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Ty Mawr

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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TY MAWR: A History of the House & its Families
LLANFROTHEN Gwynedd **update 1-3-2006**

NGR 26141 34020

Grade II

From Cadw Listing notes (1998)

Vernacular one-and-a-half storey farmhouse probably of the mid C17, although repaired or partly rebuilt in 1707. Implied former cross-passage plan to farmhouse; some chamfered main beams and plan joists visible.

(Owners spoke of seeing former cruck bases within front and rear wall in room to right of main entrance)

OWNERS – the Wynn of Gwydir family

c1460 death of Maredudd ab 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. (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, Dict Welsh Biography, p1100; C Gresham, 1973, Eifionydd p 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.

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, Porth yr aur 19,710; Bye-gones 1887, p 343)

1826 Jan 16: at Bala, Sir Watkin Williams Wynne of Wynnstay, co Denbigh, sold outlying parts of estate

1839 Hugh Jones Esq Hengwrt uchaf purchased lands in Llanfrothen.

1840 Tithe map & schedule No 45 Ty Mawr

Owner Hugh Jones Esq. tenant John Griffith Part of Hengwrt uchaf estate

Hugh Jones owned: Ty Mawr, Pantywrach, Shop ai haul, Ysguborgoch, Tanclogwyn, Llan, Maesgwrlleyn, part of Cae crwn, Penybwllch, Ceunant + Ty Fry)

1860 July 16: Deed to partition between Anne Jones and Catherine Jones, sisters, consequent upon the will of their father Hugh Jones late of Hengwrt ucha Esq.

Two schedules attached comprising lands in counties 1 Montgomery & 2 Merioneth.

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1900 Oct 22: 1. Charles Edward Jones Owen of Maesgwrt uchaf Esq

2. Howell Powell Edwards, London Esq. & Arthur Llewelyn Edwards, Caerleon, Esq; Mortgage of lands forming part of Ty Fry, parish of Llanfrothen, Llanfihangel y traethau & Llandecwyn. Schedule of lands & marginal map. Consideration £3,500.

SCHEDULE:

Tenant	Property	Acreage	Annual Rent
John Griffith	Ty Mawr & Rock, Llanforthen	113a 3r 3p	£66-10-0
William Jones	Ty Fry, Llanfrothrn + Llanf y T	84 1 13	£46-0-0
Owen Evans	Ysguborgoch “ “	25 2 4	£20-10-0

Griffith Jones	Penybwloch	“	“	7	1	9	£11-2-6
Owen Evans	Pantywrach	“	“+Llandecwyn	100	2	19}	£70-12-0
“	“	Ceunant Tynycoed	Llanfrothen	10	0	39}	
Ellen Roberts	Maesgwrlun	“	“	72	1	22	£27-17-0
William Williams	Coed y newydd	“	“	14	1	35	£ 8-0-0
Ellen Roberts	Llan farm	“	“	73	2	22	£ 70-9-0

(Dolgellau Z/DH/123)

1904: Memorandum that by an Indenture dated 22 March 1904 Ty Mawr was conveyed by Charles Edwards Jones Owen Esq to John Griffith and Robert Jones Griffith in fee simple. (Dolgellau Z/DH/123)

1906 Dec 18: sale catalogue, no plan

Lot 1	Ty Fry	tenant	William Jones	88+ acres
Lot 2	Ty Mawr		John Griffith	113+ acres
Lot 3	Pantywrach		Owen Evans	106+ acres
Lot 4	Ysguborgoch		“ “	27+ acres
Lot 5	Llan farm	Mrs Ellen Robets & Mr Robert Roberts		73+ acres
Lot 6	Maesgwrlleyn		Mrs Ellen Roberts	48+ acres
Lot 7	Caedynewid		William Williams	20+ acres
Lot 8	Ceunant alias Tynycoed		Owen Evans	9+ acres
Lot 9	Penybwloch uchaf		Griffith Jones	7+ acres

Title shall commence with Deed of Partition dated 16 July 1860 made between 1. Anne Jones; 2. Rev Evan Owen & Catherine Owen; 3. Francis Hallowes & William Griffith; & 4. Rev David Williams. (UWB, Sale Catalogue 632)

IS THIS A SALE OF HENGWRT UCHA LANDS?

TENANTS

1568 Tyddyn William ap Meredydd (source unknown - Merioneth archives)

1680 NLW Wynnstay ms R8/7	-	Robert ap John ap Rees	£18-12-6 incl PyW
1683 ms L1301	Ty Mawr	Robert John ap ?Robert	£11-10-0
1689 “	“	Robert ap John ap Rees	
1690 ms R8	Ty Mawr	Robert ap John ap Rees	£11-10-0
1691 “	“	Robert ap John ap Rees	
1692 “	“	Robert ap John ap Rees	
1697 ms R9/5	“	Robert ap John ap Rees	£18-12-6 incl PyW
1698 ms R9	“	Robert ap John ap Rees	£18-12-6 incl PyW
1699 ms R5	“	Robert ap John ap Rees	£18-12-6 incl PyW
1700 ms R9	“	Robert Roberts	£18-12-6 inclPyW
1701 ms R8/6e	“	Robert Roberts	£18-12-6 inclPyW
1703 July:	burial of Robert Roberts, Ty Mawr	(LF records)	
1709 ms R10/7	Ty Mawr	Ellis David	£18-12-6 inclLyW
1710 ms R10	“	Ellis David	£18-12-6 inclLyW
1711 ms R10	“	Ellis David	£18-12-6 inclLyW
1713 ms R10	“	Ellis David	£18-12-6 inclLyW
1714 ms R11	“	Ellis David	£18-12-6 + PyW
1716 “	“	Ellis David	

1717 ms R11/9a “ Ellis David + LlyW
 1718 ms R11/10a “ Ellis David + LlyW
 1720 Burial of Gaynor Jones, aged 58, of Ty Mawr, wife of Robert Roberts. (LF records)
 1720 burial of ?? aged 39, of Ty Mawr (LF records)
 1720 ms R26 Ty Mawr Ellis David
 1725 “ “ John Jones
 1729 “ “ John Jones
 1736 “ “ John Jones
 1736 ms R24/1 “ John Jones + PyW
 1737 ms R24/6 “ John Jones + PyW

1741 marriage between **William Griffith Williams** (1708-1792) yeoman & farmer, Braich y Ddinas & Ty Mawr, Llanfrothen, and Ann Morris (1722-?), Hafod Talog, Llanfrothen. They had Morris (1747-58), John (1748-48) & William Williams yeoman (1742-?) Wernlasdeg, Dolfriog & Brynmelyn. (TCGriffith2 [5])

1744 ms R27 “ William Griffith, late John Williams, drover
 1747 baptism of Morris, son of William Griffith & Anne, Ty Mawr (LF records)
 1748 ms R29 “ William Griffith
 1749 “ “ William Griffith
 1749 Aug 17: burial of William Griffith, Ty Mawr, aged 35. (MI D004)
 1750 “ “ William Griffith
 1750 ms R30/6 “ William Griffith’s widow + PyW £24
 1751 ms R29 “ William Griffith +PyW

1755 ms R32/9 “ William Williams +PyW
 1756-7 ms R33/12 “ William Williams +PyW
 1758 Jan: burial of Maurice, son of William Williams, Ty Mawr, an infant. (LF records)
 1758 July: baptism of John, son of William Williams & Ann, Ty Mawr, farmer. (LF records)
 1758 Nov: burial of John Williams Ty Mawr, infant. (LF records)
 1758-9 ms R34/11 “ William Williams +PyW
 1760 ms R35/2 “ William Williams +PyW
 1761 Apr: baptism of Ann, daughter of William Williams & Ann, Ty Mawr, farmer. (LR record)
 1762 ms R37/4 “ William Williams +PyW
 1765 ms R37 “ William Williams +PyW
 1769/70 ms R40 - William Williams
 1771 ms R40 - William Williams
 1772 ms R41 - William Williams
 1762 Oct: burial of Margaret Maurice, Ty Mawr, spinster. (LF records)
 1773 ms R41 - William Williams
 1764 Mar: Baptism of Gainor daughter of William Williams & Ann, Ty Mawr. (LF records)
 1775/6 ms R44 - William Williams
 1776/7 ms R45 - William Williams
 1777/8 ms R46 - William Williams
 1778/9 ms R47 - William Williams

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1861 census

1862/3 Dec 24: burial of Mary Jones, Ty Mawr, aged 51. (LF records, MI E046))

1871 census

1880 Jun burial of Griffith Jones, Tyddyn Isa, late of Ty Mawr, aged 76 (LF records, MI E046))

1881 census

1891 census

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1908 Jul 12: burial of John Griffith, Ty Mawr, aged 74. (LF records, MI G011)

1910 Land Tax

1911 census 1913 Mar 3: burial of Janet Griffith his wife aged 79. (MI G011)
1919 Dec 30: burial of Miriam Jane Griffith, Ty Mawr, aged 38. (LF records, MI D056)

1933 Dec 7: burial of Janet Jones, Ty Mawr, aged 74. (LF records); daughter of John & Janet Griffith (MI G011)

1934 Apr 5: burial of Mary Ann Griffith, Ty Mawr, aged 53. (LF records, MI D056)

1950 Jun22: burial of her spouse Robert Jones Griffith, aged 74. (MI D056)

See Llanfrothen church / chapel records, memorial inscriptions

Check: Family & local memories

House deeds

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