catherine Evan 12/3

1855 Property & Income Tax (NEW B/EP 667)

Hafodruffud Daniel Owens £1-4-6

Catherine Evans £1-4-6

1856 July 23: marriage of Griffith Roberts, Hafodruffydd (bapt 1831) and Ann, daughter of David Jones, Hafodruffydd. (TCGriffith2 [20]).

1858 Income Tax (NEW B/EP 717) Hafodruffydd Daniel Owen 8/9

1858 ?-H-Catherine Prys (wife of Griffith Williams , Hafod ruffydd died 1825)

died 24 March aged 80 years.(A093) ? see 1841& 1851 census

1858 Miscellaneous papers relating to the Parry's property - Hafod ruffydd & Lliwydd mine (NEW AI Prycel28-133)

1859 July 16: burial of Ann Jones, wife of Daniel Owen. Aged 60 years (Ramoth cemetery MI 019, Llanfrothen)

#### 1861 Census Hafodryffydd Uchaf

(1) Griffith Roberts H	M	29	Ag lab	Beddgelert, C
+Ann " W	M	27		Llanfrothen M
Daniel " S	U	4		Beddgelert, C
Catherine" D	U	"		"

This was +Ann the daughter of Daniel Owen & now subtenant?

(2) Owen Jones H	M	39	Ag Lab	Llanfihangel y Pennant
Jane " W	M	34		Beddgelert C
Evan " S	U	12		"
Jane " D	U	9		
John " S	U	6		
Owen " S	U	2		

(3) Elizabeth Williams H W 60

James " S M 27 Slate miner "

Mary " Dinlaw M 22 " wife Llanfrothen M

Hafodryffydd Isaf (3)

Daniel Owens H W 66 farmer 400 acres "

Owen " S M 25 II

Cadwaladr" S U 22

Griffith Evans serv	U 13 fs	
Jane Owens "	U 24 Houses	Llanllyfni C
(4) Isaf Uninhabited		
(5) William Owens H W 56 Aglab		Beddgelert C ( ?Tancia Mawr UWB
Bangor ms 33242 p 72 - last to live there; then Mr Parry planted trees on it)		
Margret Owens D	U 16	Beddgelert C
Jane Owens D	U 14 scholar	"

1861 Nov Income Tax (NLW B /EP 718)  
 Beddgelert Daniel Owens 15/9  
 1863 June, Sept (NLWB/EP716)  
 Hafodruffydd William Williams 15/9  
 Daniel Owen 15/9

1863 Apr 24 Ed Griff Powell to ?J Hughes. Hafod Ryffydd. Anxious to Commence working - please send me the place of this property that I might mark on it the part to be in my takenote. Messr. ? Barker & Co are they also waiting for a place.

(NEW B/LET 14,102)

1863 May Ed Griff Powell, Carnarvon, marked his area within the takenote soon.

(NEW B/LET 14,103)

1863 May 16 Ed Griff Powell, Carnarvon. Marked out a smaller quantity of ground on plan. (NEW B/LET 14,104)

1863 Feb 10: Cadwaladr, Hafod Ryffydd, son of David Owen & Ann, buried, aged 24 years (Ramothen cemetery MI 014, Llanfrothen)

[1864 Pierce Morgan, now of Fridd uchaf died 23 Dec aged 84 years (Beddgelert A121)  
 1866 Jane Owen his wife died 25 April aged 81 years. (Beddgelert A121) ]

865 Feb Income Tax (NLW B/EP667)

Hafodryfydd Daniel Owen 10/6

1866 Michaelmas rental reed. 23 March 1867 (NLW B/EP 725)

2 .Hafodryfydd Daniel Owen £21 half year

3 .part of ditto William Williams £21 "

1866 Dec 29: death of Evan Owen (bapt 1787), Gian yr afon, Ffridd isaf & Hafod Ruffydd Uchaf, in 1823 = Alice Williams (1801-1856), Wernlasdeg. They had 9 children including Jane Owen, Hafod ruffydd uchaf (bapt 1827) in 1848= Owen Jones, son of John Williams, Cerrig Heuon, Rhyd Ddu (bapt 1822) & they had Evan, Jane, John & Owen Jones. ( (T Ceiri Griffith 2003 Achau rhai o deuluoed hen Sireodd Caernarfon, Meirionnydd a Threfaldwyn [45])

1869 Owen Jones in **Hafod ruffydd uchaf** in 1869; went to Glan y gors in 1871; \*\*Robert Williams then lived in H R uchaf-(UWB Bangor ms 33242 p 71)

1871 Census Hafodruffydd (1) follows Glan y Gors

(1) Daniel Owen H W 76 farmer,serv.370 acres,empl 2 men Llanfr. M

Samuel" S	u 44	11
Griffith Roberts serv	M 39 fs	Beddgelert, C
+Ann " II	M 37 house kpr	Llanfrothen M
Daniel " gs	U 15 FS	Beddgelert, C
Catherine" gd	u 12 scholar "	
Ann " "	u 9	"
Rees " gs	u 6 "	"
Owen "	u 1	"

(2)** Robert Williams H (Hafod R Uchaf)	w 66 Lab highways	Pistyll C
Anne " D	u 29 house keeper	Llandeinio C
Jane " niece	u 3	Beddgelert, C

(3) Anne Jones H	w 36 laundress " (uchaf UWB	Bangor
Elizabeth " D	u 7 scholar " (ms 33242 p 71 in 1869)	
Grace " D	u 5 "	

(4)\* Elizabeth Jones H w 70 former laundress" (uchaf ms 33242 p 71 in 1869)  
 (\*see Elizabeth in 1841-1881 census in HR uchaf)  
 1871 Catherine Evans wife of Griffith Evans (d 1846) died 6 Aug, aged 74 . (A120)

Were the farmhouses rebuilt pre 1881? Maybe during LL E S Parry's rebuilding programme for his other Beddgelert properties. They were all rebuilt before the 1887 auction-see catalogues

1881 Sept 28: burial of Samuel Owen, aged 54 years (Ramothe cemetery MI 014, Llanfrothen)  
 1881 Nov 25: burial of Daniel Owen, aged 86 years. (Ramothe cemetery MI 019,Llanfrothen)

#### 1881 Census Hafod ryffydd

45 fanner 323acres Llanfrothen M

(1) Owen Jones H	M 44	Llanllyfni C
Catherine" D	U 17 fs	Beddgelert, C
Cadwaladr " S	U 15 Ag Lab	"
Ann Jones D	u 12 scholar	"
(2) Griffith Roberts H	M 49 farmer 400acres	"
+Ann " W	M 47	Llanfrothen M
Rice " s	U 16	Beddgelert,C
Owen " s	u 11 scholar	"
Griffith " s	u 8 "	"
MaryAnn" D	u 5 "	"
Daniel Owen F	w 86 retired farmer	Llanfrothen M

Hafodryffydd cottage uninhabited

1887 July 23: death of Griffith Roberts, Hafodruffydd, aged 36 yrs, (Ramothe MI 266)  
 1889 Dec 20: death of Ann Roberts, his widow, aged 55 yrs. (Ramothe MI 266)  
 1891 Jan 25: death of Griffith, child of Rees & Jane Roberts, aged 5 months. (Ramothe MI 266)

1897 May 28: death of Aime, daughter of Owen & Jane Jones, Hafodruffydd, aged 29 Yrs, (Ramoeth MI 295)

1898 May 25: death of Jane Jones, wife of Owen Jones, Hafod Ruffydd, aged 62 yrs. (Ramoeth MI 294)

1919 Jun 27: death of Owen Jones, aged 83 yrs, (Ramoeth MI 294)

### **HAFOD RYFFYDD UCHAF**

1815-1820 : Harry Morris, Griffith Ellis & Cathrine Pierce lived there at some time; C Pierce up to 1834 & H Morris up to 1844.

Next are Elizabeth Jones, Owen Jones & Ann Jones; They were there in 1869. By 1871 Robert Williams was there, Owen Jones had moved to Glan y Gors, now (1903) known as Owen Jones Hafod Ruffydd. (Bangor ms 33242 p 71)

[Probably several cottages; by 1899 'not long since turned into a farmhouse', probably as part of the improvements made after the deaths of the Miss Parrys by R or LL S E Parry, when part of Meillionen land was added to it.]

1887 July 23 Sale of LI E S Parry's estate by public auction (NLW Caerns 328) Lot 5 :

**Hafod rhyffydd Ucha** - 658 acres; Daniel Owens tenant -

" The house on this Lot is comfortable and contains a neat kitchen, parlour and three bedrooms. The out buildings are very compact, and the farm machinery is worked by a newly- fixed turbine. The land in parts is rich, and it comprises a wonderfully good sheep walk of large extent. The Plantations (83 acres) attached to this farm are well grown, and afford excellent cover to game. A river forms one of its boundaries. The minerals under this Lot are included in the sale." Lot NOT SOLD.

Sale map shows small COPPER mine near boundary wall in Trwscol within Lot 5.

1889 July 9: Sale Catalogue & map. Part of Lot 3. Meillionen Estate Tenant: Mr William Roberts, £56 pa + sheepwalk £7-1-0d; description. Mineral included. NOT SOLD.

( copy of Mr M Ashe)

### 1891 Census **Hafodryffydd Uchaf**

Evan Henderson H	M 28 farmer	Beddgelert C W
Elizabeth A " W	M 28	" W
Laura A " D	U 4	" W
JohnH " S	U 1	" W
Jane Morris serv	u 11 dom s	Llanaelhaiarn C W
Elias Jones	u 16 Ag lab	Beddgelert C W

1894 April 4 re Sale of Parry's Beddgelert estate - rentals from the half yearly rent account Michaelmas 1893

Evan Henderson **Hafoduchaf** £31- 5-0 (GAS W/DD/1137)

1899 **Hafod Ruffydd Ucha** lies two fields nearer the mountain than Hafod Ruffydd. It has not long since been turned into a farmhouse, receiving as an appurtenance some of the land long farmed by Meillionen. (Jenkins, Beddgelert Facts Fairies & Folklore 1899 p147)

[This seems to agree with the 1838 tithe map which shows Meillionen extending much further northwest than it did in 1887. It is then possible that the divided Hafodruffydd farm comprised Hafod ruffydd and Glan y Gors].

1910 Tax return **Hafodruffydd uchaf** Owner L S Parry; occ Evan Williams. (GAS XLTD/2)

1910 Sept 3 Public auction of freehold farms (Clwyd D/GA 858) **Hafod Ruffydd Uchaf** Lot 14 Tenant Evan Williams

1910 DISUSED COPPER mine in **Hafod ruffydd Uchaf** (see Sale Catalogue GAS SXC 041)

1916-19 Mr Jackie Griffiths worked for a couple of years with Evan Williams & his 4-5 horses cutting & hauling timber.

1920 April 23 Hafod Ruffydd uchaf, Hafod Ruffydd Ganol & Glan y Gors were sold by S LL E Parry to Cadwalader Humphreys, Clogwin y Gwin who was a bit of a speculator.

1925 March 30 Cadwalader Humphreys sold them to the Forestry Commission for £5,000. (Forest Enterprises, Llanrwst office)

1934-1949 Tax returns (GAS XLT/7/1) Owner LL S Parry; occ **Hafodruffydd uchaf**; reps C H Rowlands; Hafodruffydd Isa: Owen Jones

Tenants :

post 1925 : Forestry Commission made BEUDY Y WEIRGLODD ISAF into a dwelling for forestry workers.

c1994 They sold it to the tenant, Robert Jones, farmer.

post 1925 : Forestry Commission made BEUDY CAE HAIDD into a dwelling for forestry workers

c 1989 They sold it to Mr Chris Hartley.

## **HAFOD RUFFYDD**

[Possibly the main farmhouse, near the old track, farm divided with what was (by 1816- 20 OS map) called Gian y Gors; by 1861 HR was probably HR Isaf , then GANOL after the ? 1880s formation of the farm of HR ucha from Meillionen land] 1661 Hearth Tax Two/?four hearths

1771-1818 Land Tax (GAS XQA/LT/7/1)

1771 Tenant Margaret Roberts, widow. £2-16-0 Owner: Richard Parry Esq.

1784-1818 " Evan Pierce & William Pierce " "

1838 Oct 23 Tithe meeting

Tenants of Hafod Ruffydd: Pierce Morgan & Griffith Evans 481 acres

Owners: Dorothy Parry & others

1887 July 23 Sale of LI E S Parry's estate by public auction (NLW Caerns 328) Lot 6:

Hafod rhuffydd - 799 acres; Mr Griffith Roberts tenant - "There is a comfortable house upon this holding. The land is of excellent quality, well watered and there is a fine sheep walk in Cwm Du. The plantations (374 acres) are in most parts well grown. Llyn Llewelyn, which forms part of this lot contains some of the finest trout in Wales, and the lake could, at small cost, be greatly improved and extended. The minerals under this Lot

will be reserved." Sale map shows BWLCH Y DDAUELOR SLATE QUARRY in Cwm du within Lot 6. Lot NOT SOLD.

1889 July 11: Sale Catalogue & map. Part of Lot 3. Meillionen Estate Tenant: Mr Griffith Roberts, £55 pa; description. NOT SOLD, (copy of Mr M Ashe)

1891 census Hafodryffydd Ganol

Owen Roberts H	u 22 farmer	Beddgelert C
W Griffith " Brother	U 19	“ W
Mary J " Sister	u 15	“ W
Wallson Williams serv	u 14 fs	“ W
John Jones	u 12 Ag lab	Llanfrothen M W
Ann Roberts niece	u 15	Llanwnda C W

1894 April 4 re Sale of Parry's Beddgelert estate - rentals from the half yearly rent account Michaelmas 1893

Owen & Griff Robert Hafod £27-10-0 (GAS W/DD /1137) NOT sold.

Hafod Ruffydd has undergone a little change. (Jenkins 1899 p 147) Hafod Ruffydd Ucha 'lies two fields nearer the mountain than Hafod Ruffydd. It has not long since been turned into a farmhouse, receiving as an appurtenance some of the land long farmed by Meillionen.' (Jenkins 1899 p 147) [This seems to agree with the 1838 tithe map which shows Meillionen extending much further northwest than it did in 1887. It is then possible that the divided Hafodruddydd farm comprised Hafod ruffydd and Glan y Gors].

1910 Tax return Owner L S Parry; Hafod Ruffydd Ganol & Isaf occ Cadwalader & Owen Jones 817 acres. (GAS XLTD/2)

1910 Sept 3 Public auction of freehold farms by LL S E Parry (Clwyd D/GA 858) Hafod Ruffydd Ganol Lot 15 Tenants: Cadwalader Jones & Owen Jones. NOT sold 1916-c1919 Jackie Griffiths worked on Hafod Ruffydd Ganol for Owen Jones (Cadwaladr Jones' son), Cutting trees with team of two horses. Owen Jones (Cadwaladr Jones' father) then lived at Hafod Ruffydd Isaf. (tape)

1920 April 23 Hafod Ruffydd uchaf, Hafod Ruffydd Ganol & Glan y Gors sold by S LL E Parry to Cadwalader Humphreys, Clogwin y Gwin who was a bit of a speculator. 1925 March 30 He sold them to the Forestry Commission (Forest Enterprises, Llanrwst office)

1925 Nov 24 Burial Inscription : Laura Mary Jones aged 22 years, daughter of the late Cadwalader & Jane Jones , Hafod Ruffydd Canol.(B758) [Cadwalader Jones was a very fat man; he had two sons born about 1915- Robin & Cadwalader; another son, Owen Jones moved to Cwm Pennant & died in the mid 1990s] (J Prichard, Hafod Wydr)

c 1925 onwards the Forestry Commission had forestry workers living there: Mr Smith for a few months;

Mr George Brown from Hampshire with his family -George, Stanley, Jean, Len (died 1995), Joan & Daniel.

Jack Evans from Glossop for a short while before moving to Hafod Ruffydd Issa; his daughter Lil was born in Hafod Ruffydd Issa about 1935; Nan was another daughter, c1939-45 Richard Jones a widow from Denbigh farmed the small holding. He marriedhis housekeeper, Mrs Mary

Humphreys a widow from Turnpike near Oerddwr who had a son Dennis Humphreys. He lives in Waunfawr[1996]. (from J Prichard, Hafod Wydr) ? last tenant

C 1989 Farmhouse sold by the Forestry Commission to Mr Dave Dutton.

1934-1949 Tax returns (GAS XLT/7/1) Owner LL S Parry;  
occ Hafodruffydd uchaf; reps C H Rowlands; Hafodruffydd Isa: Owen Jones  
1900s: Evan Williams, Hafodryffydd Isaf & Nantcyll (Bapt 1877 LP) married Elizabeth, Golan.  
. (T Ceiri Griffith 2003 Achau rhai o deuluoed hen Sireodd Caernarfon, Meirionnydd a Threfaldwyn [88])

**TANCIA MAWR** was a cottage on Hafod ruffydd land, demolished and now within area of 'Mr Parry's trees'

1814-1820 Griffith Jones (Griffith Sion Ellis & Ellen his wife in Bangor ms 15723), Tancia Mawr (on HR[G] land) received parish relief. Then 1841 (6) his son William Griffith (aged 30)-Wil Tancia, the husband of Sarah Griffith -later Sarah Pontbren. A kind old gentleman; I remember working with him when I was a boy.

1861 (5) William Owen (aged 56) & Ellen Owen; I don't know if they were man & wife. I think they were the last to live there. (UWB Bangor ms 33242 p 72 written c 1903)

**CERRIG CEUON** Names means 'Sun Stone'. This cottage stood and the remains still stand there on the banks of Llyn y Cader on the west side on a triangular piece of land belonging to Hafod Ruffydd near Cwm Marchnad. The first man we are certain lived there was John Jones in 1805. Next was Jane Griffith in 1811 receiving £2 7s Od from the Overseer. Next is Evan Owen, a drunk from the Clogwyn y Gwin family. This is the man with club feet receiving parish support. Next was Robert Jones, he was a poor man as well. Last one we think lived there was Thomas Jones, Guide, but the old guide; he was a tailor. (UWB, 1903, Bangor Ms 33242 p 74-5)

1841 census : Cerrig Ceuon (1)

Elizabeth Owens	50 pauper	Born in Caernarfon
John "	11	"
Elizabeth "	11	"

1841 census : Cerrig Ceuon (2)

John Evans	35 Ag Lab	Born Caernarfon
Catherine "	30	"
Mary "	6	"
Richard "	2	"
Catherine "	1	Not found in census

Ceryg Huon - there used to be an old house called Ceryg Huon.  
(Jenkins, 1899, Beddgelert: its Facts, Fairies & Folklore, p 157-8)

**MINES/QUARRIES ON HAFOD RUFFYDD LAND update 6-10-1996**



SLATE QUARRIES on Hafod ruffydd land, & COPPER mine on former Meillionen land later (post 1838) within Hafod ruffydd uchaf.

1812 14 Nov Richard Griffith on behalf of Rich. Parry to Messr. Wm. & Sev. Doche. Agreement for a lease of QUARRIES upon Hafod ruffydd uchaf, pa Beddgelert. (UWB Forth yr Aur Ms 31,180-1)

1829 Oct 16 Letter to John Hughes from Trustees re "...system to date & receipt all rents paid re arrears at Havodryffydd farm ..." "There was an agreement with Mr ? Robertson / now expired / for working SLATE on the Havod ruffd farm. I believe it never was acted upon - or was found unprofitable (NLW B/LET 13,747)

1836 Feb 10 Letter to John Hughes (agent) from John Prichard, Beddgelert requesting a tacknote on Meillionen & Hafodruffydd to search for copper, lead, slates etc on behalf of Mr Cooper. (NLW B/LET 13,846)

1837 Oct 10 Morris Parry to J Hughes. John Williams writing for a takenote on the work where he works at; he would have sold the work to a very rich company if he had a takenote. Company in Beddgelert & if Morris Parry has a takenote they will pay him for what he has done. (NLW B/LET 13,877)

1838 Apr 21 Letter to Mr Morris Parry, miner, from John Hughes . JH cannot forward any tacknote but will lay your request before the parties interested in the property – when in hand.... My fear is that the parties whom I represent have no right to grant any Tacknote on the place in question (NLW B/LET 13,918)

1838 Jun 13 Richard Rowlands, Green Gate Street, Caernarvon requests tack note on Hafod y Han, Meillionen, Hafod riffith (NLW B/LET 13,920) [have copy] The old bachelor Morris Parry was the Capten at the two places & had Wil Pierce as mate. (UCNW Bangor ms 13723 no 115)

? no date, letter from Laura Parry to J Hughes' office re Morris Parry, Hafodryffydd's letter mentioning he had after working for 2 1/2 years, discovered a good vein of copper at Hafodryffidd for which he had an application from three gentlemen from London who were anxious to work it, & asking us to grant a release & enable him to dispose of it to these applicants. I referred to Mr Hughes second letter from Morris Parry " I shall sell if I can give them satisfaction respecting the release." Please explain this talk of selling our property. (NLW B/LET 14, 361)

Unlocated references: See Hafod ruffydd/ Meillionen refs, to Mr Cooper in 1836-39.

1838 Sept 5: J Hughes to Thos. Garth Esq. Copy letter from a respectable & enterprising mine adventurer in neighbourhood of Beddgelert - wants lease to try for himself. Your views? (NEW B/LET 14,302)

1838 Sept 12 Capt Garth to J Hughes re Mr Cooper's application for permission to make a trial for minerals requires consideration. (NEW B/LET 14,204) 1838 Oct 1 Laura Parry to J Hughes. Accept Mr Cooper's proposal re looking for minerals. (NLW B/LET 14,209)

1838 Oct 24: Thos. Garth to J Hughes; No objection to Mr Cooper's application from the ladies. (NLW B/LET 14,215)

1838 Nov 7 Laura Parry to J Hughes . Has Mr Cooper begun his search for minerals? (NLW B/LET 14,216)

1838/9 Apr wanted.... The company which I have been speaking with about the place where I and William Pierce were working on Meillionen farm are coming here in the course of a few days, and they mean to put men there to work directly if I can have the tacknote ready, their agent has been here twice lately. I can't rise the lease or else would by all means I should not wonder but they will directly. I am willing to pay you for the Tacknote whatever you will charge of me let it be what it will... (NLW B/LET 13,924)17 Letter to John Hughes from Mr Morris Parry re Hafodryffydd Mineworks.Tack note

1839 Aug 23 Letter to John Hughes from Morris Parry, **Hafod rhyfydd uchaf.**" I do beg your favour of granting your favour to lett me to dress what we have risen of ore on Meillionen farm while you get time to make up the takenote for me which I hope will be ready in a very short time for which we shall pay you quite well. We intend to send some of the ore off direct if you give us leave to dress it .We expect it to make from a ton to two after it has been dressed." Morris Parry, William Pierce , miner. (NLW B/LET 13,927)

1839 Oct 14 Letter to John Hughes from Morris Parry **Hafodryffydd uchaf** re mine works " I wish very much to see you at Beddgelert just to put us on the way how to make some kind of road to carry the Mundick to the Post road. We have several tons ready to be shipped. We have promised the work to Mr Cooper because he told us that he had leave from Miss Parry to work there himself, but now we have changed our mind and we main to carry it ourselves. We think there is a good prospect so we trust in you.. Sir..." Pierce Morgan, Morris Parry. (NLW B/LET 13,930) 1840 Jan 25 Morris Parry, Hafodryffydd to J Hughes. "Sir, I beg you not to sett the quarry to no person or persons until I shall see [you] which shall be in the course of next week some of my company will be at Bangor next week or the week following. Your most humble, Morris Parry

PS for the quarry which I mentioned in the above is Bwlch y ddaelior on Hafodryffydd farm. (NLW B/LET 14,237)

?1841 Take note for minerals slates upon Hafod rifyydd, pa of Beddgelert ( NLW AI Pryce 303)

1841 Sep 16 J Hughes to ?(draft letter) "I have had an application from a company for a lease upon the old SLATE quarry at Hafodryffydd / Meillionen at a Royalty of one 10th. They require ... a lease for 60 years or one for 3 lives with 20 concurrent years. I send (herewith) a copy of one [from Charles Wing Esq, dated Plas Gwynant, 28 August 1841] who is an adventurer with copper mines at Sugan fawr the property immediately opposite one of the Parry farms.(NLW B/LET 14,247)

1841 Sep 22 Laura Parry to J Hughes. Capt Garth is too ill to trouble, re tacknote - working SLATE quarry on Hafodryffydd - or lease ; one 10th Royalty. Why not one 5th ? Will take one 10th for the first two years; then one 5th according to the old practice. (NLW B/LET 14,248)

1841 Nov 4 Dunn, Wordsworth & Dunn to J Hughes . The ladies are full of hope that the application for a lease of the SLATE quarry will lead to a great success of revenue for them. (NLW B/LET 13,956)

1841 Nov 12: J Hughes to Dunn, Wordsworth & Dunn. The SLATE quarry lease will be accepted by the adventurers - on payment of Royalty of one 10th. (NLW B/LET 13,957)

1842 Jan 10 Miss L Parry , 67, Marine Parade, Brighton to J Hughes... Enquiries re SLATE quarry (NLW B/LET 13,960)

1842 Jan 26: J Hughes to Dunn, Wordsworth & Dunn. SLATE quarry: Have paid a visit & requested a plan. (NLW B/LET 13,961)

1842 Jan 26 J Hughes to Miss Parry. Recommends she accepts Royalty of one 10th on SLATE quarry. (NLW B/LET 13,962)

1842 Jan 27: Dunn, Wordsworth & Dunn to J Hughes, re SLATE quarry : arrangements at your discretion; one 10th to one Sth. (NLW B/LET 14,251)

1842 May 13 William Watkins, Pwllheli to J Hughes re SLATE quarry in Beddgelert. Awaiting to hear re lease. Now we were obliged to discharge most of the quarrymen & have paid them off... let us know if we can continue or not. (NLW B/LET 13,975) 1842 July 4 Laura Parry to J Hughes . Dunn, Wordsworth & Dunn should have told J H to go ahead with SLATE quarry. (NLW B/LET 14,253)

1842 July 27 J Hughes to Dunn, Wordsworth & Co re SLATE quarry lease...forward draft to J Hughes. (NLW B/LET 13,979) 1842 Aug 19: Laura Parry, 10 Norfolk St. Strand, London to J Hughes ...weather favorable for carrying on the work both in SLATE & copper. (NLW B/LET 14,254) 1842 Dec 5 Laura Parry to J Hughes ...SLATE quarry - who are the partners? (NLW B/LET 14,258)

1843 June 29: J Hughes to Miss Parry, 23, Norfolk St. Strand. Quarry lease of Havodryffydd quarries for signature. (NLW B/LET 13,996)

1843 Feb 21 Mr J Williams, Pwllheli to Laura Parry re Quarry lease. (NLW B/LET 14,262 & 14,361)

1844 June 1: Laura Parry to J Hughes. Delighted to hear something at last from the SLATE quarry; royalty soon? (NLW B/LET 14,285)

1844 June 12 Laura Parry to J Hughes.re SLATE sold. (NLW B/LET 14,286) 1844 June 13: J Hughes to Mr Philip Williams, Tregamedd, Pwllheli. Wants account of SLATE sold, Hafod Ryffydd quarries; & Royalty. (NLW B/LET 14,287) 1844 June 19 Morris Parry, Beddgelert to J Hughes. Whole amount exported from CWMDY SLATE quarry to Porthmadog : 100 tons. In addition I had sold at the Bank a/c worth £16. (NLW B/LET 14,022)

1844 June 28: Laura Parry to J Hughes. Awaiting royalties from SLATE & copper. (NLW B/LET 14,288)

1846 June 2 Laura Parry to J Hughes re letter to LP re copper mine on Meillionen; she recalls seeing Morris Parry employed at the SLATE quarry when she stayed in Carnarvonshire. (NLW B/LET 14,075)

1858 Miscellaneous papers relating to the Parry's property - Hafod ruffydd & Lliwydd mine (NLW AI Prycel28-133)

1863 Apr 24 Ed Griff Powell to ?J Hughes. Hafod Ryffydd. Anxious to Commence working - please send me the place of this property that I might mark on it the part to be in my takenote. Messr. ? Barker & Co are they also waiting for a place. (NLW B/LET 14,102)

1863 May Ed Griff Powell, Carnarvon, marked his area within the takenote soon. (NEW B/LET 14,103)

1863 May 16 Ed Griff Powell, Carnarvon. Marked out a smaller quantity of ground on plan. (NLW B/LET 14,104)

1883 Bwlch y Ddwy Elor /Bwlch y ddeilor SLATE quarry, Rhyd ddu.

A very small pit working reached by a cutting, unmechanised, output in 1883 160 tons with 7 men. Material was carted to Caernarfon it being closed before NWNG Railway was opened. Remains: almost nothing (1991). Site disturbed by forestry work. ( A Richards Gazetteer of the Slate Industry 1991)

1883 Owner; William Dew, Brynbras Castle, Carnarvon. No agent. 7 employed  
 1884 " " " no details  
 1885 " " " "  
 1886 " " " 4 employed  
 1887 LL S E Parry Sale catalogue (Clwyd D/GA 858) NONE of the lots were sold. The minerals under Lot 5 Hafod ruffydd uchaf are included in the sale. Sale map shows small COPPER mine near boundary wall in Trwscol within Lot 5. The minerals under Lot 6 Hafod ruffydd will be reserved. Sale map shows BWLCH Y DDAUELOR SLATE QUARRY in Cwm du within Lot 6 The minerals under Lot 7 Gian y Gors will be reserved. Sale map shows SLATE QUARRY in Cae yr GADER WYLLT within Lot 7. GADER / GADER WYLLT / GADER LAICH. Grid ref: SH564518 'Open pit, virtually on the same site as Llyn y Gadair. 1914 bought by Glanrafon. Remains : Pit & incline, tramway to trial. Partly built mill & other building in reuse.' (AJ Richards 1991 p 89)

1887 Owner; Bwlch y ddeilor Slate Quarry Co, Carnarvon, no agent 3 employed  
 1888 " " " 3 "  
 1889 " " " no details  
 1890 " " " "  
 1891 " " " "  
 1892 " " " " suspended  
 1893 " " " "  
 1894 not listed (GAS Lists of Mines)  
 1910 DISUSED " See Sale Catalogue (GAS XSC 041 & Clwyd D/GA 858)  
 1910 DISUSED Gader Wyllt SLATE quarry in Gian y Gors (GAS XSC 041)

**TENANTS OF HAFOD RUFFYDD - continuity chart update 1996**

Margaret Roberts M Pierce Morgan, Wemlasdeg  
 Tenant post 1771-d in 1780 I d 1745

**HR UCHAF I HAFOD RUFFYDD**

Evan Pierce M Alice Prichard (1737-1825) I (1735-1834)	William Pierce M Alice Williams, Fridd U (1743-1827) I (1743-1820)
Tenant: 1784-1825 I 1825-1834	1784-1827 I
I subtenant	I
[son] Griffith Evans M Catherine Jones (1779-1846) (1799-1871)	[son] Pierce Morgan M Jane Owen (1780-1864) (1780-post 1861)
Tenant: 1834-1845	1845-1855 leaves 1827-1846 moved to Fridd

1851 3 houses	Daniel Owen born LLanfrothen (1795-1887....)
1861 3 houses DO'S dau + Husband	Tenant 1842-1887
1871 3 houses	Owen Jones in 19-861-1869
Was in Glan y Gors in 1871	

**Visit of Gwilym Jones to Hafod Ruffydd Uchaf 29 Nov 2009.**

**Emailed to M Dunn 4 Dec 09**

My father Owen Jones was bom in Feb 1890. His parents were Katie Griffiths (the youngest of the family and the only daughter) and William Matthew Jones a farm labourer/servant at Meillionen. Kate was about 18 years old: William Matthew about 24. The wedding took place hurriedly in October 1889. The marriage certificate confirms all this. More children followed one every two years or so. William, Maggie, Jeremy and Edwin (?) William Matthew died young in 1909 and Kate married William John Humphreys. Shortly after the wedding Iris was bom. William Matthew Jones my paternal grandfather was bom at Bryn-y-Felin. Not the present house of that name but the two mined cottages up by the copper mine spoil heaps. The ruins are there with trees gradually pushing over the walls.

I have early vague memories of the Griffiths brothers, but before that I have failed to trace the origins of the Griffiths family other than that they came from Merioneth. Early boyhood memories of

1.

William and Laura Griffiths , Gwynant Street

Morris Griffith bachelor Kept a shop in Smith Street later moved to Waterloo

Humphrey managed the Royal Goat For many years.His widow lives

In bungalow next to Ael y bryn

Dennis Owen lives in the village

2.

David and charlotte Griffiths , Gwynant Street.

Susie

Josie married Dafydd Morris of Sygun Bach, Madge Hughes and family are from Sygun

Bach . At one time the Morris lived at Cae Haidd

3.

John and Ellen Griffith 'ochr Draw

John (Jackie bach) Mary Mary Ellen Ellen

Eric Doris Ken Len Gwyfor. He has sold the family home in Sygun

Terrace in last few years

Information written out for John and Tinny Bromley by Gwilym Jones ex Ty Capel 1&2

Buckley

Terrace, Beddgelert.

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