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## (Y) Wern

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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## (Y) WERN: A History of the House & its Families

Llanfrothen, Gwynedd

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NGR 26200 34210

Grade II

From CADW Listing Schedule:

C16 gentry house, first mentioned in a rental book of Maurice Wynn of Gwydir, 1568-1574; in ownership of the Wynn family of Gwydir at least until the late C17.

Sir John Wynn, son of the famous first baronet, lived here with his wife Dame Margaret from 1610 until his early death in Lucca Italy in 1614. A letter from Sir John (in Rome) to his steward in 1614, instructs him to keep the gardens at Wem in good order. The house was retained after Sir John's death as an occasional residence by the family. (Sir) Owen, his brother, had a bed and a large barrel of beer sent down during a lengthy visit he made in 1625 to escape the London plague.

The house was altered and raised in the early C19, perhaps for Richard Jones, the famous Calvinist Methodist minister and Writer, who lived here from 1819 until his death in 1833. Jones, born in 1771/2, was a great believer in Sunday Schools and held one at Wem during his time there. He published several theological works and articles, some under the pseudonym "Cymro Gwyllt".

Exterior: 3-storeyed L-plan house of rubble construction on boulder and rock foundations; shallow-pitched hipped slate roofs. Central chimney at the intersection of the two arms, forming a lobby entry to the main (se-facing) front. The other wing has a gabled and projecting lateral chimney to the rear; both stacks have weather-coursing and simply-moulded capping, that to the latter much altered.

Interior: Lobby entry wing former hall to R of entrance. This has a primary late C16 fireplace with wide, stopped-chamfered bressummer; early C19 replacement beamed ceiling. Former parlour with fine primary beamed ceiling; wide stopped-chamfering to main beams and ogee stops to joists. Stopped-chamfered bressummer to lateral chimney. Plain, early C19 stick baluster stair with square newels. Pegged oak doorcases to most first and second-floor rooms, though mostly with modern boxing in; C19 king-post trusses to roof.

OWNERS:

2-12-05 update

Merioneth estates of Einion ab Ithel of Rhiwedog. (History of Gwydir Family, 1927, pp 1920; Ped-p 232, 234, 394)

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 A Gresham, Eifionydd, 1973, p19-20)

Maredudd ap Ieuan ap Robert obtained Y Gesailgyfarch & other lands in Penefed, Pennant & LLANFROTHEN. (J G Jones, 1995, Wynn Family of Gwydir, p13-4) He

died in 1525, having fathered around 30 children.

Maredudd ap Ieuan's tenantry included Einion Gruffudd ab Iocows, a Ffestiniog & Llanfrothen freeholder, who was granted the Crown ffridd of Bryntyrch in Capel Curig, in the township of Trewydir. (JG Jones, WFG, p28)

1525-1559: son John Wyn ap Maredudd, died 1559.

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

1559-1580: His son **Morus Wynn -1560-1580 rentals (CWP 94 pp 29-33)**

inherited leases on the tenement of Elys Ifan in Llanfrothen. (JG Jones, HWG, p 46; Bye- gones 1888, 67)

1569 Llanfrothen freehold rent roll

**1571: '¥ Wern** demised for 4 years' (NLW Llanstephan msl79B, p 151). Tenant not named.

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

1583 John Wynn, his eldest son was bom.

1597: enters Bedford school; taught religion, Latin, Greek, Hebrew, instrumental & vocal music, French & Italian.

1601-1607: entered Lincoln's Inn - acquired qualities of diplomacy & leadership in preparation as heir to a sizeable estate.

1604 Began marriage negotiations. Marriage - cl605-6

1607 returned to Gwydir when he married Margaret, daughter of Sir Thomas Cave & his wife Eleanor of Northamptonshire. They lived at Gwydir for four years.

1607 Spring : a daughter, Eleanor, was bom. She died very young.

WERN, LLANFROTHEN:

It seems that there was a farmhouse called Y Wem by 1571.

John Wynn had spent several years in London in the early 1600s and would have been well aware of new trends in architecture.

Sir John Wynn would know well houses of men with court connections such as Sir Richard Clough's mansions of Plas Clough and Bachegraig built in 1567,

Plas Mawr, Conwy, Robert Wynn's grand town house, completed by 1595 and

Sir John Trevor's Renaissance house, Plas Teg built in 1610.

It is probable that Sir John Wynn would want to 'modernise' Y Wem before his heir moved there with his English wife, rather than let then live in an 'old fashioned' farmhouse which had not previously been a chief residence of the family.

Maybe this is why John Wynn lived at Gwydir alongside his father for some time. Wem would need to be appropriate for the entertaining necessary when, no doubt as Sir John Wynn had planned, his heir became sheriff of Merionethshire in 1611.

Whilst on his Grand Tour in 1614, Sir John Wynn junior is concerned about the maintenance of his garden at Llanfrothen. It is likely that this was a newly laid out garden, in keeping with the latest ideas.

**By April 1610 John Wynn junior & his wife had settled at Y Wern, Llanfrothen.**

(NLW ms 9054E, no 525, 534, 540) Sir John Wynn had stored his heir's demesne land at Llanfrothen with com & expected Lady Cave to provide household stuff to the

value of £100.

John Wynn & his wife had been well entertained on settling there, **gifts being liberally given to them by tenants as tokens of affection.** (NLW MS 9053E, no 448). He soon found defect in his wife, as did his father.

1610 John Wynn was appointed a justice of the peace and, **in 1610-11 he became sheriff of Merionethshire.**

1613 John Wynn, junior, was knighted.

1613 June: he departed from Gravesend for Calais. He visited France & Italy.

His Grand Tour of Europe was **financed principally by his own Llanfrothen rents** & his father's niggardly contribution. (JG Jones, HWF, p 61)

1614 May 3 lin a letter from Rome he urged his bailiff to send him the Llanfrothen rents, and in a postscript desired that Owen Jeffrey a servant, should care for **his garden at Llanfrothen.**

He died of the plague in Lucca, Italy, in August 1614, aged 31 years. In his will he bequeathed £5 to the poor of Llanfrothen.

What happened to the house & garden after the death of the eldest son?

1617 **Rent Roll includes lands & rents in Llanfrothen:** £269 14s Od. (NLW Ms 9056E.779)

1625 Owen Wynn to stay at Llanfrothen for six weeks. (CWP 1355)

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

1638 Aug 7: from Croysor, John ap Rudderch Owen writes to Maurice Wynn at Gwydir. Giving an account of various chief rents. Maurice Wynn's brother Sir John Wynn enclosed part of the commons of Llanvrothen. Does not know of any land in Maintoorocke save what was sold to Archdeacon Price. (NLW CWP 1803)

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

1653 Apr 5: from Llwyn, John Ellis wrote to Maurice Wynn of Gwydir, On behalf of a sister of the writer who has been a tenant of Wynn in Llanvrothen. Begg Wynn to reestablish her in the same tenement. (NLW CWP 2007; Add Ms 468E)

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)

1655 Sir Owen Wynn obtained a license to search for and dig all leadmines within the wastes, commons and encroached lands in Bwlch y plwm (Ardudwy) ... for 7 years

? 1662 Hearth Tax for Llanfrothen.

**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.

*1674 On Sir Richard Wynn's death the vast Gwydir estate passed to his daughter, Lady Mary who, in 1678, married Robert Bertie, later first Duke of Ancaster. She died*

*in 1689. He died in 1723.*

*cl 717-1736 rent roll of Lord Willoughby de Ersby.*

*(UWB Mostyn Mss 5441, 5782, 5982, 5972; CWP2829, 2844-5, pp 424,426)*

1674 - 1749 Part of Gwydir estates, apparently including those in Llanfrothen & Beddgelert, were inherited by Sir Watkin Williams-Wynn I, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bart of Wynnstay. (NLW WynnstayL. 1301 includes Llanfrothen)

See several Rent rolls from 1683 - 1736 under tenants.

1749-1789 son, Sir Watkin Williams-Wynn II, 4<sup>th</sup> Bart of Wynnstay

1789-1840 son aged 17, Sir Watkin Williams-Wynn III, 5<sup>th</sup> Bart of Wynnstay

1798 Land Tax Owner Sir Watkin William Wynne.

? Wem Tenant: Rev Mr Thomas £4

Sir Watkin also owned another 16 properties in Llanfrothen parish, tenants given but not properties.

1801 sale of outlying lands including in Llanfrothen (Bye-gones 1887, p 343; UWB, Forth yraur 19,710)

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

**CHECK**

Lease & Release of Lot 2 Tyddyn y llan & Maesgwrllyn, & 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?

1840 Tithe map & schedule No 42 Wem

Owner: George Casson Esq Tenant Morgan Thomas  
(Casson also owned Bronheulog & Garreg isaf in Llanfrothen)

DETAILS of Casson rental??

1911 Aug 11: The Wem Estate Sale Catalogue Called the GLYN ESTATE

Lot 1	Fronheulog Owen Williams	9+ acres
Lot 2	Garreg Uchaf The Misses Jane & Gwen Owen	6+ acres
Lot 3	Garreg Isaf Mr William Owen	17 + acres
Lot 4	Turnpike cottage Mrs Ann Jones	1 acre
Lot 5	London House Messr Daniel Davies & Wm Owen	49+ acres
Lot 6	Ffridd land Owen Evans	46+ acres
Lot 7	Accommodation land	27+ acres
Lot 8	small holding	2+ acres
Lot 9	Wem farm Morgan Thomas Williams	211+ acres
Lot 10	Garreg Canol & Ysgoldy cottages	11+ acres
Lot 11	Griffin House	under 1 acre

Conditions of Sale: Title shall begin with a settlement made by John Casson in contemplation of his marriage and dated 8 Aug 1870 and the earlier title shall not be investigated. VENDOR: Arthur Spooner.

(GAS, XSC/226; Merioneth Archives Z/F/27)

1911 Sept 14: Wem land owned by A D Spooner Esq, (see Sale of Lord Harlech's Land. Merioneth Archives Z/F/146)

Lord Harlech owned Lot 113 Bwlch y plwm 134 ac; Lot 134 Tyddyn y Lian 92 ac; Lot 135 Pant y Meusydd 27 ac; Lot 136 Dinas 68 ac; Lot 137 Hafod Uchaf 50 ac.

TENANTS:

**Elizabeth Price, Wern**, (1621-1713 & d of Ffoulk Prys, Tyddyn Du) & her husband (?**Evan Jones**) had 9 children including (not in order):

1) girl Jones at Y Wem, who married Rowland ap William, Ynysfor (d 1726) & had William Rowlands, Ynysfor (c1680-1747); Morris Rowlands (d 1696); Catherine Rowland, Parc (d1722) in 1714 married John Jones, Gent., Rhos, Llanfrothen (d 1754)

2) **Ffoulk Jones, gent., Wern**, died Nov 11, 1721 (will; LF records)

1683 Y Weme rental: Ffoulk Jones: Y Weme plus tenement in Croesor £41 Ffoulk Jones: part of

Croesor £ 19} £27

Ffoulk Jones: for Tyddyn Du in Croesor £8}

(NLW, Wynnstey ms LI301)

1689 Y Weme rental: Ffoulk Jones: Y Weme plus tenement in Croesor £41 Ffoulk Jones: part of  
 Croesor £19} £27  
 Ffoulk Jones: for Tyddyn Du in Croesor £8 }

(NLW, Wynnstay ms LI301)

1689 Aug 24: Foulk Jones of Llanfrothen, co M, gent, is named in a post nuptial settlement of Robert Griffith, Bach y Saint, gent., & Jonett Evans, Tan y Bwlch, Widow. (UWB, Bangor ms 17,606)

1690 - 1693 Rental: Ffoulk Jones: Y Weme + mill, orchards etc }£41 Ffoulk Jones: tenement in  
 Croesor }

Ffoulk Jones: Tyddyn Du in Croesor £ 27 (NLW, Wynnstay, ms R8)

1680 NLW Wynnstay rental ms R8/7 - Samuel Jones £41

1683 NLW Wynnstay ms L1301: **Y Werne** Samuel & Ffoulk Jones + tmt in C }£41

1689“ YWeme, Ffoulk Jones “

1690 ms Wynnstay R8: Y Weme, mill, orchard Ffoulk Jones

1691 “ FfoulkJones

1692 “ FfoulkJones

1697 ms R9/5 Y Wem Ffoulk Jones £41 +Cr,Tdu, Ab

1698 ms R9 “ Ffoulk Jones £41 +Cr.Tdu, Ab

1699 ms R9 “ Ffoulk Jones £41 +Cr,Tdu, Ab

1700 ms R9 “ Ffoulk Jones £41 +Cr,Tdu, Ab

1701 ms R8/6e Y Wem farm Ffoulk Jones £41 +Cr,Tdu, Ab

1709 ms RI 0/7 Wem farm Ffoulk Jones £41 + Cr. Ggi,

Ab

1710 R10 Paid & allowed Mr Ffoulk Jones £14 which he paid to David Lloyd for a way through his lands to carry timber from Havod Tallog to the sea side.

1711 R10 Sept 15 Allowed Mr Ffoulk Jones for 2 large heifers at £5-10-0

1711 ms R10 Wem farm Ffoulk Jones £41 +Cr Ggi, Ab HyM

1713 ms R10 Wem farm Ffoulk Jones £41 +Cr HyM, Ab

1714 ms R11 Wem farm Mr Ffoulk Jones Tmt in C, HyM,} £69-10-0

1716“ Ffoulk Jones “

1717 ms R11/9a Wem farm Ffoulk Jones + tmt in C

1718 ms RI 1/10a Wem farm Ffoulk Jones

**Elizabeth Price, Wern**, (1621-1713 & d of Ffoulk Prys, Tyddyn Du) & her husband (**?Evan**) **Jones** had 9 children including (not in order): 1) & 2) above plus

3) Mary Jones (1729 will) married Edward ap Richard (d 1719)

4) Gwen Jones married Isaac Robert Morris, Parc

5) Morris Jones

6) John Jones

7) girl Jones married Thomas Meyrick? & had Thomas Meyrick & Rowland Meyrick.

8) **Samuel John, Wern**, (married ?? & had Jane Samuel, Wem; he died 2 May 1694) 1683 Y

Weme rental: Samuel Jones & Ffoulk Jones £41 including Ffoulk Jones' tenement in Croesor.

(NLW, Wynnstay ms LI301)

1689 Y Weme rental: Samuel Jones & Ffoulk Jones £41 including Ffoulk Jones' tenement in

Croesor. (NLW, Wynnstay ms LI301)

1694 May 2: burial of Samuel Jones of Wem (LF records)

1694 Feb 4: marriage of Richard Roger and **Jane Samuel of Wern** (LF records)

9) Jane Jones married Thomas ?? [Gabriel?(TCGriffith) / Williams (M Dunn)] and had i) Gabriel Thomas, Berthlwyd, Beddgelert, freeholder (who married Margaret & had Thomas (1696-97) & Jane (1698-) & died 29 Dec 1743).

**11) Ffoulk Thomas, drover, Wern** & Penrhyn, married ?? & had Ffoulk Ffoulk (1708-);

Thomas Ffoulk (1809); Jane Ffoulk married Evan David in 1724; and **Robert Ffoulk, Wern**

(early-mid 1700s) **What happened to this family?**

1720 NEW Wynnstay rental msR26 Y Weme Ffoulk Thomas + C, MGL			
1725 “	YWeme	Ffoulk Thomas	“
1729 “	YWeme	Ffoulk Thomas	“
1736 “	YWeme	Ffoulk Thomas	“ + Pda cot
1736 ms R24/1	Wem farm	Ffoulk Thomas + MGL, Pdu cot	
1737 ms R24/6	Wem farm	Ffoulk Thomas + MGL, Pdu cot	
1744 ms R27	Wem farm	Ffoulk Thomas	
1748 ms R29	Y Weme farm	Ffoulk Thomas	
1749 “	YWeme	Ffoulk Thomas	
1750 “	YWeme	Ffoulk Thomas	
1750 ms R30/1	Wem farm	Ffoulk Thomas £41 + CF	

9) Jane Jones married Thomas ?? [Gabriel?(TCGriffith) / Williams (M Dunn)] and had i) Gabriel Thomas, Berthlwyd, Beddgelert, above &

111) Lewis Thomas, 112)Margaret Thomas

113) Evan Thomas, d 1728, 2<sup>nd</sup> husband of Ellin Owen, Caeglas (under age in 1667, 1<sup>st</sup> marriage in 1693, d 1734LF) & had 5 children. (TCGriffith2 [173] [215])

When did Margaret / John Isaac come to Wern?

**John Isaac, Parc**, (1677- 1733) married **1716 Margaret David, Wern, Llanfrothen** (daughter of David Griffith, Ersuran (1695-1773) Their only daughter **Ann Jones** married 1755 Rev John Jones, Criccieth. (TCGriffith 2 [42])

Underneath lie the body of / John Isaac of Park, died 27<sup>th</sup> of Sept. 1773 aged 56.

(poem in Welsh) (Llanfrothen MI IC02)

1751 NLW Wynnstay rental ms R29 Y Weme Margaret David



1755 ms R32/9	Wem farm	Margaret David
1756-7 ms R32/12	Wem farm	Margaret David
1758-9 ms R34/11	Wem farm	Margaret David
1760 ms R35/2	Wem farm	Margaret David
1762 ms R37/4	Wem farm	Margaret David
1765 ms R37	Wem farm	Margaret David
1769/70 ms R40	-	Margaret David
1771 msR40	-	Margaret David
1772 ms R41	-	Margaret David
1773 ms R40	-	Margaret David

1754 **Morgan Jones** (Innkeeper) Sign of Cross Foxes, Will:

His wish was for his **wife Ann Jones** to have the two houses at Betws, i e the house called Cross Foxes, where he lived (and the land surrounding it) and the house in Betws Garmon (and the land surrounding it) where Griffith Lewis lived. He was handing over all his possessions to his **son John Morgan**, who was, in time, to pay the sum of £343, which was owed from the estate, to **Ann Jones who lived lately at Y Park and now at Y Wern Llanfrothen**, (see T C Griffith, 1989, Achau ac Ewyllysiau Teuloedd De Sir Gaemarfon, p 5) 1774 Apr 9: burial of Margaret David, widow, Wem (LF records)

1775 Ann only child of John Isaac, Wem, married John Jones, Rector of Cricieth & had John Jones, Brynhir Esq. (TCGriffith 2 [2], [44], Ann Jones of Parc [155])

1775/6 NEW Wynnstay rental ms R44	1776/7 NEW	Richard Roberts
Wynnstay rental ms R45		
1777/8 ms R46	1779 June 18: death of Griffith Thomas of Wem aged 2 (LF MI DO 14)	The Rev John Thomas
1778/9 ms R47	Rev Mr John Thomas	Rev Mr John Thomas
1784msR49/13 w ,,		Rev Mr John Thomas
1785 June 4 :	baptism of^Sizaljeth Thomas, Wem (TCGriffith2 [224])	
1789/90 ms R54	Wem	Rev Mr John Thomas
1793 ms R56/4	197 Wem etc	Rev Mr Thomas £75-0-0
1798 Land Tax	?Wem	

Owner Sir

Watkin William Wynne. Tenant: Rev Mr Thomas £4

He also owned another 16 properties in Llanfrothen parish 1799/1800 NLW Wynnstay rental ms R59/3 Wem & mill Rev J Thomas 1801 Jan 14: burial of Eleanor Thomas of Wem, spinster aged 22 (LF MI DOM) 1803 Aug 8: marriage of Elizabeth Thomas, Wem to John Williams (1778-1838), son of Ty Fry, of Tyddyn Mawr, Cwnystradllyn & Nantdwroer, Beddgelert & had 8 children (TCGriffith2 [224]) 1805 NLW Wynnstay rental ms R61/17 Wem & mill Wm & Rd Thomas 1807-8 NLW Wynnstay rental ms R63/7 231 Wem W & R Thomas £150  
A slate rock on this farm

1810 NLW Wynnstay rental ms R 65/9	231 Wem	William Thomas
1813 Oct 25: burial of William Evans, Wem, 7 weeks. (LF records)		
1815 Apr 29: burial of Alice Thomas, Wem, 1 year (LF records)		
1815 NLW Wynnstay rental ms R70/10	231 Wem	William Thomas
1819-1833: Rev Richard Jones at Wem		
In 1805 he had married Frances Poole of Egryn, Llanaber & had Griffith in 1810 & Margaret & Catherine in 1813 (TCGriffith 2 [35})		
1820 NEW Wynnstay rental ms R75/8	227 Wem	Robert Poole
1824 Jan 26: burial of Frances Jones, Wem (LF records) (LF MI A06 wife of Richard Jones)		
1833 Feb 26: burial of Richard Jones, Calvinistick Methodist Minister for 35 years, aged 60, (LF MI A06)		

1840 Tithe map & schedule No 42 Wem

Owner: George Casson Esq (He also owned Bronheulog & Garreg isaf in Llanfrothen) Tenant Morgan Thomas

1841 census Wem

Morgan Thomas	30	farmer	Bom in Merionethshire
Lowry	“ 80		<sup>it</sup>
William	“ 55		
David Roberts	20	Ag lab	Not
Richard Griffiths	13		
Jane Williams	30	farm servant	Not
Jane Jones	15	farm servant	

1851 census

1853-1859 Wem Farm Account books, Morgan Thomas (UWB, Bangor ms 1103 p 1163)

1861 census

1871 census

1881 census

1887 June 28: burial of Margaret (formerly of Wem) aged 34, wife of W O Williams, Canton House, Penrhyndeudraeth. 1927 Nov 8: burial of William O Williams aged 74 years. (LF MI GO42)

1891 census

1901 census

?date Thomas Richards, Y Wem = 1<sup>st</sup> Catherine Mary Humphries, Dafam Helyg, Gellilydan. (grandparents of Twm Elias) (TCGriffith2 [52])

local memories church/chapel records

house deeds

### **WERN - all WYNN of GWYDIR estate in Llanfrothen.**

1519 May 19: **Release by** Ieuan ap Einion ap Rees ap Madock Llwh 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 od 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 Forth yr Aur Papers)

1551/2 Jan 25: Release by John Wyn ap Mareddydd of Gwydir to William Buckeley merchant & Hugh

ap Meredydd, gent, as feofees in trust, of all his messuages & tenements in Gwydir, Bettws, Penmachno, Llanfair (isgaer) Treflan, Rug (Llanrug) Bontandreg, Bangor Penefed etc for ...  
1551/2 Jan 12 ... he had confirmed to Morris & Jane, as Jane's jointure (apparently) particular tyddynod indiscriminately spread over his wide inheritance ... The names of these tyddynod are more than usually interesting, together with the full Welsh names of the sitting tenants (UWB, Baron Hill 8-10)  
**NEED TO SEE**

Sir John Wynn says the murder of the Llanffothen parson was at "Gogo yr Llechwin, being now a tenement of mine". (Askew Robert's edition p 61)  
Yr Ogog Llechwyn was sold c 1806 by Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., to the late Rev Simon Hart Wynn of the Maes y neuadd family.  
Signed BEN. (UWB, Bye Gones, 1887, p 343)

1717-18 Volume containing rentals of the Bodyscallen estate (1717-18), the Berth Du estate 1717-1736) & the Gwydir estate in cos Denbigh, Caernarvon & Merioneth n.d.?1717 (UWB, Mostyn, ms 5441)  
**NEED TO SEE**

1743/4 Feb 29: 1. Morris Owen of Pen y Bryn, p Aber, co C, Gent & Lumley his wife 2. William Anwyl of Llandeckwyn, co M, gent.,  
3. William Pritchard of Caernarvon, gent.,  
Deed to make 2. tenant to the Precipe for suffering a recovery of messuages, tenements & lands called Hendre Hoidlew and Hendre Heinid and a house and garden called Brithwen, all in the ps of Llanffothen & Llanfihangel y Traethau, co M, and a mesuage tenement & lands called Cae Canol p Llanfihangel y Traethau. (UWB, Mostyn ms 3857) 1754 Oct 3 re mortgagage for 500 years of Cae Canol. Consideration £900. (UWB, Mostyn ms 3858)  
post 1810: Abstract of the title of Sir William Wynn 1<sup>st</sup> to estates called Hendre and Abergafhab, co M. (UWB, Mostyn ms 3859)

1789-1840 Sir Watkin Williams-Wynn III, aged 17 years, 5<sup>th</sup> Bart of Wynnstay owned the Llanffothen lands formerly part of the Gwydir estates.

1798 Land Tax Owner Sir Watkin William Wynne.

? **Wern** Tenant: Rev Mr Thomas £4

Sir Watkin also owned another 16 properties in Llanffothen parish, tenants given but not properties.

In 1801-3 young Sir Watkin Williams Wynn III decided to sell outlying portions of the old Gwydir estate, including Llanfrothen lands. Oerddwr NOT mentioned by name. (1801 Sale Particulars for detached estate by Sir Watkin Williams-Wynn in co C; C Gresham, 1973, Eifionydd p 102; UWB, Forth yr aur 19,710; Bye-Gones 1887, p 343)

1801 sale of outlying lands including in Llanfrothen (**Forth yr aur 19,710**)

**1803 Jan 16, at Bala Auction of lands of Sir Watkin Williams-Wynne of Wynnstay. CHECK**  
Lease & Release of Lot 2 Tyddyn y Ilan & Maesgwrllyn, & 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?

1805 Sir Watkin Williams-Wynne sold moiety of **Penybwlech**, Llanfrothen to William Turner of Festiniog & Hugh Jones of Hengwrt ucha esq, (NLW, Rumsey Williams Vol Up 477, ms 1321-22)

1819-1820 Refs to Ty Obry (NLW, Rumsey Williams Vol II p 477, ms 1323-25)  
Was Ty Obry part of the former Gwydir estate?

1840 Tithe map & schedule No 42 Wem  
Owner: George Casson Esq Tenant Morgan Thomas  
(Casson also owned Bronheulog & Garreg isaf in Llanfrothen)

1841 census  
1851 census  
1861 census  
1871 census  
1881 census  
1891 census  
1901 census

DETAILS of Casson rental? WHEN did Casson sell? TO WHOM? Spooner?

1906 Dec 18: sale catalogue, no plan

Lot 1	Ty Fry	tenant William Jones	John	88+ acres
Lot 2	Ty Mawr	Griffith		113+ acres
Lot 3	Pantyrwrach	Owen Evans		106+ acres
Lot 4	Ysguborgoch	£££6		27+ acres
Lot 5	Lian 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	Penybwllch 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?

1910 Land Tax 1911 census

1911 Aug 11: The Wem Estate Sale Catalogue Called the GLYN ESTATE

Lot 1	Fronheulog	Owen Williams		9+ acres
Lot 2	Garreg Uchaf	The Misses Jane & Gwen Owen		6+ acres
Lot 3	Garreg Isaf	Mr William Owen		17+ acres
Lot 4	Turnpike cottage	Mrs Ann Jones		1 acre
Lot 5	London House	Messrs Daniel Davies & Wm Owen		49+ acres
Lot 6	Ffridd land	Owen Evans		46+ acres
Lot 7	Accommodation land			27+ acres
Lot 8	small holding			2+ acres
Lot 9	Wem farm	Morgan Thomas Williams		211+ acres
Lot 10	Garreg Canol & Ysgoldy cottages			11+ acres
Lot 11	Griffin House			under 1 acre

Conditions of Sale: Title shall begin with a settlement made by John Casson in contemplation of his marriage and dated 8 Aug 1870 and the earlier title shall not be investigated. VENDOR: Arthur Spooner.

(GAS, XSC/226; Merioneth Archives 7JF/27)

1911 Sept 14: Wem land owned by A D Spooner Esq, (see Sale of Lord Harlech's Land. Merioneth Archives Z/F/146)

*Lord Harlech owned Lot 113 Bwlch y plwm 134 ac; Lot 134 Tyddyn y Lian 92 ac; Lot 135 Panty Meusydd 27 ac; Lot 136 Dinas 68 ac; Lot 137 Hafod Uchaf 50 ac.*

House Deeds

Local memories

Church / Chapel records

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