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Rhos

Minffordd
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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RHOS, Minffordd (pa Penrhyndeudraeth, originally Llanfrothen), Gwynedd 9-5-08

NGR SH 25920 338710 Grade II

From CADW Listing Schedule:

Largely C17 dwelling and erstwhile tavern, with considerable later alterations. Two storey sub-medieval house evolved into L-plan; rubble construction with slate roofs and end chimney with distinctive triangular crestings. The primary block has a 2-window W front with 12-pane sashes flanking a central entrance to both floors, those to the upper floor with gabled dormers; slab-coped principal gables to this wing.

Interior retains low beamed ceiling and massive timber lintel to left gable, timber stair rises straight from entrance lobby.

c1894 the old cottage was knocked down (Breese Casson papers); a new "wing" replaced it. The large bresummer & inglenook of the cottage remain. The Brewery was demolished by the nearby quarry about 1960.

Dendrochronology results:

Mantel-beam	Felling date: Spring 1572
Transverse beam	Winter 1571/2
Rear principal rafter	1550-1580
Front principal rafter (mean of 3 samples)	Spring 1572
Front lower purlin	1545-1575

Rhos, Minffordd, Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd. (NPRN 406477)

A Snowdonia house of 1572 but probably of earlier origin: a fragment of undated cruck blade is visible in the outer room. (RCAHMW Review, 2006-07, p 59)

Penrhyndeudraeth, Minffordd, Rhos (SH 5920 3871) Felling dates: Winter 1571/2 & Spring 1572

A Snowdonia house of 1572 but probably of earlier origin: a fragment of undatable cruck blade is visible in the outer room. The large gable-end fireplace is original but the parlour fireplace is a nineteenth century addition. The nineteenth century stairs in the passage replace an earlier stair in the hall/kitchen indicated by a trimmer beam. The morticed collar of the visible truss has been removed. (Vernacular Architecture, Vol 38, 2007, List 193, Welsh Dendrochronology Project – Phase 11, p 137)

Rhos is situated just above H.W.M. at a site used as the Merioneth landfall for crossing Traeth Mawr estuary. Previous houses on the site are referred to in documents c1461 and 1519.

The house lies N-S with the gable-end chimney at the N end; the front door faces west.

Water supply??

HISTORY

See detailed history prepared by Mrs Nan Griffiths, the current owner. (In Welsh) Notes in italics.

Circa 1461 “As Ieuan ap Robert was on his way going thither (to Chirkland) passing by **Ty'n yn Rhos** (being a winehouse standing in Penrhyndeudraeth), Hywel ap Rhys ap Hywel Fychan's wife, being in the house, said to the people that were with her

(Sir John Wynn, History of the Gwydir Family, ed J Gwynfor Jones, 1990. p 39 & 141)

1519 May 19: Ty'n Rhos named in Release, with other local properties, involving the Gwydir family. **Release by** Ieuan ap Einion ap Rees ap Madock Llwhch of Llanfrothen **to** Richard Pencoyd clericus and Lewis ap Ieuan ap Dio of Hendre Hoydlew (Ty Obry?), Tyddyn y Ficer (Ty Fry?), Henbant, Ty yn y garth, **Ty yn y Rhos**, Cae Merched Ieuan Fychan & some virgates in Gelli Dywyll & Dol Llywelyn Goch (some being in Llanfihangel y traethau)

Witnesses Meredydd ap Ieuan ap Robert (of Gwydir), John Wyn ap Meredydd ap Ieuan ap Robert (his eldest son), Rees ap John ap Mareddydd, John ap Mareddydd ap Matto, John Foxwist (Caernarfon lawyer)

A cleric of the name of Richard Pencoyt was presented to a portion of the benefice of Aberdaron in Sept 1514 (A Ivor Pryce, Diocese Bangor iii)

A portion of the above lands were once owned by Thomas ap Griffith ap David ap Llewelyn. (UWB, Bangor ms 3654- more Porth yr Aur Papers)

1680s - 2008 uninterrupted occupancy of Rhos by the same family.

Late 1600s: David ap Morris ap William, Penamnen, had a daughter Jane verch David (d 1716 LF) whose second husband was **Griffith Wynne, Rhos, Llanfrothen** (d 1706 LF will) (T C Griffith 2003 [208])

1714 (LF) marriage of **John Jones Gent., d 1754, Rhos, Llanfrothen** (son of Morris Jones, Betws Fawr & Ann verch Humphrey Meredith, Mynachty Gwyn) to Catherine Rowland, Parc, d 1722, (daughter of Rowland Williams, yeoman, Ynysfawr d 1725 will) (T C Griffith 2003 [215])

1755 Dec burial of John Jones, late of Rhos, aged 67. (LF records)

c1740s Rhos family tradition that Howell Harris held a prayer meeting in the old kitchen. Certainly John Wesley was a frequent visitor.

1770 May baptism of Catherine, daughter of John Peter, Minffordd, **Innkeeper** & Margaret (LF records)

1770 "payed ye daughter of **Rose** for 6 bottles of brandy and 6 due for oats 9s 6d." (Account book of Plas Brondanw – Bob Owen p 109)

1758 Nov buried Evan David of Rhose, infant. (LF records)

1771 Oct baptism of David, son of William David & Margaret, Rhos, labourer. (LF records)

1776 Apr baptism of Anne, daughter of John Jones, Rhose, mariner & Elizabeth (LF records)

1776 Aug 24: (Maentwrog) Marriage of John Isaac of Llandecwyn, Rhose & Glanllyn, Maentwrog; Drwsycoed, Rhyd Ddu & Gorphwsfa bach, Llanberis (blacksmith) and **Elinor David**, Hendre Fawr, Maentwrog & **Rhose, Llanfrothen** d 1787 (Llanberis), ? poor widow. They had: Ann 1777 Llandecwyn;

1778 Jul baptism of Robert, son of John Isaac, Rhose, smith, & Elinor (LF Records)

David 1780-80 Llanfrothen; David Jones, Drwsycoed, Hafodruffydd (1785 Beddgelert-1843B); Margaret 1788 Llanberis; and Owen 1893 Llanberis. (T C Griffith, 2003 [47])

1777 Sep burial of David Evans mariner, Rhos. (LF records & MI B055)

1778 Jan burial of Owen Evans, bachelor, Rhos (LF records)

1779 Jan burial of Ann Lloyd, widow, Rhose. (LF records) (*widow of David Evans mariner*)

Inventory 7 March:

<i>to ye upper chamber</i>	<i>15s</i>	<i>0d</i>
<i>To ye lower chamber</i>	<i>£2</i>	<i>0s 0d</i>

<i>To ye middle floor</i>	£5	0s	0d
<i>To ye loft</i>	£2	10s	0d
<i>Ye cash</i>	£11	11s	0d
<i>To ye part share of a sloop</i>	£30	0s	0d
<i>Total</i>	£51	16s	0d

1776 Apr baptism of Gwen, daughter of John Jones mariner & Elizabeth, Rhose (LR records)
 1778 May baptism of Ellin, daughter of John Jones sailor & Elizabeth, Rhose (LF records)
 1780 May baptism of Margaret, daughter of John Jones sailor & Elizabeth, Rhose (LF records)
 1782 Dec baptism of Elizabeth, daughter of John Jones sailor & Elizabeth, Rhose. (LF records)
 1785 Oct baptism of David, son of John Jones mariner & Elizabeth, Rhose. (LF records)

1787 Jan burial of Eleanor David of Rhose, widow, pauper (LF records)
 1798 Jun baptism of William Williams, son of Thomas Williams & Anne, Rhose carpenter (LF records)

1804 Jun baptism of Barbara Jones, daughter of David John Davies & Margaret of Rhos (LF records)
 1804 Aug baptism of Catherine, daughter of Wynne ? & Catherine, Rhose UNCLEAR(LF records)

1825 Dec burial of Margaret Jones, Rhos, aged 20 (LF records)

1832 Parc estate sale catalogue Sale by ???: Lot 4 Plas Newydd, Rhos & Minffordd. (Dolgellau, Z/DJ/246i)

RHOS – tenement, comprising House, Barn, Stable and Cow-house, in the holding of Widow Pritchard. With Right of Common on the Llanfrothen Marsh. On plan: 58 –house; 59-65 fields.
 MINFFORDD – tenement comprising a Public House etc, & labourer’s dwelling, in the occupation of Mr Owen Owens. On plan: 65 & 66 House & garden with dwelling; 67 & 68 fields.

1834 Aug burial of Margaret Davies, Rhos, aged 85. (LF records)
 1838 Mar burial of Jane Roberts, Rhos, aged 1¼. (LF records)

1840: Tithe commutation No 13 Rhos
 Owner: Edward Price Lloyd, Lord Mostyn; tenant: John Evans.

1841 census Rhos (Llanfrothen)

John Evans	65	farmer	born in Merionethshire
Jane “	65		“
Gwen “	25		“
Ellis Roberts	35	Ag lab	“
Ameey “	35		“
Margaret “	12		“
William “	10		“
John “	6		“
Owen “	6		“
Ellis “	4		“
Owen “	1		“

1848 June 7: Lot 1 Plan of Plasnewydd, Rhos & Minffordd in the parish of Llanfrothen, co M. Sold by auction by Sir Edward Pryce Lloyd 1st Baron Mostyn at the Uxbridge Arms Hotel, Caernarvon.

CHECK & SEE IT

1849 Sep 11 death of John Evans, Rhos aged 84. (Llanfrothen MI B059)

1851 census

1853 Oct 6: at Oakely Arms Hotel, Tanybwlech. sale map. WHO sold / WHO bought? CHECK & SEE IT

1858 Penrhyndeudraeth church records commence

1861 census

1862 Jul burial of Jane Williams, Rhos aged 89. (LF records)

Also as “ Jane, wife of John Evans” Llanfrothen MI B059)

1869 Jun 13: baptism of Margaret Jane, daughter of Edward & Anne Jones, Rhos, Master Mariner. (Penrhyndeudraeth church registers)

1871 census

1881 census

1891 census

1897 Rhos became part of the new Penrhyndeudraeth parish

See Penrhyndeudraeth church / chapel records & memorial inscription.

1901 census

1922 Deudraeth Castle Sale Catalogue & plan: Sir Arthur Osmond Williams (1849-post 1922)

WHEN DID THEY PURCHASE THESE HOLDINGS?

Title shall commence with will 14 Sept 1869 of late David Williams, MP, Deudraeth Castle, who died 15 Dec 1869.

Lot 12 Rhos, p Llanfrothen; occupier David Davies £21 rent

RHOS was bought by grandmother (?Mrs Davies) of current owner

Lot 26 Plasnewydd – old mansion

Lot 29 Tanllan / Tan Rhiw, p Llanfrothen

Lot 32 Ty Obry

Lot 90 Garthllwynog

(Dolgellau Z/F/55)

1931 Marriage of Gwen Mai Davies, Rhos, Minffordd and Rev R Bryn Williams (1902-1981)

They had Glyn, Alun & Nan (who married Merfyn Griffith, Cardiff) who lives at Rhos in 2008.

(T C Griffith 2003 [243])

Local memories

House deeds