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PEN Y GRAIG

Minfford, Penrhyndeudraeth,
Gwynedd



House History

A Part History of the House & its Families

Author: Margaret Dunn

Updated 17-12-2005

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

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PEN Y GRAIG: A History of the House & its Families
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NGR SH 596 384

Not Listed

Large croglofft building on steeply sloping hillside on lane to north of main road A487. Large recessed L end wall fireplace with large wooden bressummer; to R is a croglofft covering half the building. ?Original roof timbers survive.

No house / family history known.

Said to have belonged to a family of sailors; the Traeth Mawr foreshore was closeby.

Is this the correct Pen y Graig?

1776 Oct 20: bapt of Robert Morgan, son of Robert Morgan, Pen y graig, labourer, & Dorothy his wife (LF records)

1779 Jan 31: bapt of Eleanor, daughter of Robert Morgan, Pen y graig, mariner, & Dorothy his wife (LF records)

1781 Jan 30: bapt of William, son of Robert Morgan, Pen y graig, saylor, & Dorothy his wife (LF records)

1783 Jul 2: bapt of Eleanor, daughter of Robert Morgan, Penygraig, labourer, & Dorothy his wife (LF records)

1794/5 John Evan s map Detail not shown

1828 Feb 1 & 2: LEASE & RELEASE of tenements & lands called Penrhiw goch (22 acres) & Y Gors (12 acres) in Llandecwyn parish & Stentir (& acres) & **Minffordd (22 acres)** in Llanfihangel y Traethau parish.

that messuage & land known as Minffordd, occupied by Jane Jones, widow & Richard Jones. Schedule of Deeds & papers (1796-1823) Marginal maps. Consideration £1,723.

1. Thomas Nettleton Parker of Sweeney, Oswestry, co Salop & David Pennant of Downing, co Flint Esq
2. William Ormsey Gore of Porkington, co Salop Esq & Mary Jane his wife
3. William Williams of Blaen y Cae, Llanfrothen, farmer
4. Hugh Jones. Hengwrt uchaf, Esq
5. John Pugh of Dolgellau, gent.

The small map / plan shows Minffordd house & garden south of Penygraig building, fold & patch. (Merioneth Archives, Z/DH/106)

1832 Parc / Plas Newydd Sale plan not recorded, but was not part of that estate. Seems to have been in Hugh Jones Esq. s (Hengwrt ucha) land, as was Rhos.

1843 Tithe map & schedule for Llanfihangel y Traethau Recorded as part of Minffordd. 22 acres. Owned by David Williams Esq (Castell Deudraeth) & occupied by John Davis.

1841 census Llanfihangel y Traethau: order of properties visited:
Plas yn Penrhyn

Minffordd John Peters 30 farmer bom in M
 Margaret Evf ms 25 farmservant
 Tyn cefii
 Penygraig

1841 census Pen y graig
 Ellin Jones 35 farmer Bom in Merionethshire
 12
 10
 Jane 8
 Mary Catherine 5
 Thomas Richard 3
 Margaret Lewis 20 farm servant
 Ellen Humphreys 11 farm servant

1851 census Schedule no 55 Pen y graig
 Ellinor Jones H M 46 mariner s wife bom Llanfihangel y T
 Mary dau U 20 dressmaker
 Catherine dau U 18
 Richard son U 12 scholar
 John son U 9 scholar
 Elinor dau U 7
 Peter son U 2

1855 Jun 4: Thomas Jones, Penygraig, £4 5s Od (Castell Deudraeth, Rent book, 185556) 1858 new parish of Penrhyndeudraeth was formed from part of Llanfihangel y Traethau parish.

1860 OS map. There is dot in the correct place for Penygraig.

1861 census Pen y graig
 Ellin Jones H M 46 wife bom Llanfihangel y T
 William Roberts son in law widow 31 quarryman Caernarfon
 John Jones son U 19 seaman Llanfihangel y T
 Ellin Jones dau U 15
 Ellin Roberts g dau U 0 -

1871 census

1881 census

1891 census Pen y Graig Fiche 31; RG12 / 4644. Schedule No 226.4 rooms.
 Robert Jones H M 62 grocer bom Ffestiniog
 Mary Jones wife M 59 Llanfihangel y Traethau
 Anne Jones dau S 18 grocer s ass

1901 census Pen y Graig Fiche 31; RG13 / 5256. Schedule no 30. 3 rooms.
 Peter Jones H M 50 seaman bom Penrhyn

Mary Jones wife M 51 Trawsfynydd
 Ellis Jones son S 27 slate quarries Penrhyn
 Thomas Jones son S 25 bricklayer Penrhyn
 Maggie Jones dau s 13 Penrhyn

1910 OS map Tax Assessment shows Pen y graig, unnamed on map.

No 347 house & garden.
Owner: Arthur O Williams, Deudraeth Castle estate.
Occupier: Ellin Williams, Penygraig.

1911 census 1942 June 1: baptism of Raymond, son of Ellis Richard Paul & Mary, Pen y Graig, Minffordd, Baker (Penrhyndeudraeth church register)

Llanffothen / Llanfihangel y Traethau / Penrhyndeudraeth church records
memorial inscriptions.

Local memories

House deeds

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