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Maesgwrlleyn

Llanfrothen,
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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MAESGWRLLEYN: A History of the House & its Families
Llanfrothen, Gwynedd **update 1-3-2006**

NGR SH SH 624414

NOT LISTED

Some old roof timbers; generally restored farmhouse.

OWNERS ? the Wynn of Gwydir family NOT YET CONFIRMED

c1460 death of Maredudd ah Ieuan of Ystumcegid, who had inherited the Rhiwedog estate in Merioneth through his wife. His son John ap Maredudd inherited a substantial estate in Penefed, Pennant, Llanfrothen and Nanmor. *Ieuan ap Robert* was John ap Maredudd s first cousin once removed. *He was a witness in 1519 document.* (JG Jones, The Wynn Family of Gwydir, p 13; C Gresham, Eifionydd, 19-20)

c1500-1525: Maredudd ap Ieuan ap Robert obtained Y Gesailgyfarch & other lands in Penefed, Pennant & Llanfrothen. (J G Jones, 1995, WFG, p13-4) He died in 1525, having fathered around 30 children.

1525-1559: John Wynn ap Maredudd (C Gresham, 1973, Eifionydd p 89)

1552- legal documents re his land holdings in Llanfrothen & other parishes (UWB Baron Hill ms 8, 9; Record of Caernarvon pp 281, 288-9; NLW Llanstephan ms 179B)

1559-1580: Maurice Wynn of Gwydir

1560-80 Rental of lands from CWP No 94, Memorandum book of Maurice Wynn of Gwydir p32; Oyr ddwr 5 shillings.

1580-1627: His son, Sir John Wynn, inherited in 1580. He greatly enlarged Gwydir.

1626-1649: **The 2nd son, Sir Richard Wynn**, inherited the Gwydir estate on the death of old Sir John Wynn.

1649-1668: Sir Owen Wynn inherited as his brother Sir Richard Wynn died childless.

1654 Sir Owen s son Richard Wynn married Sarah Middleton. Sir Owen Wynn granted him properties in trust in Llanfrothen, Beddgelert Valued at £600. (JG Jones, HWF p 105)

? 1662 Hearth Tax

1668-1674: Owen s son, Sir Richard Wynn inherited.

On his death in 1674 the baronetcy passed to his cousin, Sir John Wynn of Watstay.

1740 Sir Watkin Williams Wynn I inherited through his mother.

1774 1749 Part of Gwydir estates, apparently including those in Llanfrothen & Beddgelert, were inherited by Sir Watkin Williams-Wynn I, 3rd Bart of Wynnstay.

(NLW Wynnstay L. 1301 includes Llanfrothen, Diet Welsh Biography, pl 100; C Gresham, 1973, Eifionyddp 101)

1749-1789 son, Sir Watkin Williams-Wynn II, 4th Bart of Wynnstay

1789-1840 son aged 17, Sir Watkin Williams-Wynn III, 5th Bart of Wynnstay 1784-1795 owner Sir Watkin Williams Wynne, Bart.

1798 Land Tax NOT YET CONFIRMED

In 1801/3 young Sir Watkin Williams Wynn III decided to sell outlying portions of the old Gwydir estate. (C Gresham, 1973, Eifionydd p 102; UWB, Forth yr aur 19,710; Byegones 1887, p 343)

TENANTS:

MAESGWYRLLYN

1680 NLW Wynnstay ms R8/7 -	Mr John Williams Roberts	£12-5-0
1683 ms LI 301 Maesgwyrllyn	Elizabeth vch Richd.	£12-5-0
1689	Mr John Williams Roberts	
1690 msR8	Mr John Williams	£12-5-0
1691	Mr John Williams	
1692	Richard Humphrey	
1697 ms R9/5 Maes Gwyr Llyn	<i>Yi</i> Richard Humphrey	£6-2-6
	% Ellis ap Edward	£3-1-3
	% Issack Powell	£3-1-3
1698 ms R9 Maes Gwyr Llyn	<i>Vi</i> Richard Humphrey	£6-2-6
	% Ellis ap Edward	£3-1-3
	% Issack Powell	£3-1-3
1699 ms R9 Maes Gwyr Llyn	<i>Yi</i> Richard Humphrey	£6-2-6
	% Ellis ap Edward	£3-1-3
	<i>YA</i> , Manassey Joseph	£3-1-3
1700 ms R9 Maes Gwyr Llyn	<i>Yi</i> Richard Humphrey	£6-2-6
	<i>YA</i> Ellis ap Edward	£3-1-3
	<i>YA</i> Manassey Joseph	£3-1-3
1701 ms R8/6e	$\frac{1}{2}$ Richard Humphrey	£6-2-6
	<i>Yi</i> Ellis ap Edward	£6-2-6
1709 ms RI 0/7 Maes Gwyr Llyn	<i>Yi</i> Richard Humphrey	£6-2-6
	<i>Yi</i> Ellis Edward	£6-2-6
1710 ms R10	<i>Yi</i> Richard Humphrey	£6-2-6
	$\frac{1}{2}$ Ellis Edward	£6-2-6
1711 ms R10	<i>Yi</i> Richard Humphrey	£6-2-6
	<i>Yi</i> Ellis Edward	£6-2-6
1711 ms R10 Mr Ffoulk Jones		£3-1-3d for erecting a new house for a new tenant on Maes Gwyr Llyn, Llanfrothen.
1711 ms R10 allowed Mr Ffoulk Jones		for making a new stone wall & other repayments £1-10-6
1713 ms R10	Ffoulk Thomas	£12-5-0
1714 ms RI 1	Ffoulk Thomas	£12-5-0

1716 Ffoulk Thomas
 1717 ms RI 1/9a Foulk Thomas with Havod y Mynydd
 1717 ms RI 1 Allowed to Ffoulk Thomas for 2 heifers £5-0-0
 1718 ms RI 1/10a Foulk Thomas with Havod y Mynydd
 1718 ms RI 1 Allowed Ffoulk Thomas for repayers upon Llanvrothen mill £1-14-0
 1718 ms RI 1 Allowed Ffoulk Thomas for making a **new chimney in the house at Maes Gwyr llyn** £1-3-0.
 1720 ms R26 Maesgwyrlllyn Ffoulk Thomas
 1725 Ffoulk Thomas
 1729 Ffoulk Thomas
 1736 Ffoulk Thomas
 1736 ms R24/1 Ffoulk Thomas

 1737 ms R24/6 Thomas Ffoulks
 1744 ms R27 Thomas Ffoulks
 1748 ms R29 Thomas Ffoulks
 1748 death of Robert Morris, aged 65 years, of Hendregwenllian & Maesgwyrlllyn. He had married Jane Isaac, one of 9 children of Isaac ap Robert Morris who died 1718, (LF records) of Wem & Parc, Llanfrothen. They had Isaac in 1723 & Gwen in 1730. (TCGriffith2 [122]).
 1749msR29 Maesgwyrlllyn Thomas Ffoulks
 1750 Thomas Ffoulks
 1750 ms R30/6 Thomas Ffoulks £12-5-0
 1751msR29 Thomas Ffoulks
 1755 ms R32/9 Thomas Ffoulks
 1756-7 ms R33/12 Thomas Ffoulks
 1757 Sept 25 baptism of Thomas, son of Evan Thomas, Maesgwyrlllyn & Mary (LR records)
 1758-9 ms R34/11 Thomas Ffoulks
 1759 June 13: baptism of Ellen, daughter of Evan Thomas, Maesgwyrlllyn, labourer, & Mary (LR records)
 1759 Aug 24: burial of Jane, widow of Robert Morris, Maesgwyrlllyn, widow, aged 71. (LF records) 1760 ms
 R35/2 Thomas Ffoulks
 1761 July 10: 25 baptism of Robert, son of Evan Thomas, Maesgwyrlllyn, MINER, & Mary (LR records) 1762 ms
 R37/4 Thomas Ffoulks
 1764 Mar 9: burial of Robert, son of Evan Thomas, Maesgwyrlllyn, infant. (LR records)
 1765 ms R37 ?
 1769/70 ms R40 noref Thomas Ffoulks
 1771 ms R40 noref
 1772 ms R41 noref
 1773 ms R41 noref with Thomas Ffoulks +?Croesor Fawr
 1775/78 ms R44-47 no ref Thomas Ffoulks
 1784msR49/13 no ref Thomas Ffoulks
 Thomas Ffoulks
 Thomas Ffoulks ?Thomas Foulkes
 1785 July 30: bapt of Jonet, daughter of Owen David, Maesgwyrlllyn, pauper & Gwen his wife. (LF records)
 1787 Feb 10: bapt of Gaynor, daughter of Richard Owen, Maesgwyrlllyn, labourer, & Ann his wife. (LF records)

1792 Sept 23: bapt of Morris, son of Richard Owen, Maesgwrlleyn, pauper, & Ann his wife. (LF records)

1794 Sept 18: bapt of John, son of Richard Owen, Maesgwrlleyn, labourer, & Jane his wife. (LF records)

1796 Aug 17: bapt of Dorothy, daughter of Richard Owen, Maesgwrlleyn, labourer, & Jane his wife. (LF records)

1797 Nov 22: bapt of Jonet, daughter of Gabriel Morris, Maesgwrlleyn, miner, & Jane his wife. (LF records)

1798 Land Tax owner ? Sir Watkin Williams-Wynne

1789/90 ms R54 no ref in NLW Wynnstay rentals

1799/1800 ms R59/3 no ref

1803 Jan 16, at Bala Auction of lands of Sir Watkin Williams-Wynne of Wynnstay. CHECK

Lease & Release of Lot 2 Tyddyn y Ilan & Maesgwrlllyn, & Lot 3 Kynant, otherwise Ceunant, to 3. Hugh Jones of Hengwrt uchaf Esq & 4. Thomas Casson of Blaenddol Esq. (Dolgellau Z/DH/91 Hengwrt uchaf)

Which other holdings were sold? What was Lot 1?

1840 Tithe schedule of Llanfrothen

No 51: Owner: Hugh Reveley Esq. Hengwrt ucha. Tenant John Evans

1840 Tithe Commutation & schedule Llanfrothen

(Other houses owned by Hugh Jones in Llanfrothen:

Ty Mawr, Pantywrach, Shop ai haul, Ysguborgoch, Tanyclogwyn, Lian, Ty Fry, part of Cae crwn, Penybwlch, Ceunant)

1841 census

1851 census

1859 Sept 25: death of Evan Owen, Maesgwrlleyn, aged 13 years. (LF MI A017)

1860 Owner Hugh Reveley Esq, Hengwrt ucha

1861 census

1869 Apr 24: death of John Evans Maes gwr lleyn aged 84 years. (LF MI D021))

1871 Feb 21: death of Mary his wife, aged 84 years, (LF MI D 021)

1871 census

1875 Sept 7: death of Margaret Jones, wife of Evan Jones, aged 57 years. (LF MI E014)

1881 Nov 29: death of John their son, aged 23 years. (LF MI E014)

1894 May 3: death of Van, their son, aged 28 years. (LF MI E014)

1899 June 28: death of Evan Jones, Gwilym Tee, Penrhyn, formerly of Maesgwrlleyn, aged 69 years. (LF MI E014)

1881 census 1891 census

1894 Jan 13: death of William Roberts, Maesgwrlleyn, aged 43 years. (LF MI G035)

1900 Owner Hugh Reveley Esq, Hengwrt Ucha

1901 census

1910 Land Tax

1911 census

1903 Dec 18: (UWB Sale catalogue 632) ? sale by the Hengwrt ucha estate.

Lot 6 Maesgwrlleyn tenant Mrs Ellen Roberts 48+ acres

1908 Feb 22: death of Ellen, William Robert s daughter, aged 22 years, (LF MI G035)

1911 Sept 14: Maesgwrlleyn was owned by the late William Roberts (Dolgellau archives Z/F/146, Sale of Lord Harlech s Land; adjoining owners shown on plan) 1930

Dec 18: death of Ellen Roberts, widow of William Roberts, aged 81 years (LF MI G035)

1935 Sept 30: death of William Roberts their son, aged 65 years. (LF MI GO35)

1944 Apr 13: death of Kate Roberts, their daughter, aged 52 years. (LF MI G035)

House Deeds

Local memories

Church / chapel records

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