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MEILLIONEN

Beddgelert
Gwynedd



House History

A Part History of the House & its Families

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Updated 2004

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

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SNOWDONIA DENDROCHRONOLGY PROJECT

A house history of MEILLIONEN and its quarries.

Beddgelert, Gwynedd, (in former Caernarfonshire)

NRG: SH 5746 4881

Researched by Margaret Dunn, 2004.

Early History

Meillionen farm was part of the Beddgelert estate lands of the Jones then Parry family until 1910. [The Farm name is first recorded in 1573, Bwlch Meillionen is named in 1268] It was part of the Prior's Land, of the Augustinian priory of Beddgelert, which included Hafod Ryffydd and Meillionen as well as the Cwmcloch and Tyddyn y Llan/ Ty isaf properties.

In the mid thirteenth century land to the west of Afon Colwyn formed the northeast part of the township of Pennant in Eifionydd which was comprised of bond land (gafaelion) which had "once held some of the depleted remnants of the native population, dwelling in their round huts. It had probably become deserted or almost so, and was in the hands of the Prince, Llywelyn ap Gruffydd." (Gresham, Eifionydd, 1973, p5, p62)

In a charter dated the 11th of March 1268, a Deed of Agreement was made between Llywelyn, Prince of Wales, Lord of Snowdon, and the Prior and Augustinian convent of Beddgelert in which the Prince gave to the Prior and Canons "all the cultivated and uncultivated land with the meadows, woods, pastures, and grazings" west of the rivers Colwyn and Ferlas (Glaslyn) along the watershed from the old bridge (Aberglaslyn) [Yr Wylfa, Moel Ehedog, Bwlch Meillionen, Bwlch llyfn, Bwlch trwsgl, Bwlch rindeyliawr are named] to the Eifionydd/Arfon boundary in the direction of Rhyd Ddu. This land became "The Prior's Land". It was given in exchange for lands held by the Prior and Convent in Dolwyddelan, Penardd in Arfon and Ymwlech in Eifionydd. (Littere Wallie, pp 58-9) (Gresham, Eifionydd, 1973 p 61)

In the Taxation of Pope Nicholas in 1291 the Prior of Bethkellard had 50 cows and 22 sheep. Most of these were probably grazed on the lands in Nant Colwyn but some would have been kept on outlying granges belonging to the priory. (Gresham, Eifionydd, 1973 p 63)

David Conway, the last prior, held office and lived in the prior's house for thirty years, and was dead by 1535, when the king bestowed the priory on the Abbey of Chertsey in Surrey. In 1536 Chertsey was given to the Abbey of Bisham, which was dissolved in 1537. The lands and revenues of Beddgelert were then placed under the jurisdiction of the Court of Augmentations. (Gresham, Eifionydd, 1973 p 66)

In 1535-6 The Abbot of Chertsey granted a lease of the site, manors, messuages etc of the Priory of Beddgelert to John Gouch (Ieuan ap Llywelyn ap Gronw of Eifionydd) who was dead by 1544. (PRO Court of Augmentations, 251/35) By 1547-8 William Loveles of Henley-on-Thames had bought the lease [NO - he had inherited it as John Gouch was his father in law] and he presented a Bill of Complaint to the Court of Augmentations reciting that Richard ap Rice and others had entered upon the Prior's land. His Bill was dismissed but he sought redress from the Court of Chancery, requesting the court to direct the Justices of the Peace to enquire into the matter and set it right. (PRO Court of Chancery, C1/1244/53) John Wynn ap Maredudd of Gwydir was the 'King's Steward of the lands and possessions belonging to the lately dissolved Priory of Bethkellard' (CQSR, p61) and he may have settled the matter. (Gresham, Eifionydd, 1973 p 66-7)

However in 1556-7, Loveles was again complaining to the Court of Chancery, this time about one tenement, HAVODE RUFFYTH, in the township of Pennant, and consisting of 90 acres of land, meadow and pasture, in the northern part of the Prior's Land. (Early Chancery Proceedings ECP Caernarvonshire 1447/49-53) Loveles claimed that this tenement had been unlawfully entered by Lewis ap Morris Gethin ap Ieuan ap Rice, and held by him. (Gresham, Eifionydd,1973 p 67-8)

Lewis ap Morris said in his answer that his father, Morris Gethin, had taken a lease on the lands, dated 2 January 1529, from David Conway, Prior of Bethkilhert. This lease has survived (NLW Dolfriog deed no. 149) and names HAVOD RUFYDD, Cadair Wyrchyn, Cwm trwscl, Cwm llechog and Cwm duy in Pennant (in Eifionydd) and Pennardd (in Uwch Gwyfrai). The land on the west side of Llyn Gadair was formerly the land of Iorwerth ab Ithel ap Dafydd.

Morris Gethin was of Hafod Garegog in Nanmor and was the maternal grandson of Rhys Goch Eryri, the fifteenth-century poet. He married Gwerfyl verch Gruffydd ap Dafydd and Lewis ap Morris was their son. (Gresham 1973 Eifionydd pp 60-8)

William Loveles died before 14 November 1562 (GAS Tan y Bwlch Z/DV 163). His executors were still dealing with his estate in 1573 (Z/DV 165).

According to the Patent Rolls (27 H. VIII, pt. 2, 28-9) Lewis ap Morris was correct & in 1535 Henry VIII granted the Priory to the Abbot of Chertsey;

in 1537 the lands of Chertsey Abbey were made part of the Priory of Bisham;

on 19 June 1538 Bisham Abbey was surrendered to the Crown & later the profits of the late Priory of Beddgelert were given to Ann of Cleves as part of her divorce settlement by king Henry VIII.

After her death in 1557 they came back into the hands of Queen Mary.

During the reign of Queen Elizabeth I these lands were sold by the crown.

On 20th February 1560-1 a lease for 21 years of the house and site of Bethkilhert priory was made to John Tamworth, groom of the privy chamber at a yearly rent of £42. (Close Rolls, 3 Eliz)

In 1573 the lands of the priory were sold by the Crown to Lord Cheney; on 18 April the Inquisition for the lands in Caernarvonshire was taken before Robert Turbridge at Caernarvon and the names of tenants and annual rents were as follows:

TUTHIN Y LLAN or Y priordy in Pennant - Kadwalador Gruff ap Robert - 7s. 8d.

HAVOD RUFFIDD in Pennant & Cader yr ychen in Pennarth - Ludovicus ap Mores Gethin and Gwervil vz Gruff - 53s. 4d.

MELLIONEN in Pennant - Owen Wynne, armiger - 40s.

COMCLOCH in Pennant - Davith ap Robert - 33s. 4d. etc (PRO Court of Exchequer, 318/2310) (Gresham p 69)

Owen Wynn was one of the Wynn family of Gwydir, Llanrwst, Stewards of the lands of the former Augustinian priory of Beddgelert, which leased and later bought a number of farm holdings in the parish of Beddgelert as well as very many elsewhere.

On 16 February 1575 the bargain and sale enrolled is recorded between 1. John Duddleley and John Ayscough, esqs. and 2. John Salesburye of Ruyge esq. and Henry Dynne of Heydon, co Norfolk, gent. of messuages and tenements called

.....township treyrbeirth, co Anglesey;

capital messuage, formerly of Priory of Bethkelert, t'ments called TUTHIN Y LLON, alias Y PRIORDYE and MEILLIONEN, t'ments called COMCLOCHE and Maies y llecha and Braycha y beb, t'ship Pennant co Caerns.

....t'ship Dolwyddelan; Tythyn y wenith t'ship Aberche;in Llanfair;...

HAVOD RUFFIDD and CADER YR YCHEN t'ships Pennant & Pennarth co Caerns.

etc (NLW Rug 612)

[See CWP 44 in 1572 re Henry Dynne a member of Parliament for Denbigh; & See J Williams. Ancient & Modern Denbigh p 98]

Meillionen was tenanted by Maurice Wynn of Gwydir in 1573 when Lord Cheney bought the land of the dissolved priory of Beddgelert. Lord Cheney did not retain the outlying portions and M Wynn bought-in the farms in Nant Colwyn. (Gresham 1972 Lease from the last Prior of Bethkilhert. NLWJ vol XVII No 3 p 272-4)

Morus Wynn, Gwydir (died 1580) 'also tenanted MEILLIONEN and purchased from the Crown, for

£2 13s 4d the farm of Nant Colwyn and the free farm rent of Cae'r Ychen in Hafod Ruffudd in Beddgelert which formerly belonged to the priory of Beddgelert. From this attachment arose Wynn's liability to maintain a poor scholar of that parish in Friars School, Bangor for a year at the cost of £2 14s 4d issuing out of Hafod Ruffudd which was to be paid by even portions during the scholar's residence at the school'. (J G Jones NLWJ XXII p 152; NLW ms 6414(d), 20; UCNW (Bangor) Mostyn ms 5441; PRO E. 318/2310; CQSR (1616-17), Petition; Gresham, Eifionydd pp 67-9.)

Morys Wynn established an annual scholarship at Friars School, Bangor for the benefit of one promising scholar from the parish of Beddgelert who was 'to be taught and brought up in learning' (GAS XCQSR 1616-7[Petition]). In 1607 it was reported that the scholarship had ceased to exist. (NLW ms 9053E.459) The annuity had been paid out of two farms called Meillionen and Hafod Ruffudd in Beddgelert. *Charity Commission Reports : Endowed Charities (Caernarfon) 1897*, pp 75-6. The returns made to parliament in 1786 showed that Wynn, in his will, had given a rent charge of £3 13s 4d for the maintenance of one poor scholar. (H Barber & H Lewis, *The History of Friars school, Bangor* (1901), App., pp. 172-3; Lincolnshire Record office. 4 Anc 4/8, p. 19 (Sir Richard Wynn's Rent-roll 1647); J G Jones 1995 WFG p 146.)

In 1576 Lewis ap Morris's son Hugh Lewis sublet HAVOD RYFFYTHE to Owen ap Robert Owen of Nant Mawr co Anglesey, gent. for 53s. 4d. (NLW Dolfriog 199)

In her will dated 17 February 1578/9 Gweyryl verch Ryffith [widow of Morris Gethin] bequeathed her part, that is one half, of HAVOD RYFFYTH between her three sons Wylliam Vychan, Wylliam Gethen ap Mores Gethun and Jhon ap Mores (sic), during the years not expired (NLW Dolfriog 200)

On 14 August 1581 Hughe ap Lewes ap Mores of Nanmor went to arbitration against his uncles, the three sons of Morris Gethin - William Vaughan, John and William Gethyn. The arbitrators awarded that the three brothers "shall assure to Hughe Lewes the moiety of a tenement and lands called HAVOD RYFFYDD in the t'ships of Pennant and Penarth, in the tenure of Gwerfyl ap Gruffith, widow during the unexpired term of the lease grantedto Maurice Gethyn,deceased" AND that Hughe Lewes "shall release to William Vaughan and John ap Mores one fourth part of HAVOD RYFFYDD being the moiety of the part now in the tenure of Gwerfyl verch Gruffith, for 12 years, at a yearly rent of 13s. 6d..... (NLW Dolfriog 524)

WAS this when the holding became subdivided?

In 1585 a deed to the uses of a fine of messuages and lands...includes TYTHYN Y LLAN , Bethkelert (NLW Dolfriog 460)

In 1587 Hugh Lewis died and Letters of Administration of his estate were granted to his widow Jane Woode (NLW Dolfriog 153)

She presented a Bill of Complaint (undated) to the Council in the Marches in connection with the alleged trespass by six people in respect of a leasehold messuage and 100 acres of land called HAVOD RYFFYTH in Evionidd and Penarth. (NLW Dolfriog 87)

In 1597 she made an assignment of one third of the lease of HAVOD GRUFFYTH , Kader yr ychen, Kwm trwscwll, Kwm llechog and Kwm duy in Pennarth and Pennant, to the executors of the will of Rowland Gruffith of Penbras co Caerns. (NLW Dolfriog 36) She was dead by April 1598.(NLW Dolfriog 204)

OR WAS this when the holding became subdivided?

In 1602 her eldest son William ap Hugh (Pugh) Lewis died, in the last year of Elizabeth's reign. (NLW Dolfriog 38)

[pre 1604 : Morys Jones bought Meillionen, Hafod Ruffydd with Cadair yr Ychen adjoining it in the next township of Pennarth. (Gresham, Eifionydd, 1973 p 70)]

[Meillionen & Hafod Ruffydd came into the possession of Humphrey Jones, whose mother was the heiress of Meillionen. (Gresham TCHS 1969 p 26)]

1596 Oct 20 Post nuptial settlement 1. Owen Wynne of Llanrooste, co Denbigh Esq

2. Piers Lloyd of Gweredog, Anglesey Esq. Agreement for the settlement of messuages & lands in.....Beddgelert--Bwlch Mwlchan; occ William ap Robert

MEILLIONEN in Pennant; occ William William

Consideration; Previous marriage of John Wynn, alias John Wynn Owen, son & heir apparent of 1. and Margaret, daughter of 2. (D/M Mostyn 7080)

On 2 July 1614 a grant of the reversion of t'ments and lands and a Bargain and Sale enrolled is recorded between

1. Frances Dynne of the Inner Temple, London, gent., cousin & next heir of Henry Eynne, decd., late of Heyden, co Norfolk, gent.. and

2. William Salesbury of Rug, esq. including

TYTHIN Y LLAN alias y Priordy, HAVOD RUFFIDD and CADER YR YCHEN, MEILLIONEN, COMCLOCH.....all t'ship Pennant co Caerns.

(GAS Newborough Rug 1342 & 1343)

1619 Oct 15 Evan ap David ap Rees of Meillionen, (WHERE? Beddgelert or Rhiw) yeoman. re Bond in pa. Llangian (NLW Dolfriog 99)

In January 1631 the Prior's lease presumably expired, when held by the eldest son of William ap Hugh Lewis, Morris Williams of Havod Garegog (High Sheriff of Merioneth in 1664-5).

Meillionen HOUSE Enlarged and modernised.

COAT of ARMS: Panel 2 foot square plaster. ? Late seventeenth century.

Iestyn ap Gwrgant - 3 silver chevrons on red - quarters 1 & 4;

Collwyn ap Tangno - silver chevron & fleur de lys on black - quarters 2 & 3.

From the family of Moris Jones then Humffrey Jones of Craflwyn, Meillionen & Bwlchmwlchan in Beddgelert and extensive lands elsewhere.

1637 Sept 28 (13 Chas 1) 1. Richard Glynn of Eithinog, co C, gent

2. John Jones of Meillionen, co C., gent (?Humffrey Jones' son?) Feoffment of messuages & burgages (16 named) in the town of Crickieth. Consideration £80. (GAS X/Poole 3358, 3369)

1641 Feb 1 1. Owen Edwards of Cruckieth, co C, yeoman;

2. John Jones of Meillionen, co C & Ellis Hughes of Meillionen, gent.

Bargain & sale of houses & lands (7 named) in the franchise of Crickieth. Consideration; £45. (GAS X/Poole 3396)

1641 17 May. John Jones, Meillionen. Letter to William Wynne Esq at Glynne re Marriage settlement (Brogyntyn Vol 2 Letters p 149 MS 31880)

1642-1648 CIVIL WAR

1642 Aug 4 Letter from Rowland Vaughan (Bala) to William Wynne, desires Wynne to pay the writer's cousin Jones, of Meillionen, £43 due to him from Vaughan, this to be sufficient discharge to be allowed in the account. (NLW Clennau Letters Vol 2 Unpub Calendar p14, MS 529)

1642 Aug 10 The KING (Charles 1) at York to the Commission of Array (13 esqs including Humffrey Jones & 1 gent - John Jones of Meillionen) (NLW The Clennau Letters Vol 2 unpub Calendar p 14 MS 530)

1642 Oct 29 KING at Woodstock to the Commission of Array & Sheriff of Caernarvonshire. 'They are to require ... John Jones, gent. & all others ... who have any public moneys collected for the defence of the kingdom remaining in their hands ... to pay the same over to the commissioners ...' (NLW unpub. Clennau Letters vol 2 p 15 ms 535)

1644/5 Jan 27 Lord Byron to Sir John Owen Colonel & HSC. ...'He doubts not that Owen's neighbour and his worthy friend Mr Jones will join with them. (NLW unpub Clennau Letters p 18 ms 544)

c1641-58 'go to cousin John Jones and finish as conveniently as he can.' (NLW unpub Clenenau Letters p 155 ms 1036 {see525})

1649 Humffrey Jones of Craflwyn died

1649 Dec 15 Sir Owen Wynne refers to "business with Mr Morice Jones of Meyllyonen" (CWP 1913) ? Humffrey Jones' son.

1661 Myllionen. Hearth Tax Five hearths

1675 Moris Jones of Meillionen, gent., £1-0-0: in a list of names of all the freeholders of the parish and liberties of Nefyn, and the yearly value of their lands (in Nefyn). (GAS)

1676 Will of Frances Wynne , Brynkir. Trustees : Edward Williams Esq, Meillionyth.

(T C Griffith p 64) Is this Meillionen, or Meillionydd in Rhiw, Aberdaron?

1702 Will of GRIFFITH (ap) JOHN GRIFFITH [of Blaenypennant, Llanfihangel y Pennant died 1663], Meillineth Died 18-10-1702, mentions children John Griffith, Margery, Catherine, Evan, Morris, Owen, William (Exec). Estate with animals worth £86. (T C Griffith p 22)

1725 Will of his son WILLIAM GRIFFITH, Meillionen names his wife: Jane Jones (Exec); children: Ellin Williams, Dorothy, Owen (oldest son), Ann, Griffith, John, Catherine. Grandchn: William ap Ellis, Margaret Jones. Value of estate £ 407

(T C Griffith p 26)

A son Edward William, Meillionen was baptised on 14-4-1699 & another son John Williams, Meillionen was baptised 7-12-1705 & buried 10-6 1777 aged 77 years, having married twice, with at least nine children. (T C Griffith 1989 fig [33])

1745 25 June John Williams Meillionen, named in Will of Pierce Morgan. (T C Griffith p 30)

1754 Mar 2: Baptism at Llanfrothen of Ann, daughter of John Pugh, Meillionen, & Jane. (Llanfrothen parish records)

c 1770s Tenancy of Meillionen held by two lonely old bachelors from Lleyrn; servants; peat fire; story of Hafod Ernallt treasure; One soon got married & by 1890s had descendants among the well-to-do of the country. (Jenkins Beddgelert pp135-7)

1731 John Williams married Elizabeth Howell, Cwm Mawr (1705-1765) 6 children

1745 March 14 Dorothy, daughter of John Williams & Elizabeth died, aged 1 yr.

1765 July 3 Elizabeth Howel died aged 60. (A063)

He 2nd married Lettice Davies, Tan y Allt Abergele & had 4 children (T C Griffith 1989 p [33])

1771 John Williams, £3-4-0 Land Tax + Hafod Ruffith Ucha (GAS XQA/LT 7/1)

1777 June 10 JOHN WILLIAMS, Meillionen died aged 71.(A063)

His will names wife Lettuce (Exec), daughters Catherine wife of William Thomas, Brynaura

Jane wife of John Powell (Tyn Llan, Pennant)

Margaret wife of Harry Parry

His estate valued at £ 736-9-0 including 500 sheep, 30 cattle & 45 goats. (T C Griffith p 40)

1784 Lettice Williams Land Tax + Hafod Ruffith Ucha (GAS XQA LT/7/1)

1785 - 1789 Rice Hughes " " "

(See Jenkins p141; a retired solicitor, Anglesey, helped Calvinistic Methodists)

1792 June 4 'William Williams, servant at Meillionen' listed in deposition of witnesses re turning of cattle into Cwm Cyd. (Bangor ms 27475)

1795 Meillionen shown on John Evans map of North Wales (GAS)

1795 -1801 Mrs Hughes widow Land Tax + Hafod Ruffydd ucha(GAS XQA LT/7/10)

1803-1818 William Williams " " "

1802 Dec 25 ' Recd of Mr Wm Williams for the use of Richard Parry Esq. the sum of Six pounds sixteen shillings being rent & land tax due for Meillionen . Thos Roberts.' In letter dated 18 May

1830? from Mr Williams, Bodafon, to John Hughes Esq, Register, Bangor , but delivered to Llangefni . (NLW B/EP 667)

1815 Wm Williams, Meillionen named. (GAS XPA Beddgelert Vestry Book p18)

1822 Meillionen £53. Poor Rate Assessment at 2/- in the £. (GAS XPA Beddgelert Vestry Book p56)

1823 May 12 Hugh Evans took possession when W Williams gave up his taking (NLW B/LET 13, 755)

1823 May Sir J L Duckinfield to J Hughes : ref to change of tenant , the customary time for quitting in that parish (NLW B/LET 14,111)

1827 Dec 6 Rent Boundary wall Meillionen & top of the mountain: £23-5-0. (NLW B/LET 14,137)

1829 Lady Day - 1845 Lady Day Tenement no.1 Tenant Hugh Evans (NLW B/EP 726)

Hugh Evans, yeoman & farmer, was baptised in 1782 at Llandecwyn. He was of Llennyrch & Meillionen (TCGriffith2[134])

1829 Oct 9 Letter to Sir Lloyd Duckinfield from John Hughes, new agent re the tenants. Upon the state of the farms I have nothing particular to observe; the houses & outbuildings are in very tolerable repair, & such parts of the farms as are capable of cultivation appear to be judiciously managed. Tenants did not know acreage of farms. Mr Wynne (of Astrad, agent of Merioneth estates?) knows nothing of the interests of the (Misses) Parry neither had he ever seen any maps of them.
(NLW B/LET 13,745)

1829 Oct 24 Letter to Sir LL Duckinfield from John Hughes ...Hugh Evans contends that he owes nothing until 12 Nov next; saying he took the lease on re 18 Apr 1823 to hold from 12 May then next when he took possession. His rent for the 2 first years was £56-10-0 & from that period to the present £84 ...He produced receipts to show he was up to date...etc, etc Unresolved re date rent due (NLW B/LET 13,748)

1829 Oct 25 Letter to Robert Roberts Esq from John Hughes, Bangor re Meillionen. Hugh Evans says he took up the tenancy on 18 April 1823 to hold from 12 May 1823 next. His predecessor's lease expired 23 Jan 1823. Rent £36-16-0 for 2 first years & from that June at £84. Disagreement whether the tenancy commenced Michaelmas 1822 or May 1823 (NLW B/EP 697)

1829 Nov 17 & 23 re ascertaining Meillionen rent (NLW B/LET 13,750 & 13,751)

1829 Nov 20 letter to J Hughes from Richard Lifion Wynne Esq, Springfield, Liverpool re Meillionen. (His father in law) Mr Robt. Roberts Esq, Astrad, Denbigh had regularly settled (rents) with the late Mr Parry for the 40 years previously. Entire rental of 1828 was received from Hugh Evans in cash & allowance for boundary walls - 1 year's rent £84. (NLW B/LET 13,752)

1830 Jan 5. Sir J Lloyd Duckinfield to J Hughes. Find date when the Meillionen tenant came in to the farm. (NLW B/LET 14,109)

1830 Feb 1 Change of tenant at Meillionen at May 1823, the customary time for quitting in that parish. (NLW B/LET 14,111)

1830 Mar 13 Sir J L Duckinfield to J Hughes re Hugh Evans' rent. (NLW B/LET 14,113)

1830 Apr 28 Sir J L Duckinfield to J Hughes re Poor rates - Hugh Evans paid rent from May 1823. (NLW B/LET 14,117)

1830 July 10 Sir J L Duckinfield to J Hughes re Hugh Evans - try to advance rent, but not if could loose tenant as the Miss Parrys would not be well placed to lose even a half year's rent. (NLW B/LET 14,118)

1830 Jun 17 Letter to Sir LL Duckinfield from John Hughes re date rent is due from Hugh Evans, Meillionen IS a May not Lady Day tenant (NLW B/LET 13,756)

1830 Aug 25 Hugh Evans, Meillionen £100 (NLW B/LET 13,760)

1831 March 31 Meillionen £45. (GAS XPA Beddgelert Vestry Book p 89)

1832 Dec 6 Lowry, daughter of Hugh & Gwen Evans, Meillionen died, aged 19.
Also W G Williams died 9 May 1893 aged 44 (A144)

1832 Jan 12 Mr Jones, overseer of Beddgelert re £17-10-0 rate for church repair on Meillionen

estate belonging to the Miss Parrys. (NLW B/LET 14,122)

1833 May 18 Letter to John Hughes, agent from Hugh Evans, Meillionen; re quote from Robt. Griffiths, joiner to repair cow houses £18-£20; less if have permission to cut trees for the frames. (NLW B/LET 13,809)

1833 May 31 Allowed Hugh Evans towards payment of his bill of £31-5-1 for new buildings & repair done at Meillionen from June 1831 to the present time; £10 (NLW B/EP 726)

1833 Sep 9 J Hughes to Mr Hugh Evans. Inform other tenants that J H will be receiving rents at The Hotel, Carnarvon on Saturday, 15 Sept. Particulaly tell Hafodryffydd. Bring any repair bills; may be some allowance. (NLW B/LET 14,127)

1833 Nov 13 Lease of lands & messuages 7 tanhouse, tanyard, mill & kiln in Parish of Maentwrog. Term of 21 years at £25 pa.

1. Wm G Oakeley, Plas Tan y bwlch
2. Hugh Evans, Meillionen, pa Beddgelert, co C, farmer;

Wm Evans, pa Llandeckwyn, farmer;

Owen Jones, Maentwrog Inn, Innkeeper (GAS Z/DV/3 184)

1834 Feb 27 John Jones to J Hughes re the £17-10-0 for seats in church- H Evans. (NLW B/LET 14,131)

1835 May1 Lease of dwelling house & shop in pa Maentwrog. Term 21 years at £26pa

1. Wm G Oakeley, Plas Tan y Bwlch Esq;
2. John Evans, Beddgelert, co C, Shopkeeper;

Hugh Evans, Meillionen, pa Beddgelert, co C, farmer. (GAS Z/DV/3 192)

1836 Feb 10 Letter from B M Prichard to John Hughes re request for tacknote on Meillionen & Hafod Ruffydd to search for copper, lead, slates etc (NLW B/LET 13,846)

1836 Feb 21 Letter to Capt. Garth from John Hughes...large cow house on farm of Meillionen which has for many years since been in a most dilapidated state completely fell in sometime back. Must be completely rebuilt £60-£70. Tenant had nowhere to place his cattle, immediate reconstruction. Tenant has ... large amounts of repairs or other parts of the building for which he had sanction of my predecessor, but out of which he has been allowed nothing. His rent was £84 but at Michaelmas 1830 I advanced it to £100. (NLW B/LET 13,847)

1836 Mar 14: Thos Garth Esq to J Hughes . Cannot understand why Meillionen tenant has allowed large bills for constructing stone walls etc to remain unpaid by him, considering the great allowances that were made him for constructing the same as appears by the Bill & Receipts of 15 Oct 1828. Half the expenses for building these walls to the amount of £82-16-31/4 were allowed him. (NLW B/LET 140)

1836 March 24 Hugh Evans, Meillionen, appointed Surveyor of the Highways in Eifionydd part of the parish, (GAS XPA, Beddgelert Vestry Bok, p 107)

1836 Mar 29 J Hughes to Capt. Garth Meillionen new cowhouse in a very forward state. Excellent building construction; will be of incalculable advantage to the farm. His building expenses since he occupied the farm: £420-3-8

allowed: £ 60-5-2 towards building a stable, £6 for general repairs. He is a most respectable man, persevering industrious tenant. (NLW B/LET 14,141)

1836 June 9 Letter to John Hughes from Capt. Garth re visit to see Meillionen cowhouse; the ladies have every reason to be satisfied with their tenant at Meillionen. (NLW B.LET 13,848)

1836 July 31 Capt Garth to J Hughes: Meillionen barn exceeded estimate of £64-17-0. Very well constructed & of great utility to the farm. Is it a 'repairing lease'? If so, why deduct 'allowances'? (NLW B/LET 14,145)

1836 Aug 12 J Hughes to Capt Garth re barn & cowhouse. Necessity of granary above cowhouse; by enlargement of building 197 yds of additional masonry & plastering, quantity of timber & slates, additional stone foundations as land very wet & boggy - £43 for this extra work. Independant of the tenants' cartage of timber, flags, stone & slates amounting to £21 for which he has not charged.

Expense of the whole building is £101-13- 8 1/2 - very moderate charge.

Leasehold tenants different. But being only a tenant from year to year (not a repairing lease).(NLW

B/LET 14,146)

1836 Aug 27 Allowed Hugh Evans on account of his bill for building barn & cowhouse etc £50 .
(NLW B/EP 726)

1836 Sep 11 Capt Garth to J Hughes re Hugh Evans & repairs : misunderstood last letter ; new wall along part of upperpart of the farm required to keep his sheep in the upland. Allowance of £25.
(NLW B/LET 14,149)

1836 Sep 20 J Hughes to Capt Garth re Hugh Evans repairs + to roof. (NLW B/LET 14,152)

1836 Michaelmas Paid Hugh Evans the last instalment & in discharge of his claim against the Trustees for building the new cowhouse & barn etc at Meillionen & providing for the same...£50
(NLW B/EP 726)

1836 Oct 3 Capt Garth to J Hughes: Hugh Evans £50 deduction allowed from repairs. (NLW B/LET 14,152)

1836 Dec 1 Letter to John Hughes from Hugh Evans re estimate of boundary wall; need to build it 196.5 roods; 5/- a rood; 6ft high; is very easy to get workmen presently; cannot do it without it.(NLW B/LET 13,854).

1837 March 24 Hugh Evans, Meillionen, appointed Surveyor of the Highways in Eifionydd part of the parish, (GAS XPA, Beddgelert Vestry Book, p 113)

1837 Apr 16 Letter to Capt Garth from John Hughes re...Hugh Evans...paid....proceeding with boundary wall between his farm & the adjoining mountain. (NLW B/LET 13,865)

1837 re building work paid for by Hugh Evans: (NLW B/EP 667)

Jan 1837 building new barn £100

1. Hugh Evans to John Williams & Wm Owen, Portmadoc 1837

Pine balk, bundle of best laths, spics (sic), lath nails, £3-15-3
balk, lime, spikes £7-2-11.5

2. Mr Hugh Evans: For building a new stone wall at Meillionen farm being
182 roods at 5/4 per rood £48-10-8 Settled 14 August 1837

3. Mr Hugh Evans to Evan Roberts, carpenter Oct 1837

For repairing Meillionen house: 9 days at 2/- per day 18/- Settled 25 Dec 1837

4. Mr Hugh Evans to William Thomas & partners

For pulling down one side of the roof of Meillionen house & roofing the same...

slates £3-3-0; Plastering ? after 15/- Total £3-18-0 9 dec 1837 received the above sum by payment of Hugh Evans. The mark X William Thomas

1837 Aug 30 J Hughes to Capt Garth: Hugh Evans has nearly completed the Boundary wall. (NLW B/LET 14,163)

1837 Sept 3 Capt. Garth to J Hughes re Meillionen : Hugh Evans nearly completed boundary wall
(NLW B/LET 13, 874)

1837 Oct 10 Morris Parry to J Hughes. John Williams writing for a takenote on the work where he works at; he would have sold the work to a very rich company if he had a take-note. Company in Beddgelert & if Morris Parry has a take-note they will pay him for what he has done. (NLW B/LET 13,877)

1837 Nov 17 Capt Garth to J Hughes: Hugh Evans has had a fine season for completing his wall.
(NLW B/LET 14,172)

1837 Nov 21 J Hughes to Capt. Garth re Meillionen : boundary wall completed.

1838 Jan 20 Allowed Hugh Evans on account of the £25 promised him for building a new boundary wall around the ffarm & for roofing his house... £15 (NLW B/EP 726)

1838 Jan 31 Letter to Capt Garth (trustee) from John Hughes re allowance of £15 of the £25 promised to Hugh Evans towards building the boundary wall & repairing the roof of the house; work completed. Actual cost ; Wall- £ 48-10-8 & Roof £11-18-11.5.

'He certainly is a good tenant & deserving of every encouragement'.

(NLW B/LET 13,889)

1838 March 29 Hugh Evans, Meillionen, farmer, appointed Overseer of the Poor of the parish,

(GAS XPA, Beddgelert Vestry Book, p 117)

1838 June 13 Richard Rowlands, Green gate St, Carnarvon requests tacknote on Hafod y Llan, Meillionen & Hafod riffith. (NLW B/LET 13,920) [have copy]

1838 Aug 25 as for 20 Jan 1838 (NLW B/EP 726)

1838 Tenant Hugh Evans 1525 acres (Beddgelert Tithe Commutation)

1839 Jan 29 Plans of Beddgelert farms sent to solicitors, Dunn, Wordsworth & Dunn from John Hughes (NLW B/LET 13,894)

1839 March Hugh Evans, Meillionen, farmer, Appointed Guardian of the Parish, I of 2. (GAS XPA Beddgelert Vestry Book p 126)

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1839 May 11 Daniel Vawdrey to J Hughes re Beddgelert Tithe Commutation...The Meillionen tenant (as principal tenant) ... (NLW B/LET 14,234)

1839 Aug 23 Letter to John Hughes from Morris Parry, Hafod rhyfydd uchaf . " I do beg your favour of granting your favour to lett me to dress what we have risen of ore on Meillionen farm while you gett time to make up the takenote for me which I hope will be ready in a very short time for which we shall pay you quite well. We intend to send some of the ore off direct if you give us leave to dress it. We expect it to make from a ton to two after it has been dressed." Morris Parry, William Pierce, miner. (NLW B/LET 13,927)

1840 March 28 Hugh Evans Meillionen, farmer, Appointed one of two Guardians of the Parish, (GAS XPA Beddgelert Vestry Book p 134)

1840 June 13 R LL Ellis informs John Hughes that John Roberts has delivered maps of... Meillionen to Ellis (surveyor for Tithe Commutation) (NLW B/LET 13,933)

1841 Mar 27 Thomas Ellis to John Hughes re Christian names of the Misses Parry as Proprietors of Meillionen... (NLW B/LET 13,942)

1841 census

+Hugh Evans	M	55 farmer	Not born	Caerns
Gwen	"	50	"	"
*Catherine	"	20	"	"

(in 1846 married Rice Williams, Hafod y Llan)

(A202) *Catherine wife of Rice Williams, Garneddhir, Penmorfa (formerly Meillionen) died 1 Aug 1865 aged 43. Rice Williams died 12 Nov 1885 aged 66.[Baptised 20-4-1819 of Hafod y Llan TC Griffith p [19]

David	Evans	15	Born	C
William	"	12	"	"
Owen Jones		25 Ag lab	Not	"
Hugh Evans		20 Ag lab	"	"
Lowry Jones		25 F S	Born	C
Catherine Owen		20 F S	"	"

1841 May 14 Apportionment of rentcharge in lieu of tithes, by ... & Hugh Evans of Meillionen, farmer & valuer. (NLW Dolfriog 454)

1841 May 22 Hugh Evans, Meillionen, appointed church warden. (GAS XPA Beddgelert Vestry Book p 143)

1841 Sep 16 J Hughes to ?(draft letter) "I have had an application from a company for a lease upon the old SLATE quarry at Hafodryffydd / Meillionen at a Royalty of one 10th. They require ... a

lease for 60 years or one for 3 lives with 20 concurrent years. I send (here with) a copy of one [from Charles Wing Esq, dated Plas Gwynant, 28 August 1841] who is an adventurer with copper mines at Sugan fawr the property immediately opposite one of the Parry farms. (NLW B/LET 14,247)

1843 Feb 14 Hugh Evans, Meillionen to J Hughes. Are the Miss Parrys liable for Income Tax? (NLW B/LET 13,991)

1843 Feb 16 J Hughes to Hugh Evans, Meillionen. The property tax upon the Miss Parry's farms will be paid by them, provided they are fairly assessed upon the rents paid. Please to send me the amount charged upon each farm & I will afterwards give you the necessary instructions as to the payment etc. (NLW B/LET 13,992)

1843 Bill from Mr Hugh Evans & William Williams to Evan Jones & Evan Jones;

To building a boundary wall between Cwm Cloch & Meillionen

being 65.5 roods at £2/9 £9-0-1.5

being 28 roods at 2/6 £3-11-3

being 18.5 roods at 1/- 18-6 Total £13-9-10.5

Moiety paid by Mr Williams £6-14-11.5 Settled 22 July 1843

The mark X of Evan Jones, witness J Hughes (NLW B/EP 667)

1843 July 8 John Prichard, Beddgelert to J Hughes.

Dear Sir, Hugh Evans & Pierce Morgan, tenants of Meillionen & Hafodryffydd are now here & beg me to state to you the disastrous effects of a storm which raged here this morning. The flood has swept away all their wooden bridges, but what they have most to deplore is the total destruction of the stone bridge, built not many years ago by which their connection both by cart & horse with the Turnpike road is entirely cut off. There is a very old horse road by Cwmtrwscwl which [?kept] over the Bridge swept away. Is the County liable to repair (or rather rebuild) the Bridge swept away?

Perhaps you will send over some person to evaluate the damage here - Hoping you are very much better in health. I am dear Sir, yours, John Prichard. (NLW B/LET 14,009)

[?Sept 1843] undated Detailed specification for the rebuilding a stone bridge near Hafodryffydd. (NLW B/LET 13,997)

1843 Sept 22 Evan Williams, Ty'r Capel, Pennant to J Hughes. Quote for making Hafodryffydd bridge: £31-15-0. (NLW B/LET 14,006)

1843 Sept 22 Robert Jones & Robert Griffith, stone masons. Quote for Hafodryffydd bridge: £30-0-0. (NLW B/LET 14,007)

1843 Sept 22 Hugh Williams, Carnarvon to J Hughes. Quote for Hafodryffydd bridge: £30. (NLW B/LET 14,008 & 14,011)

1843 Nov 15 J Hughes to Laura Parry re ' the bridge near the post road to Meillionen & Hafodryffydd ... wholly carried away by a flood ... the greatest & most awful in that neighbourhood in the local memory. (NLW B/LET 14,264)

1844 Apr 20 Hugh Evans & Partners to J Hughes. Hugh Evans, Griffith Evans & Pierce Morgan shall carry all the necessary materials towards erecting the new bridge upon the farm of Hafodryffydd, Beddgelert. (NLW B/LET 14,283)

1844 Apr 24 Robert Jones, Beddgelert to J Hughes. Agree to erect the within new bridge according to the plan & specification of Mr G Griffith for £20. Please send plan of bridge to Mr Hugh Evans. (NLW B/LET 14,283)

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1844 June 27 Hugh Evans, Meillionen to J Hughes. Bridge finished next week. Come & see Mr Griffith, Hafodgregog, Overlooker. Want authority to settle with workman. (NLW B/LET 14,018)

1845 Apr 19 Memorandum: Hugh Evans, Meillionen declined paying for some time the £5 arrears,

saying that a portion ought to be paid by (holdings) no 2 (Hafod ryffydd) & 3 respecting the new bridge. (NLW B/EP 689)

1845 Apr 19 Memorandum: Hugh Evans, Meillionen produced receipts for no 1., 2. & 3. amounting to 4d for the commutation of Tithes he says of the boundaries which I declined to allow - he will produce them again. (NLW B/EP 689)

1845 June 25 letter to J Hughes from J Coventry, Plas Gwynant. The late Mr Vawdrey had the privilege of shooting over Miss Parry's estate. He would like to procure the same privilege. What terms? (NLW B/LET 14,052)

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1846 Nov 25 Hugh Evans, Meillionen (& Llenyrch) died aged 64(A199)

1846 Lady Day - 1848 Michaelmas at least, Tenant: Widow Gwen Evans (NLW B/EP 726)

1846 Nov 20 letter from J Hughes to J Coventry Esq, Plas Gwynant. Mr Sampson (Plas Gwynant) had the rights of shooting over Miss Parry's estate. Coventry can have it for £5 p.a. Is another applicant. (NLW B/LET 14,063)

1846 Nov 23 letter to J Hughes from Esau Jones, Ynys Fawr, Tremadoc. Understands Mr Ellis of Plas Brondanw has given up the right of shooting over Meillionen, Hafod ryffydd & Bwlchymwlchan. Takes liberty of asking the favour to sport upon that property. PS Sends a couple of woodcock & snipe. (NLW B/LET 14,062)

1849 Sept 4 Evan Evans, Rhydlydan, Llanllyfni to J Hughes re SLATE quarry at Beddgelert on Meillionen land. (NLW B/LET 14,097)

1851 census

Gwen Evans	H	W	65 farmer	Llandecwyn M
			1500 acres empl 3men	
David "	S	U	26	Beddgelert C
William "	S	U	21	"
Jane Evans	serv	U	23	Llanfrothen M
William Jones	serv	U	21	Clynog C
Ann Hughes	serv	U	17	Conway C
Humphrey Lloyd	serv	U	14	Ynyscynhaiarn C

1851 Property & income Tax Gwen Evans £1-9-2 (NLW B/EP667)

1852 Oct 11 Gwen Evans, wife of Hugh Evans died aged 67 yrs.(A199)

1852 July Property & Income Tax David Evans, Meillionen £1-9-2(NLW B/EP 667)

1854 Aug 4 " " " " & W Evans, Meillionen £1-9-2 (" ")

1855 " " " " " " £2-18-4 (" ")

1856 " " " " " " £3-6-8 (" ")

1859 Income Tax Returns : D & William Evans £1-0-10 for Dec quarter (NLW B/EP 717)

1861 census

David Evans	Head	U	36 farmer	1500 acres	Beddgelert C
*William Evans	brother	U	31		"
Wm G Williams	nephew	U	12 scholar		Penmorfa C

Margaret Owen serv	U	28 house s	Beddgelert C
Jane Griffiths serv	U	18 "	"
Robert Adams serv	U	22 carter	Cheshire NK
John Roberts serv	U	16 shepherd	Beddgelert C

1861 Income Tax Returns David & William Evans £1-17-6 for Nov quarters
(NLW B/EP 718)

1861	"	"	"	"	"	18/9 for Dec	quarter	}
1862	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	}
1863	"	"	"	"	"	£1-17-6 for Jun/Sep quarters }		

(NLW B/EP 716)

1865 Feb Income Tax David Evans, Meillionen £1-5-0 (NLW B/EP 667)

1866 Michaelmas rental David & W Evans, Meillionen £50 a half year

(NLW B/EP 725)

1867 David Evans, Meillionen died 6 March 1867 aged 42 (A200)

The late David Evans, Meillionen, twice met a ghost in Aberglaslyn Pass- a figure of fire. (D E Jenkins, Beddgelert its facts fairies & folklore, p 317)

1871 census

Hugh Griffith serv	W	50 farmer 1525acres	Garnfadryn C
William Jones serv	U	22	Criccieth C
Griffith Hughes serv	U	22	Llanystumdwy C
Jane Jones serv	M	28 housekeeper	Ynyscynhaiarn C
Anne Jones serv	U	18 house s	Llanfrothen M
Catherine Hegerty serv	U	16 house s	Beddgelert C

1873 July 10 Death of *William Evans, Hafod Meillionen. (GAS XPA Beddgelert Vestry book)
Maybe he stayed on living in the Hafod after his brother died in 1867.
Around this time, 500 acres were allotted to Hafod Ruffydd Uchaf,

1881 census

Thomas G Rodd(er)ick Head	M	49 farmer 1000acres	Scotland
Nancy E	Wife M	47	"
George	Son U	23 working on farm	"
James	S U	21 "	"
Mary	Dau U	19 "	"
John	S U	18 "	"
David	S U	16 "	"
Margaret	D U	14	"
Elizabeth	D U	12 scholar	Mold Flint
Jessie	D U	9 "	"
Harriet	D U	7 "	"
Thomas	S U	5 "	"
William	S U	5 "	"
Janet	D U	3	"
Charles Robinson serv	U	31 Gamekeeper	Yorkshire

c1887 Sale Catalogue for Craflwyn Estate: map & schedule (GAS XSC 553, NLW Caerns 328))

lot 3 Meillionen 561 acres tenant : Mrs Margaret Jones

lot 4 Tyn y coed house 7 acres in hand

Meillionen: This fine farm, which is well watered, comprises some of the best land in the district, and has a good sheep walk attached to it. There are nearly 100 acres of well grown Plantations. The farm buildings comprise a roomy house (containing Entrance Hall, two sitting

rooms, and five bedrooms), dairy, stabling for eight horses, pig styes, cart sheds and cowhouses. It is bounded on one side by a good sea trout and trouting stream, and is otherwise a holding capable of affording good sport. The minerals under this lot are included in with the sale."

NOT SOLD

1889 July 11: Sale Catalogue of the three estates of Craflwyn, Bwlchmwlchan & Meillionen. Tenant Mrs Margaret Jones, rent £74 p.a. (pers comm, Mr M Ashe)

1891 census

Margaret Jones	Head	W	38		Llanfihangel y P C	Welsh
Owen Owens	B	U	31	Ag lab	"	W
Robert Williams	S	U	18		Bedd C	W
Maggie Jones	D	U	8	scholar	Llanfihangel y P C	W
Jane	"	D	7	"	" y Traethau	M W
Jane Williams	neice	U	21	Ag lab	Penmorfa C	W
Richard Lewis	serv	U	19	Ag lab	Llanerchymedd A	W

1893 Michaelmas Half year rent: Owen Owens, Meillionen £37 (GAS Llangefni W/DD 1137)

1894 in Bethel CM, Owen Owens (1855-1917), Isallt Fawr & Meillionen married Ellen (1859-1904) of Plas Pennant (TC Griffith 1989 fig [49])

1895 Annie Evans, daughter of David Evans, Meillionen, died 5 Feb aged 29 (A200)

1899 Mrs Margaret Evans, Hafod y Llan died 23 Jan aged 67 (A200)

c1899 Meillionen was once an old mansion.... parts of the old house are still to be seen in its northern end. (D E Jenkins, Beddgelert its facts fairies & folklore, 1899 p 141)

Census 1901 schedule no 92 Meillionen

Owen Owens	Head	M	45	farmer born	Llanfihangel y Pennant	w
Ellen Owens	wife	M	40	born	Llanfihangel y Pennant	W
Ellis N	"	S	4		Beddgelert, C	W
Owen J	"	S	2		"	W
Mary J Evans	serv	S	27		Cardigan, Aberystwyth	W
John Jones	serv	S	26	horse serv	Nantmor	W
Rhys M Jones	serv	S	15	cattle feeder	Llanfihangel y Pennant	W

1904 Ellen Owens, wife of Owen Owens, Meillionen (Daughter of Ellis Roberts, Plas Pennant) died 26 Feb , aged 44 (B556)

(See Forestry Commission Documents at Llanrwst)

1907 Nov 29 Conveyance 1. Sidney Llewelyn England Parry,

2 Porthmadoc Beddgelert & South Snowdon Railway.

1909 Feb 3 Deed of Grant. 1. Thomas Edward Roberts. 2. Sidney Llewelyn England Parry (ref to as LL E S Parry)

1910 Tax return Owner L S Parry: occ Owen Owens 529 acres (GAS XLTD/2)

1910 Sep 3 Public Auction Lot 12 Meillionen (and woodlands) ;

tenant: Owen Owens (GAS XSC 41 & Clwyd D/GA/858 map only)

1910 Dec 6 Conveyance 1. S LL E Parry 2. Owen Owens

1911 census

1917 Owen Owens died 25 April, aged 67. [Also of Isallt Fawr] (B556)

[he was a good vet] (pers comm John Prichard, Hafod Wydr)

1917 April 25 Death of said Owen Owens, leaving the Vendor, the said Ellis Roberts Owen(s) his heir at law

1917 July 5 Letters of Administration of the estate of Owen Owens granted out of Bangor District Probate, to Vendor Ellis Roberts Owen(s)

1917 Aug 14 Conveyance - 1. The vendor Ellis Roberts Owen(s) & The vendor Owen William Owen(s) referred to as Owen Gwilym Owen (2) whereby an undivided moiety in the property.... was conveyed to the vendor Owen William Owen(s)

1923 Aug 23 Mortgage The vendors (1) & Henry Roberts (2) to secure principal sum of £1700 with interest.

1924 Sept 4 Deed of Exchange - the said Henry Roberts (1), the vendors (2) & the Welsh Highland Railway (Light Railway) Co (3)

1926 Jan 1 The Law of Property Act came into force.

1929 June 17 Death of the said Henry Roberts

1929 Sept Probate of will of H Roberts Granted to the Mortgagee.

1933 March 31 Conveyance of Meillionen between

1. Ellis Roberts Owen(s), Britannia Foundry, Portmadoc, Iron Founder & Owen William Owen(s) [alias Owen Gwilym Owen(s)] of Meillionen, farmer (Vendors)
2. Ann Roberts, Pensyflog, Portmadoc, widow (Mortgagee)
3. The Forestry Commissioners.

? 1934-1949 Tax returns Owner LL S Parry Occ Margaret Jones (GAS XLT/7/1)

1967 Aug 14 Conveyance of Meillionen c 283 acres & Hafod Ruffydd Uchaf Sheepwalk c 116 acres between 1. Secretary of State (Vendor)

2. John Hugh Jones of Meillionen (purchaser) for £2,750.

c1930s Mr Owen, Bron y Gader, Pentrefelin [father of Sion Owen, Cwmcloch] rented the few remaining unplanted fields on Glan y Gors [Hafod Ruffydd Issa] when it was no longer viable for the tenant to continue. (pers comm John Prichard, Hafod Wydr)

?mid 1930s : Forestry Commission Campsite House built on Meillionen land.

? bridge across Afon Colwyn rebuilt by the Forestry Commission.

Researched by Margaret Dunn

MEILLIONEN COPPER WORKINGS.

6-10-1996 update

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1838 Apr 21 Letter to Mr Morris Parry, miner, from John Hughes . JH cannot forward any tacknote but will lay your request before the parties interested in the property - when in hand.... My fear is that the parties whom I represent have no right to grant any Tacknote on the place in question (NLW B/LET 13,918)

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The old bachelor Morris Parry was the Capten at the two places & had Wil Pierce as mate. (UCNW Bangor ms 13723 no 115)

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Unlocated references: See Hafod ruffydd/ Meillionen refs. to Mr Cooper in 1836-39.

1838 Sept 5 J Hughes to Thos. Garth Esq. Copy letter from a respectable & enterprising mine adventurer in neighbourhood of Beddgelert - wants lease to try for himself. Your views? (NLW B/LET 14,302)

1838 Sept 12 Capt Garth to J Hughes re Mr Cooper's application for permission to make a trial for minerals requires consideration. (NLW B/LET 14,204)

1838 Oct 1 Laura Parry to J Hughes. Accept Mr Cooper's proposal re looking for minerals. (NLW B/LET 14,209)

1838 Oct 24 Thos. Garth to J Hughes No objection to Mr Cooper's application from the ladies. (NLW B/LET 14,215)

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SLATE QUARRIES ON MEILLIONEN LAND.

update 6-10-1996

Meillionen SLATE: 'small underground working. Remains: now in Forestry. Vestiges of a small Building at collapsed adit. It is possible that a formation down the hillside was an incline.' Grid ref. SH571485 (AJ Richards 1991 p 117)

1836 Feb 10 B M Prichard to John Hughes re request for tacknote on Meillionen & Hafod Ruffydd to search for copper, lead, slates etc (NLW B/LET 13,846)

1838 June 13 Richard Rowlands, Green gate St, Carnarvon requests tacknote on Hafod y llan, Meillionen & Hafod riffith. (NLW B/LET 13,920) [have copy]

1841 Sep 16 J Hughes to ?(draft letter) "I have had an application from a company for a lease upon the old SLATE quarry at Hafodryffydd / Meillionen at a Royalty of one 10th. They require ... a lease for 60 years or one for 3 lives with 20 concurrent years. I send (here with) a copy of one [from Charles Wing Esq, dated Plas Gwynant, 28 August 1841] who is an adventurer with copper mines at Sugan fawr the property immediately opposite one of the Parry farms. (NLW B/LET 14,247)

1844 May 14 Robert Williams, Aberglaslyn, now at Tremadoc to J Hughes. Understand that Mr Watkins has a grant or Liberty to work for SLATES on Myllionan farm. ...Give me liberty to work or try for any other minerals, such as copper ores in the lower part of the above farm on conditions such as is generally given in the neighbourhood. (NLW B/LET 14,012)

1887 sale catalogue shows no slate workings on Meillionen. (GAS XSC 533)

These notes have been prepared from research undertaken by Margaret Dunn. updated 22-11-2004

MEILLIONEN, BEDDGELERT – RODDERICK FAMILY

1871 census

Hugh Griffith	serv	W	50 farmer	1525acres	Garnfadryn C
William Jones	serv	U	22		Criccieth C
Griffith Hughes	serv	U	22		Llanystumdwy C
Jane Jones	serv	M	28 housekeeper		Ynyscynhaiarn C
Anne Jones	serv	U	18 house s		Llanfrothen M
Catherine Hegerty	serv	U	16 house s		Beddgelert C

1873 July 10 Death of *William Evans, Hafod Meillionen. (GAS XPA Beddgelert Vestry book) Maybe he stayed on living in the Hafod after his brother died in 1867.

Around this time, 500 acres were allotted to Hafod Ruffydd Uchaf,

1881 census

Thomas G Rodd(er)ick	Head	M	49 farmer	1000 acres	Scotland
Nancy E	"	Wife	M	47	"
George	"	Son	U	23 working on farm	"
James	"	S	U	21	"
Mary	"	Dau	U	19	"
John	"	S	U	18	"
David	"	S	U	16	"

Margaret	"	D	U	14	"
Elizabeth	"	D	U	12 scholar	Mold Flint
Jessie	"	D	U	9 "	"
Harriet	"	D	U	7 "	"
Thomas	"	S	U	5 "	"
William	"	S	U	5 "	"
Janet	"	D	U	3	"
Charles Robinson	serv	U		31 Gamekeeper	Yorkshire

c1887 Sale Catalogue for Craflwyn Estate : map & schedule (GAS XSC 553, NLW Caerns 328))

lot 3 Meillionen 561 acres tenant : Mrs Margaret Jones

lot 4 Tyn y coed house 7 acres in hand

Meillionen: This fine farm, which is well watered, comprises some of the best land in the district, and has a good sheep walk attached to it. There are nearly 100 acres of well grown Plantations. The farm buildings comprise a roomy house (containing Entrance Hall, two sitting rooms, and five bedrooms), dairy, stabling for eight horses, pig styes, cart sheds and cowhouses. It is bounded on one side by a good sea trout and trouting stream, and is otherwise a holding capable of affording good sport. The minerals under this lot are included in with the sale."

NOT SOLD

1889 July 11: Sale Catalogue of the three estates of Craflwyn, Bwlchmwlchan & Meillionen. Tenant Mrs Margaret Jones, rent £74 p.a. (pers comm, Mr M Ashe)

1891 census

Margaret Jones Head	W	38		Llanfihangel y P C	Welsh spoken
Owen Owens B	U	31	Ag lab	"	W
Robert Williams S	U	18		Bedd C	W
Maggie Jones D	U	8	scholar	Llanfihangel y P C	W
Jane " D	U	7	"	" y Traethau M	W
Jane Williams niece	U	21	Ag lab	Penmorfa C	W
Richard Lewis serv	U	19	Ag lab	Llanerchymedd A	W

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