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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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HAFOD RHISGL

Nantgwynant, (Caernarfonshire) Gwynedd.

Researched by Margaret Dunn. Update 2-5-2005

Notes on the History of the Owners & Tenants of Hafod Rhisgl from circa 1681.

Notes on the period from 1200 to 1681 are included with the history of Wenallt.

Introduction

This farm holding, whose name is spelled in varying ways, was situated on land which had been part of a Cistercian grange land since c1200. From 1508-1536 it was leased from the Cistercian abbey of Aberconwy by Maredudd ap Ieuan ap Robert & his son John Wyn ap Maredudd. In 1536 the Crown lease was to John Wyn ap Maredudd of Gwydir who died in 1559. The Crown lease was probably passed to Morus Wynn of Gwydir who died in 1580. It then passed to (Sir) John Wynn of Gwydir; who probably purchased the lease from the Crown. In 1590 John Wynn purchased eleven holdings in the vill of Nantwhinan from the Crown for £899, but Hafod Rhisg / Wenallt and Hafod Lwyfog were not included. It seems likely that John Wynn obtained Hafod Rhisg / Wenallt in court cases in the 1590s. Hafod y Rhisg was farmed and then owned by the Wynn family of Gwydir from pre 1600 until around 1681 when it was sold to John Rowlands. No Hafod y Rhisg tenants are named in these early records.

Description of Hafod y Rhisg house in 1953:

Hafod y rhisg is a two storeyed, rubble-built house probably of the early seventeenth century, with additions at the north-west and south. The fenestration is irregular; most of the windows are of vertical proportion. There was formerly a dormer on the west side. The front door is original and has rebated jambs. At either end of the early block is a square chimney with a moulded cap.

The ground floor was formerly divided into two, the groove for the partition still being visible in the north beam. There is a wide fireplace with a segmental arch, and a fine ceiling of stop-chamfered beams and joists. The position of the original staircase is not known; it may have been where the later breakthrough was made. The first floor has been modernised, the roof has been reslated and the roof timbers ceiled.

The house is said formerly to have been used for dissenter's meetings (D E Jenkins, 1899, *Beddgelert its Facts Fairies & Folklore*, p 286), and a moveable pulpit is still retained as evidence of this.

Condition Good. Visited 14 July 1953.

(RCAHMW, 1960, *Caernarvonshire Central*, p 21)

It would appear from the sources given above that the earliest part of the present house dates from the middle of the sixteenth century.

The roof timbers were replaced circa 1900.

Circa 1681 -1703 Owner of the Nant estate: John Rowlands of Nant, Betws Garmon.

Much of the former Wynn of Gwydir lands in the parish of Beddgelert passed into the hands of John Rowlands of Nant, Betws Garmon. He was born around 1645 and married Frances Owen, the third daughter of William and Catherine Owen of Porkington and Clennau and granddaughter of the celebrated Royalist, Sir John Owen of Clennau. They had eleven children. In addition to managing his own and his wife's estates, John Rowlands was a wealthy London Banker with offices in Lombard Street,; he underwrote many debentures for land sales around North Wales and he also purchased estates around Plas y Nant, Bettws Garmon, when the original owners either needed money urgently or had died, whereby the land had to be divided amongst the heirs. Plas y Nant was built for him in 1671. He continued to enlarge his estate in the late seventeenth century, buying more property around Bettws Garmon and Beddgelert, including the land up to the summit of Snowdon. He was High Sheriff of Caernarvon for the years 1688, 1689 and 1692 when he was living at Plas y Nant.

In 1703 John Rowlands of Nant, Betws Garmon, died aged 58 years, leaving ten children; and naming the messuage, tenement and lands of Wenallt, and separately, that of Havod y Rhyske, both occupied by Howell Pierce, amongst the many Bethkelert properties listed in his will to be left to his wife. (D635 page 363 - will of John Rowlands, repeated in 1722).

1703-1718 Owner of the Nant estate: Frances Rowlands, of Nant, Betws Garmon.

She died in 1718 aged 62 years.

In 1719 aged 23 years, their heir, Richard Rowlands died and the estate was inherited by the second son, Thomas Rowlands.

1719- 1763 Owner of the Nant estate: Thomas Rowlands of Nant, Betws Garmon.

In 1724 Thomas Rowlands married Ellin Roberts, daughter and heiress of Emma and William Roberts of "Cayrey" [Caerau], Llanfairynghornwy, Anglesey, where they lived. He died in 1763 and his daughter Emma Rowlands inherited the Plas y Nant estate.

1743-1752: Tenants of Hafod rhisg: the family of John Powell:

In 1697 in Ffestiniog Robert Cadwalader, Cwm Bowydd (who died in 1729 in Ffestiniog) married Jane Ellis, daughter of Ellis William David, Tyddyn Mawr & she died at Hafod Rhisgl in 1762. They had seven children, of whom Jane Roberts was born in Ffestiniog (1717-1776). On 27 October 1738 in Dolbenmaen Jane married John Powell of Ereiniog & Hafod y Rhisgl, farmer, who died at Hafod Rhisgl in 1783.

John Powell, whose father was Howell John Griffith of Ereiniog, and Jane had

1) Ellis Jones, of Wenallt in 1763, farmer, baptised in 1739 in Ffestiniog, who on 31 December 1762 in Beddgelert married Dorothy Williams of Beddgelert. In 1763 they had John baptised. William was baptised 1764 and in 1769 Rice was baptised but he died in 1771; all were baptised in Beddgelert. They were therefore having children at Wenallt between 1763 and 1769, whilst Ellis's mother Jane Roberts still had young children aged three and upwards at Hafod Rhisgl.

2) Margaret, baptised in 1741 in Ffestiniog, who in Beddgelert in 1766 married John Roberts of Wenallt, Beddgelert, and they had Margaret, baptised in 1768 at Beddgelert.

3) Marsley, baptised in 1743 in Ffestiniog, who in Beddgelert in 1782 married Henry Thomas, Stamp, Beddgelert, shoemaker, & they had Thomas in 1783;

4) Robert Jones was baptised in 1752 in Beddgelert; in 1777 November 9 there is a baptism of Robert, bastard son of Robert Jones, Havod y Rhisg, and Mary.

5) Catherine, baptised in 1756 in Beddgelert;

6) Jane, baptised in 1760 in Beddgelert.

(T Ceiri Griffith, Achau rhai o deuluoedd hen Siroedd Caernarfon, Meirionydd a Trefaldwyn, 2003, p[2], [41]);

The family appears to have moved to the Beddgelert parish between 1743 and 1752 and they may have moved to Hafod y Rhisgl at that time.

1762 June 25; Burial of Jane Ellis, Jane Robert's mother, who was living with them at Hafod Rhisgl from at least 1756. In her will written on 13 July 1756 Jane Ellis, of Hafod Rhisg, bequeaths £20 to each to three of her daughters, Ellin (1702-?), Dorothy (1707-?) and Gwen (1713-?). Her will then states "whereas Maurice Wynn of Llwyn, co Denbigh, Esq., by his Bond 21 February 1734 became bound unto me in the penal sum of £160, payment of the entire sum of £80 together with their legal interest, the which said £80 due on the said bond ... I give to my four daughters Ellin Robert, Dorothy Robert, Gwen Robert and Jane Robert to be equally divided among them. In case the £80 due on the said bond could not be recovered, my will, meaning & desire is that my Executrix (herein named) shall not be chargeable for the £80.

Also I give to the children of John Powel and my daughter Jane Roberts 5 cows equally divided between them.

Also I give to my granddaughter Jane Hughes and to the children of the aforesaid John Powel & my daughter Jane all my sheep and goats to be equally divided.

Also I give to the children of my daughter Margaret Robert deceased 7s 6d to be equally divided.

Also I give to my granddaughter Margaret Powel, one of the children of my daughter Jane, one cupboard standing downstairs upon the floor.

Also I give my son in law Hugh Bowen 1s.

Lastly I give all the rest ... to my dear daughter Jane Robert, who is to be the sole executrix. Mark of Jane Ellis; witnesses: Griffith Bevan (mark), Rees Owen (mark) Watkin Jones ?Clk."

Her will was proved 14 July 1762. An Inventory listed the following:

3 cows	£5- 0- 0
3 stairs	£6- 0- 0
3 steers	£2-10-0
3 calves	£2- 0- 0
1 mare	£1- 0- 0
20 sheep	£1-10-0
6 goats	£0- 6- 0
Houshold stuff	£1- 4- 0
Wearing	<u>£0- 2- 6</u>

£19-12-6 Pricers: Robert Roberts, John Jones.

(NLW Church in Wales, B/1762/90 w I(2); T Ceiri Griffith, 1989, *Achau ac Ewyllysiau Teuleodd De Sir Gaernarfon*, p33; T Ceiri Griffith, 2003, *Achau rhai o deuluoedd hen Siroedd Caernarfon, Meirionnydd a Threfaldwyn*, p [41])

It is interesting that Jane Ellis, widow of Robert Cadwalader for 33 years, still had stock of her own amongst the Hafod Rhisg animals.

1763 - 1770 Owner of the Nant estate: Emma Rowlands.

Emma had married the Right Honourable James, 1st **Viscount Bulkeley** in 1749 and lived at Baron Hill. He died in 1752, shortly before the birth of their son Thomas James, 7th Viscount Bulkeley (1752-1822). She was now the Dowager Lady Bulkeley. In 1760 Emma married Sir Hugh Williams the 8th Baronet of Penrhyn and on her death in 1770 aged 43 years, he inherited. In her will date 1 June 1770, Dame Emma Williams, Lady Viscount Bulkeley, wife of Sir Hugh Williams of Baron Hill, county Anglesey, Bart. ... Devises the reversion or remainder expectant of Nanhwynan ... etc ... to the use of her son Robert Williams and his issue ... the Manor or Lordship of Nanhwynan, and all lands etc in Caernarvonshire. [No properties or tenants were named] (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 7350)

1770-1794 Owner of the Nant eatste: Sir Hugh Williams, Emma's widower, died on 17 August 1794.

From before 1761 to 1782 the tenant was John Powell. Land Tax £2-8-9d. (GAS Beddgelert Land Tax) John Powell probably moved to Beddgelert parish between 1743 and 1752, according to the parishes where their children were baptised.

On 5th January 5, 1776 Jane Roberts, wife of John Powell was buried, aged 59 years.
On 21st December 1769 Rice, son of Ellis Jones & Dorothy, Hafod y Rhisg was baptised. Rice was buried on 27 March 1771 at Beddgelert. They must have moved from Wenallt to Hafod Rhisgl between 1764 and 1769, probably in 1766 to let his sister Margaret & her new husband John Roberts live at Wenallt.

On 24th March 1772 John Parry, Havod y Rhisg & his wife Ann, had Dorothy baptised at Beddgelert.

On 24th April 1774 John Parry, Havod y Rhisg, **labourer**, & his wife Ann, had Howel baptised at Beddgelert.

On 2nd June 1776 John Parry, Havod y Rhisg, labourer, & his wife Ann had Jane baptised at Beddgelert. No more is at present known about this family who may have been living in an outbuilding at Hafod Rhisgl.

On 26th February 1783 John Powel, Havod y Rhisg, farmer, was buried at Beddgelert. His brother Griffith Powell, yeoman of Ereiniog, became the tenant rather than any of the married children of John Powell. Griffith Powell, born in Penmorfa in 1718 married Catherine verch William Owen, Crafnant, Meirionnydd at Penmorfa in 1774. He was 56 and she was 23 years old. Their son William Griffith was born in 1775 in Llanfihangel y Pennant.

From 1783-95 the tenant was Griffith Powell, yeoman. The proprietor was Sir Hugh Williams Bart. (GAS Beddgelert Land Tax)

1785 (25 Geo 111)

1. Sir Hugh Williams of Fyars, county Anglesey, Bart.,

2. Edward Griffith of Caernarfon, county Caernarfon

Richard Griffith of Bangor, county Caernarfon, clerk,

Griffith Roberts of Aber, county Caernarfon, clerk, and others

Lease for 21 years of houses and lands and MINES in the parish of Beddgelert called Hafod y rhisg, Gwastad Agnes, Hafod y porth and Cwm Dyli. Royalties 1/8th.

(GAS. X Poole ms 5303)

1794-1830 Owner: Sir Robert Williams

He had inherited the estates from his father, Sir Hugh Williams, and shared his mother's estate with her first son, Sir Thomas James Bulkeley. Sir Robert Williams, Bart., their eldest son, held a manorial court at Beddgelert, for the tenants of the former Cistercian lands, from at least 1797-1820. There is no mention of Wenallt, it apparently being considered part of Hafod Rhisgl farm. Sir Robert was MP for Caernarfonshire from 1790-1826 and for Beaumaris from 1826-1830 when he died on 1 December.

1794 Rental of the Estate of the late Sir Hugh Williams, deceased, in Caernarfonshire which lands are NOT in lease: Hafod Wydir, Wernlasdeg, Gwyndy Newydd.

Farms in lease granted by Sir Hugh Williams only: Havod y porth, Llyndu issaf, Cwmdully, Gwastad Annas,

Havod y Rhysk: Griffith Powell £54 3s 0d. (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4820)

(1794 -1826 Sir Robert Williams' Rental Book - Beddgelert - Havod y rysch)

1794 Griffith Powell to Michaelmas £54 3s 0d

1795 Griffith Powell to Michaelmas £54 3s 0d

1795 A Rental of Sir Robert Williams, Baronet's lands in the several counties of Anglesey and Caernarfonshire for the year 1795: Caernarfonshire:

Havod y rhysk: Griffith Powell £54 3s 0d. (UWB Baron Hill Ms 4821)

1795 Proprietor: Sir Robert Williams, Bart. (GAS Beddgelert Land Tax)

(1794 -1826 Sir Robert Williams' Rental Book - Beddgelert - Havod y rysch)

1796 Griffith Powell to Michaelmas £54 3s 0d.

On May 22 1707 Griffith Powell died, aged 78 years.

“A'i Powel uchel iacha - oer ammod /A rwymyd ef yma

O'i gryd y cyfyd cofia / Pan ddel dydd'n wir rydd yna.” Bob Evan (Cant)

(Beddgelert memorial inscription A064)

(T Ceiri Griffith, 1989, Achau ac Ewyllysiau Teuleodd De Sir Gaernarfon, p48)

On 9 June 1797 the will of Griffith Powell of Havod y rhysg was proved. The will had been written on 26 June 1787 and instructed that all goods etc be equally divided between Catherine (Owen) Powell and William Griffith his son. He appointed his friend John Edwards of Reiniog, parish Penmorfa, as trustee / guardian of William Griffith during his minority. If William died, his share would go to his mother.

Mark of Griffith Powell. Witnesses: William Williams of Ffridd, Beddgelert, & Richd Roberts of Coedhelen.

An inventory in 1797 values his goods at less than £600:

Sadle & bridle	£1 -10- 0
Wearing apparels	£2 - 2 - 0
16 cows with calves	£122-0- 0
5 runts 3 yrs old	£42 -10- 0
9 runts 2 yrs old	£49 -10- 0
1 bull	£ 8 - 0- 0
16 yearlings	£52 - 0- 0
Horses	£16 - 0- 0
163 sheep	£69 - 5- 6
Goats	£15 - 15-0
1 pig	£ 2 - 10-0
Husbandry implements	£ 2 - 0-0
House furniture	<u>£60 - 0-0</u>
	£ 448-13-6

Pricers: Richard Edward, William Owen, Edwards Ellis.

(NLW, Church in Wales, B/1797/40 W I; T Ceiri Griffith, 2003, Achau rhai o deuluoedd hen Siroedd Caernarfon, Meirionnydd a Threfaldwyn, p [41])

Catherine and William moved away and both died in Caergybi; Catherine in 1836 and William in 1854.

1797 Catherine & William Powell to Michaelmas £54 3s 0d

1798 £60 0s 0d (1794 -1826 Sir Robert Williams' Rental Book - Beddgelert - Havod y rysch)

1799 May 22: Settlement preceding the marriage of Sir Robert Williams of Nant, county Carnarvonshire, Bart., to Ann Hughes, daughter of Edwards Hughes.

Settlement preceding the marriage touching upon £10,000 given by the Rev. Edward Hughes of Kinnell Park, county Flint, to Sir Robert Williams, and upon lands called:

Caergors	John Roberts }	£50 rent
Hafodwidr	ditto }	
Weinlasdeg	William Williams	£65
Glasdrain	William Williams	£12-12-0
Hafod y Porth	Ellis Jones	£40
Llundy isaf	John Roberts	£24
Cwmdyli	Rice Roberts	£34-15-0
Gaifron	John Roberts	£7-7-0
Gwastadagness	David Hughes	£51-2-0
Pen y lan	ditto	£18-18-0
Havod y Rhysk	Catherine Powel & son	£60
Llwyn Onn	Evan Owen	£34 [Betws parish]
Gwindy newydd	William Lloyd	£0-3-6
Capel ground rent	William Williams & Company	£0-8-0

In the parish of Beddgelert ... etc, etc. ...elsewhere.

In addition, the manor of Nanhwynan ... etc is put in trust to raise £3,000 for the portions of younger children of the marriage. (UWB, Baron Hill Ms7351)

The land may have been farmed by some of his eight children, or by his nephew, John Powell's son Ellis Jones who was said to be "of Wenallt". (T Ceiri Griffith, *Achau Rhai o Deuluoedd Hen Siroedd Caernarfon, Meirionydd a Trefaldwyn*, 2003, p [41]).

About 1799 there is a change in tenancy at Hafod y rhysg to another family, the Williams, who were much involved in the early Methodist movement in the district.

"The first Calvinistic Methodist Chapel in Beddgelert was built in 1794 as a home for the young church that had gradually formed itself in the neighbourhood. The handful of Nonconformists had at that time been worshipping in Pen y Bont Uchaf - now (1899) a part of Prince Llewelyn Hotel - for a period long enough to make them feel uneasy lest they be denied the use of the house, and so be thrown into the cold world once more. Landowners were deeply biased against them, and their chances to get land on which to build a chapel seemed almost nil. But the turn of circumstances promised a general election, and a hot fight in the county of Caernarfonshire. Lord Bulkeley and Sir Robert Williams, Plas y Nant, were contesting the seat, and votes were secured by every possible means. Sir Robert one day called on William Williams, Ffridd Uchaf, to ask for his vote. This farmer was a man of influence, and Sir Robert knew that if he could secure him it would mean a good number of votes. William Williams saw that his chance to make capital for "the little cause" had come, and so told Sir Robert that he would give him his vote if he would lease them a piece of land on which to build a chapel. The bargain was struck, and the only conditions laid down were that the noble baronet's word was to be asked for in the form of legal rights. The chapel was immediately proceeded with, and was completed in the year mentioned above." (D E Jenkins, *Beddgelert Its Facts, Fairies and Folklore*, 1899, p 29-30)

Around 1800: "Hafod y Rhisgl is an old farmhouse, dear to the hearts of all people in Nant Gwynen, as one of the earliest homes of the Gospel in these parts. When the houses of upper

Nant Gwynen were occupied, a Sabbath School was regularly kept here, many years before Bethania was first built (1825), and very many years afterwards. The man who thus provided for the moral improvement of the people was William Williams, the man who exchanged his vote for permission to build the Methodist Chapel in the village (1794). He removed here from Ffridd (uchaf), Nant Colwyn, in 1804, and from that day his house has been one of the most hospitable; for he [1758-1825] left a son, Owen, [1805-1853] who has left a son, Robert, [1843-1929] to carry on the traditions. The itinerant ministers of the Calvinistic Methodists found it an ever-open house, both for themselves and the people who crowded to listen to him. ... "W. W. 1800" was formerly inscribed on an old rafter in the hayloft, suggesting that William Williams farmed Hafod y Rhisgl four years before he removed to live here".

(D E Jenkins, Beddgelert Its Facts, Fairies and Folklore, 1899, p 286-7)

Earlier History of William Williams' family at FFRIDD UCHAF

Ellin Lloyd was the daughter of Humphrey Lloyd (died 1702) of Hafod Ysputtu, Ffestiniog and Jonnet Williams, Penamnen (died 1710). Humphrey Lloyd's grandfather was also of Hafod Ysputtu. Jonnet Williams' father was William Morris, Penamnen, died 1665; his father was Morris ap William, Penamen who died in 1645; his father was William ap William ap Ifan ap William ap Llewelyn ap Rhys ap Bleddyn Llwyd. (C T Griffith, 2003, Achau rhai o deuleodd hen Sirioedd Caernarfon, Meirionydd a Threfaldwyn [121])

It is not known how Ffridd Llwynllior became part of her property. She was also of Hafoty, Drwsycoed. (C T Griffith, 1989, Achau ac Ewyllysiau Teuleodd De Sir Gaernarfon, [75]) In **1689 Ellin Lloyd married William Jones of Llanllyfni** and they had six children. One, John Williams, who died in 1782, moved to Bwlchmwlchan; another, Jonnet married David Williams and lived at Drwsycoed where she died in 1773.

In 1764 Ellin died and her eldest son **William Williams inherited Ffridd Uchaf**.

In 1765 Margaret, wife of this William Williams (of Hafod Ysputtu) died aged 45 yrs. (Beddgelert Memorial Inscriptions A164)

In 1772 David son & heir of the late William Williams Gent. of Hafod Ysputtu died aged 20. (Beddgelert Memorial Inscriptions A154)

1770-75: William Williams of Ffrith - Land Tax Assessment £1-13-3.(£2-4-4 in 1771)

1777-79: William Williams, Ffrith - Land Tax Assessment £2-4-4. (GAS, LT 6/5)

1779/80: William Williams of Ffridd [Gent] died. (Beddgelert Memorial Inscriptions A164).

It was his wish that all of his land, buildings and holdings in Ffestiniog, co Merioneth namely Hafod yspytu, Lletty Gwilym & Bwlch wha, which were farmed by Robert Owen, Richard James & Eleanor Evans or their descendents, would be inherited by his eldest son John Williams [Gent. of Lledwigan, Llanfairisgaer] & his descendents, on the condition that he distributed bequests as follows:

Alice Williams, eldest daughter who was married to William Pierce - £10 within 1 year;

Eleanor Williams, second " " " " Robert Owen - £10 within 2 years.

Gaynor Williams, third " " " " Richard Roberts - £10 within 3 years.

cousins William Griffith & William David, two farmers from Drws y coed - £5 within 3 years for taking the responsibility of being executors of the will.

His oldest son (illegible)... lands, buildings & holdings ... Ffridd Isaf, Llwyn Llior ...

February 1777 between his three youngest children William Williams, Griffith Williams & Catherine Williams or their descendents and he appointed the three as joint executors. After paying the funeral expenses the rest of his belongings to be distributed in equal parts between **William**, Griffith & Catherine, & his cousins Wm Griffith & Wm David were to be guardians & stewards over them until they attain 21 years. The value of the property was £407. (T C

Griffith 1989 p 41-2)

This younger son, **William Williams, [1758-1825]** Ffridd, is mentioned as trustee in Hafod y Rhysg will of 1787. (T C Griffith, 1989, *Achau ac Ewyllysiau Teuluoedd De Sir Gaernarfon*, p48). He is later **William Williams “of Ffridd and Hafod y Rhysg” [75]**. He married Margaret, Glynafon, Waunfawr and had 11 children. By 1813 he is 'of Hafod y Rhysgl' (Beddgelert Memorial Inscriptions A164) He moved there in 1799.

1777-1801 William Williams, Ffrith - Land Tax Assessment £2-4-4. (GAS LT 6/5)

(1794 -1826 from Sir Robert Williams’ Rental Book - Beddgelert - Havod y rysch)

1799 Dec 16, received Williams	£66 15s 0d
1800	£73 10s 0d
1801	£73 10s 0d
1802	£73 10s 0d
1803	£67 0s 0d
1804	£67 Recd £63 13s 0d, Property Tax £3 7s 0d
1805	£67 Recd £63 13s 0d, Property Tax £3 7s 0d
1806	£67 Recd £62 16s 3d, Property Tax £4 3s 9d
1807	£67 Recd £60 6s 0d, Property Tax £4 14s 0d
1808	£72 Recd £65 6s 0d, Property Tax £6 14s 0d
1809	£72 Recd £65 2s 0d, Property Tax £6 18s 0d
1810	£72 Recd £65 2s 0d, Property Tax £6 18s 0d
1811	£72 Recd £65 2s 0d, Property Tax £6 18s 0d
1812	£72 Recd £65 2s 0d, Property Tax £6 18s 0d
1813	£72 Recd £65 2s 0d, Property Tax £6 18s 0d
1814	£72 Recd £65 2s 0d, Property Tax £6 18s 0d
1815	£61 4s Recd £63 13s 0d, Property Tax £3 7s 0d
1816	£52 1s Recd £55 7s, property Tax £5 17s At a reduction of £15 per cent
1817	£54 Recd £52 1s 0d, Property Tax none
1818	£54 Recd an advance of £4 per cent
1819	£54 “
1820	£54 “
1821	£51 6s
1822	£48 15s
1823	£48 15s
1824	£54 At an advance of £10 per cent
1825 William Williams’ widow	£64 16s 0d
1826	£64 16s 0d (UWB, Baron Hill, Ms 4870)

1802: Rental of Sir Robert Williams, Bart. Beddgelert

Hafod y rhysk: William Williams Rent in 1799- £60

Advance in 1800 and since £13 10-0. Rents in £73 10 0d. (UWB, Baron Hill 4829)

1811 Rental of Sir Robert Williams’, Bart., estate in Caernarfonshire: Beddgelert -

No 70 William Williams: Hafodyrhysk. £23 rent due 1811; £8 14s 0d Property Tax. Received 19 December. Money received £82 6s 0d. (UWB, Baron Hill, 4839)

1813 Rental of Sir Robert Williams’, Bart., estate in Caernarfonshire: Beddgelert -

Hafod y Rhysk: William Williams £72 rent. Property Tax £6-10s- 0d; Net receipt £65 3s 0d. (UWB, Baron Hill, Ms 4841)

WI; T Ceiri Griffith, *Achau ac Ewyllysiau Teuluoedd De Sir Gaernarfon*, 1989, [75], p 55); (T Ceiri Griffith, *Achau rhai o deuluoedd hen Siroedd Caernarfon, Meirionydd a Trefaldwyn*, 2003, p [19]);

1826-30 Tenant- Margaret Williams (GAS Beddgelert Land Tax) She died c1833.

1828 Rental of Sir Robert Williams, Baronet's estates : Beddgelert: No 76 Hafod y rhyg: Wm Williams' widow £64 -16s 0d ; recd. 20 December 1828 (UWB, Baron Hill, Ms 4873)

1829 Rental of Sir Robert Williams, Baronet's estates : Beddgelert:

Hafod y rhyg: Wm Williams' widow £64 -16s 0d ; recd. 19 December 1829 (UWB, Baron Hill, Ms 4873)

1830-1875 Owner: Sir Richard Bulkeley Williams-Bulkeley

After Sir Robert Williams' death in 1830 his eldest son, Sir Richard Bulkeley Williams-Bulkeley, 10th Baronet of Penrhyn, inherited. He had succeeded in 1827 to the property of the childless son of Emma, Thomas James, 7th Viscount Bulkeley, his uncle, after having added Bulkeley to his surname. He lived in London and made changes to the estates in Caernarfonshire, selling part of the land around Clynnog in 1831. He married his second wife, Maria Frances, on 30 August 1832. He owned the Nant estate at the Tithe Commutation. He died on 28 August 1875.

1830 Rental of Sir Robert Williams, Baronet's estates: Beddgelert: Hafod y rhyg: Wm Williams' widow £64 -16s 0d ; 22 December 1830 (UWB, Baron Hill, Ms 4873)

1831 Rental of Sir Robert Williams, Baronet's estates: Beddgelert: Hafod y rhyg: Wm Williams' widow £64 -16s 0d; Arrears £14 16s 0d. Rent received 21 December 1831, 10 May 1832 £14 16s 0d. (UWB, Baron Hill, Ms 4873)

1832 July 14 Indenture, marriage settlement of Sir Richard Bulkeley on his wife for life: Beddgelert parish: Hafod y rhyg - William Williams Rents £66 16 s 0d. (UWB, Baron Hill, Nant Estate 1832)

1831 Rent & Tithe settings for the Beddgelert Estate: No 13 Wm Williams Hafod y rhyg - dead. Keeps 15 cows ?sells 10 2year olds, 30 sheep. Set to Ow Williams for his mother Margaret Williams for £61-16-0. Arrears £14-16-0 recd 10 May 1832. (UWB, Baron Hill, 4883)

1832 July 14 Settlement preceding the marriage of Sir Richard Williams-Bukeley, Bart., of Baron Hill, and Maria Frances Stanley, of Hooton, Cheshire, touching upon lands called:

Caergors	Griffith & Richard Roberts	£63 rent
Wernlasdeg	William & Harry Williams	£87-6-0
Glasdrain	Mrs Pritchard	£22-10-0
Hafod y Porth	William Jones	£54
Llundy isaf	John Roberts	£31-10-0
Cwmdyli	Rice Roberts	£45
Gaifron	John Roberts	£9
Gwastadagness	Hugh David & Wm Roberts	£67-10-0
Pen y lan	John Roberts	£23-8-0
Havod y Rhyg	William Williams	£64-16-0
Gwindy newydd	Anne Parry	£2

Ground Rent of chapel Wm Williams & others £0-8-0 (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 7354)

1832 The Schedule being an Indenture dated 14 July 1832 whereby the Nant Estate was settled on Lady Bulkeley for life ... [details as in Ms 7354 above, but "pulled down" later written against Gwindy newydd] plus

Betws parish: Plas y Nant, Plas y Nant mill, Llwyn On, Pen y gaer, Snowdon Ranger.

Llanwnda parish: Drosgol

Llanbeblig parish: Maesinle, Plas Pilstone (sold in 1863 & Plas Iolyn, near Conway, purchased). (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 7421i)

1832 Rental of Sir Robert Williams, Baronet's estates: Beddgelert: No 13, Hafod y rhysg: Wm Williams' widow £64 -16s 0d ; rent received £54 16s 0d. (UWB, Baron Hill, Ms 4873)

1833 Rental of Sir Robert Williams, Baronet's estates: Beddgelert: No 13, Hafod y rhysg: Wm Williams' widow ("dead" added) £64 -16s 0d; laid out £10 in building a cowhouse. Rent received £64 16s 0d. £10 in arrears. (UWB, Baron Hill, Ms 4873)

1833 June 6: death of William Davies, Hafod rhisg, aged 95 years. (Beddgelert Burial Register)

1834 Rental of Sir Robert Williams, Baronet's estates: Beddgelert: No 13, Hafod y rhysg: Wm Williams' Reps. £64 -16s 0d; £10 in arrears. To allow £10 for cowhouse.

(UWB, Baron Hill, Ms 4873)

1834 June 2: letter from tenants concerning the new road through upper Nantgwynant which is underway - problems raised by the six farmers. (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4644)

1834 9 July: Death of Margaret Williams aged 74 years. (T Ceiri Griffith, Achau rhai o deuluoedd hen Siroedd Caernarfon, Meirionydd a Trefaldwyn, 2003, p [75])

1835 Extract out of the Registry of the Consistory Court of Bangor. A true and perfect inventory of all the goods chattels and effects of the late Margaret Williams of Hafodyrhisgl in the pariah of Beddgelert in the county of Carnarvon deceased made by us whose names are hereunto subscribed the fourth day of May 1835 -

House furniture	£15-0-0
Employment [implement] of husbandry	£10-10-0
Fifteen cows & calves and a Bull at £5-5-0 each	£84-0-0
Eleven bullocks three years old at £4-10-0 each	£49-10-0
Sixteen bullocks two years old at £2-17-6 each	£46-0-0
Fifteen yearlings at £1-15-0 each	£26-5-0
Two horses at £8 each	£16-0-0
Two ponies at £3 each	£ 6-0-0
Hundred and five sheep at 7/6d each	<u>£39-7-6</u>
Total amount	£292-2-6

Priced and signed the day and the year above mentioned by us

Hugh Davies & William Griffith. (Pers. Comm. W O Williams, Hafod Rhisgl)

1835 Beddgelert Rents 15 properties. No 13 Ow Williams Hafod y rhysg £64-16-0.

Arrears £10. Recd 22 December 1835 £64-16-0. Building... £10 ... allow. (UWB, Baron Hill, Ms 4873)

1836 Beddgelert Rents 15 properties. No 13 Owen Williams Hafod y rhysg £64-16-0.

Recd 21 December 1836 £64-16-0. (UWB, Baron Hill, Ms 4873)

1837 Beddgelert Rents 15 properties. No 15 Owen Williams Hafod y rhysg £64-16-0.

Recd 20 December 1837 £64-16-0. £10 allowed for cowhouse. (UWB, Baron Hill, Ms 4873)

1838 Beddgelert Rents 18 properties. No 16 Owen Williams Hafod y rhysg £64-16-0.
Recd 17 December 1838 £32-8-0, 21 May 1839 £32-8-0. (UWB, Baron Hill, Ms 4873)

c1838-39 Owen Williams married Ellin, but not in Beddgelert parish church. This may indicate that Ellin lived in another parish, or that their marriage was in a Methodist church.

1840 Rental to Michaelmas. Beddgelert Owen Williams Hafod y rhysg £64-16-0. (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4887 p34)

1841 Census:	Owen Williams	35 yrs
	Elenor Williams	37 yrs (his wife)
	William Williams	8 mths (son)
	Evan Jones	25 yrs Agricultural labourer
	Owen Davies	13 yrs Agricultural labourer
	Ann Pritchard	18 yrs Farm servant
	Mary Jones	20 yrs Agricultural labourer

1841 Rental to Michaelmas. Beddgelert Owen Williams Hafod y rhysg £64-16-0. (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4887 p 33)

1841 Hafod y rhyssl tenant: **Owen Williams**; 686 acres. Owner: Bulkeley. (GAS, Beddgelert Tithe Schedule)

Owen Williams, son of William & Margaret Williams, Hafod y Rhisgl, baptised 15 December 1805 at Beddgelert and married Ellin (1804-1843). (T Ceiri Griffith, Achau rhai o deuluoedd hen Siroedd Caernarfon, Meirionydd a Trefaldwyn, 2003, p [75])

1841 Rental Beddgelert No 842 Owen Williams, Hafod y rhusg £64-16-0.

13 December 1841. He applies for a farm for a ?friend. (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4888)

1842 Rental to Michaelmas. Beddgelert Owen Williams Hafod y rhysg £64-16-0. (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4887 p33)

1842 Rental Beddgelert No 842 Owen Williams Hafod y rhisgl £64-16-0.

£18-8-0 12 December 1842 £32-8-0

10 October 1843 £32-8-0 (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4889)

1842: Michael (1820-1847) of Penrhyn gwartheg, son of William Humphreys of Hen Capel, Tan y bryn & Pant perlleni, married Mary Jones, daughter of John Hughes, Hafod y Rhisgl, and they had children. (T Ceiri Griffith, Achau rhai o deuluoedd hen Siroedd Caernarfon, Meirionydd a Trefaldwyn, 2003, p [176])

This John Hughes, Hafod y Rhisgl, may have been a farm labourer, but is not named in any seen documents.

1843 Owen William's second son, Robert Williams was born, and on 24 August his wife Ellin died, aged 39 years. (T Ceiri Griffith, Achau rhai o Teuluoedd Hen Siroedd Caernarfon, Meirionydd a Trefaldwyn, 2003, p [75]; Beddgelert Memorial Inscriptions A166)

1843 Rental to Michaelmas. Beddgelert Owen Williams Hafod y rhysg £64-16-0. (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4887 p33)

1843 Rental Beddgelert No 834 Owen Williams Hafod y rhisgl £64-16-0.

£18-8-0 13 December 1843 £32-8-0

£18-8-0 18 April 1845 (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4890)

1844 Rental Beddgelert No 831 Owen Williams Hafod y rhisgl £64-16-0.

£18-8-0 13 December 1844 £32-8-0

£18-8-0 10 April 1845 £32-8-0 (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4891)
 1844 Rental to Michaelmas 1844 Beddgelert Owen Williams Hafod y rhisgl £64-16-0
 (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4895 p 32)
 1845 Rental Beddgelert No 828 Owen Williams Hafod y rhisgl £64-16-0.
 12 December 1845 £32-8-0 (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4892)
 1845 Rental to Michaelmas 1845 Beddgelert Owen Williams Hafod y rhisgl £64-16-0
 (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4895 p 32)
 1846 Rental Beddgelert No 812 Owen Williams Hafod y rhusg als. rhisgl £64-16-0.
 16 December 1846 £32-8-0 (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4893)
 1846 Rental to Michaelmas 1846 Beddgelert Owen Williams Hafod y rhusg als. rhisgl £64-16-0
 (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4895 p 32)
 1847 Rental Beddgelert No 788 Owen Williams Hafod y rhusg als. rhisgl £64-16-0.
 10 December 1847 £32-8-0; 5 April 1848 £32-8-0 (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4894)
 1847 Rental to Michaelmas 1847 Beddgelert Owen Williams Hafod y rhusg als. rhisgl £64-16-0
 (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4895 p 29)
 1848 Rental to Michaelmas 1848 Beddgelert Owen Williams Hafod y rhusg als. rhisgl £64-16-0
 (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4895 p 29)
 1849 Rental to Michaelmas 1849 Beddgelert Owen Williams Hafod y rhusg als. rhisgl £64-16-0
 (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4896 p 29)
 1850 Rental to Michaelmas 1850. Beddgelert Owen Williams Hafod y rhisg als. rhisgl £64-16-0
 (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4902 p 28)
 1850 Rental Beddgelert No 795 Owen Williams Hafod y rhisg als. rhisgl £64-16-0.
 12 December 1850 £32-8-0; 22 April 1851 £32-8-0 (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4898)

1851 Census: schedule No 40:

Owen Williams	widow 45	farmer of 500 acres	born Beddgelert
William Williams	son 10		“
Robert Williams	son 8		“
William Jones	serv U 30	agricultural labourer	?
William Jones	serv U 17	“	?
Margaret Williams	serv U 47	spinster	?
Ellinor Jones	serv U 19	spinster	?

1851 Rental to Michaelmas 1851. Beddgelert Owen Williams Hafod y rhisg als. rhisgl £64-16-0
 (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4902 p 28)
 1851 Rental Beddgelert No 788 Owen Williams Hafod y rhisg als. rhisgl £64-16-0.
 11 December 1851 £32-8-0; 19 April 1852 £32-8-0 (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4898)
 1852 Rental to Michaelmas 1852. Beddgelert Owen Williams Hafod y rhisg als. rhisgl £64-16-0
 (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4902 p 28)
 1852 Rental Beddgelert No 785 Owen Williams Hafod y rhisg als. rhisgl £64-16-0.
 8 December 1853 £32-8-0; 18 April 1854 £32-8-0 (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4901)
 1853 Rental to Michaelmas 1853. Beddgelert Owen Williams Hafod y rhisg als. rhisgl £64-16-0
 (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4902 p 28)

10 January 1853: Death of Owen Williams, 1805-1853 of Hafod y Rhisgl aged 47 years.
 (Beddgelert Memorial Inscriptions A166) His estate was valued at £411-18-9d. (Residual
 Account, Inland Revenue, 1853, W O Williams Hafod Rhisgl)
 William, his eldest son was then only 12 years old & Robert was 10 years old.

1853 July 11: John William Trevor clerk, Master of Arts Vicar General and Official Principal of The Right Reverend Father in God Christopher by Divine Permission Lord Bishop of Bangor lawfully constituted, TO Henry Roberts of Dyffryn mymbyr in the parish of Llandegai in the county of Carnarvon Freeman and Richard Williams of Erwsuran in the parish of Penmorfa in the said county, Farmer, the lawful uncles and tutors and curators of the said William Williams, and Robert Williams, the natural and lawful sons of Owen Williams late of Hafodyrhisgl in the parish of Beddgelert in the said county of Carnarvon and Diocese of Bangor, Farmer, deceased. Greetings. Whereas it hath been alleged before us that the said Owen Williams departed this life on the tenth day of January one thousand eight hundred and fifty three intestate leaving the said William Williams, a minor of the age of twelve years or thereabouts and Robert Williams, a minor of the age of ten years or thereabouts, his lawful sons and only next of kin him surviving, and also leaving certain goods chattels and credits in the said diocese and that the only persons entitled to the said goods chattels and credits and to the Administration thereof are the Minors aforesaid And whereas you the said Henry Roberts and Richard Williams have been duly appointed by us tutors of the persons and curators of the estates of the said Minors during their minority and being desirous of having administration of the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased granted and committed unto you during the minority of the said Minors We therefore by these presents grant unto you full power and authority to administer collect levy recover and receive all and singular the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased which were in his own or in the hands or possession of any other person or persons for his use at the time of his death. And to pay all the debts which he owed at the time of his death so far as the goods chattels and credits will extend and the law bind you. And We do nominate constitute and appoint you (being first severally sworn upon the Holy Evangelists) well and truly to administer the said goods chattels and credits and also to exhibit a full and true inventory of the same and render a just account of your administration thereof to us or some other judge competent in this behalf when and as often as you shall be thereto lawfully required to be Administrators and Receivers of the said goods chattels and credits of the said deceased for the use and during the minority only of the said Minors Saving the right of every person by these presents. Dated at Bangor under the seal of our office the eleventh day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three. (Administration of the goods etc of Owen Williams late of Hafodyrhisgl in the parish of Beddgelert Farmer deceased. Under £450; Pers. Comm, W O Williams, Hafod Rhisgl)

1853 July 11: John William Trevor clerke, Master of Arts Vicar General and Official Principal of The Right Reverend Father in God Christopher by Divine Permission Lord Bishop of Bangor lawfully constituted, TO Henry Roberts of Dyffryn mymbyr in the parish of Llandegai in the county of Carnarvon Freeman and Richard Williams of Erwsuran in the parish of Penmorfa in the said county Farmer, Greetings. Whereas it hath been alleged before us that William Williams, a minor of the age of twelve years or thereabouts and Robert Williams, a minor of the age of ten years or thereabouts, the natural and lawful children of Owen Williams late of Hafodyrhisgl in the parish of Beddgelert in the said county of Carnarvon and Diocese of Bangor, Farmer, deceased, have goods rights credits and chattels left or belonging to them by the inventory of the effects of their said late father deceased or otherwise which said goods rights credits and chattels the said Minors by reason of their age are incapable of managing and disposing of. We therefore willing as in duty bound to secure and take care of what belong to the said Minors, Do by these presents nominate and appoint you the said Henry Roberts and Richard Williams to be as well tutors of the persons as curators of the goods rights and effects of the said Minors and to prosecute and defend any suit or suits of the said Minors until they shall attain to full age. (You having first severally made oath on the Holy Gospels and given sufficient security faithfully to look after the said Minors and to manage and improve as well

as possibly you can and for their benefit and advantages all their goods rights and effects, and also to render a true and just account of what you shall do with the premises as well as at the expiration of this your tuition and curation as when you shall be otherwise lawfully required. Dated at Bangor under the seal of our office the eleventh day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three. (Letters of Tuition of the children of Owen Williams late of Hafodyrhisgl in the parish of Beddgelert Farmer deceased; Pers. Comm, W O Williams, Hafod Rhisgl)

John Williams, baptised in 1790 in Beddgelert, was of Hafod Rhisgl and Wenallt; he was Owen's brother and uncle to the two boys. In 1822 he married Nansi (Ann) Humphreys and they had Margaret, baptised in 1823 in Bethania, Beddgelert, Catherine, baptised in 1825 in Bethania, Beddgelert and Ellen (1830-1854 Beddgelert Memorial Inscription A346) (T Ceiri Griffith, Achau rhai o deuluoedd hen Siroedd Caernarfon, Meirionydd a Trefaldwyn, 2003, p[20], [75])

1853 Rental Beddgelert No 794 Owen Williams's Repts. Hafod y rhisg als. rhisgl £64-16-0. 9 December 1854 £32-8-0; 18 April 1855 £32-8-0 (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4903)

1854 Rental to Michaelmas 1854. Beddgelert Owen Williams' Repts. Hafod y rhisg als. rhisgl £64-16-0 (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4902 p 28)

1855 Rental to Michaelmas 1855. Beddgelert Owen Williams' Repts. Hafod y rhisg als. rhisgl £64-16-0 (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4902 p 28)

1855 Rental Beddgelert No 787 Owen Williams's Repts. Hafod y rhisg als. rhisgl £64-16-0. 7 December 1855 £32-8-0; 18 April 1856 £32-8-0 (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4904)

1856 Beddgelert, Owen Williams' Repts. Hafod y rhisgals rhisgl £64-16-0 (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4905)

1856 30 June O Williams dead; permit tenant W Williams to be added. Allowance for completing fencing 6/- per rood. (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4883)

1857 Beddgelert No 74 O Williams' Repts Hafod y rhisg £64-16-0. 9 December 1857. ?arrears £32-6-0. (UWB, Baron Hill, Ms 4883)

1857 Beddgelert, Owen Williams' Repts, Hafod y rhisg als rhisgl £64-16-0 (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4906)

1858 Beddgelert. No 741 Owen Williams's representatives, Hafod y rhisg als rhisgl £64-16-0 (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4907 p35)

William Williams died on 4 September 1858, aged 18 years (Beddgelert Memorial Inscriptions A125), leaving the younger brother **Robert Williams**, aged 15 years old, to run the farm.

Beddgerlert Mr Wm Williams, Hafodyrhisgals Rent £64-16-0

1858	Mch 25 half years rents: £32-8-0	December 8 by cash	£32-8-0
	Sept 29 do £32-8-0	1859 April 26 do	£32-8-0
1859	Mch 25 half years rents: £32-8-0	December 7 by cash	£32-8-0
	Sept 29 do £32-8-0	1860 April 18 do	£32-8-0
1860	Mch 25 half years rents: £32-8-0	December 5 by cash	£32-8-0
	Sept 29 do £32-8-0	1861 April 19 do	£32-8-0
1861	Mch 25 half years rents: £32-8-0	December 5 by cash	£32-8-0
	Sept 29 do £32-8-0	1862 April 19 do	£32-8-0

(UWB, Baron Hill, Ms 4909)

1861 Census: Schedule No 51:

Robert Williams	Head U 18 farmer of 700 acres + 2 men	Born Beddgelert
Margaret Williams	serv U 60 housekeeper	born Llanllyfni
Griffith Williams	serv U 21 carter	born Dolbenmaen
David Jones	serv U 18 cowman	born Beddgelert
Jane Griffiths	serv U 31 house servant	Born Beddgelert
Richard Thomas	serv U 21 copper miner	Born Clynnog

1863 Rental to Michaelmas. Beddgelert No 713. William Williams Hafod y rhisg als. rhisgl 15 Nov 1863 £64-16-0. (UWB Baron Hill 4911, p48)

1864 Rental to Michaelmas. Beddgelert No 720. William Williams Hafod y rhisg als. rhisgl 15 Nov 1863 £64-16-0. (UWB Baron Hill 4912)

1865 Rental to Michaelmas. Beddgelert No 713. **Robert Williams** Hafod y rhisg als. rhisgl 13 Nov 1865 £64-16-0. (UWB Baron Hill 4913, p50)

Robert Williams was now over 21 years of age and able by law to run the farm.

1866 Rental to Michaelmas. Beddgelert No 713. Robert Williams Hafod y rhisg als. rhisgl 13 Nov 1866 £64-16-0. (UWB Baron Hill 4914, p50)

1867 Rental to Michaelmas. Beddgelert No 718. Robert Williams Hafod y rhisg als. rhisgl 13 Nov 1867 £76-0-0. (UWB Baron Hill 4915)

1868 Rental to Michaelmas. Beddgelert No 676. Robert Williams Hafod y rhisg als. rhisgl 13 Nov 1868 £76-0-0. (UWB Baron Hill 4916, p47)

1868 Marriage in Beddgelert church between William Thomas Humphreys, Celyn, labourer, (his father Thomas Humphrey was a miner) and Jane Jones, **Hafod y Rhisgl** (her father Thomas Jones was a farmer) (GAS, Beddgelert Marriage Register, No242) It is not clear who this Thomas Jones was or where he and his daughter lived. She may have been a servant.

1869 Rental to Michaelmas. Beddgelert No 673. Robert Williams Hafod y rhisg als. rhisgl 13 Nov 1869 £76-0-0. (UWB Baron Hill 4917, p45)

1870 Rental to Michaelmas. Beddgelert No 673. Robert Williams Hafod y rhisg als. 13 Nov 1870 £76-0-0. (UWB Baron Hill 4918, p46)

1871 Rental to Michaelmas. Beddgelert No 667. Robert Williams Hafod y rhisg als. 13 Nov 1871 £76-0-0. (UWB Baron Hill 4919, p50)

1871 Census: Schedule No 120:

Robert Williams	Head U 28 Farmer 600 acres + 3 men	Born Beddgelert
Griffith Williams	serv U 40 Bailiff	born Clynnog
Margaret Williams	serv U 22 Housekeeper	born Penmorfa
Moses Williams	serv U 18 Agricultural labourer	born Beddgelert
Hugh Roberts	serv U 19 Agricultural labourer	born Llanllechid
Margaret Hughes	serv U 16 General servant	born Beddgelert
Evan G Williams	serv U 11 Shepherd	born Betws Garmon

1871 August: Payment by Mr Robert Williams to Griffith Williams for building the stone wall across the land above the main road. " To 61½ roots (sic roods) of stone wall at Hafod Rhisg at 12/0 per root (sic) - £36-18-0d. (Pers. Comm. W O Williams, Hafod Rhisgl)

1872 Rental to Michaelmas. Beddgelert No 688. Robert Williams Hafod y rhisg als. 13 Nov 1872 £76-0-0. (UWB Baron Hill 4920, p52)

1872 Rental to Michaelmas. Beddgelert No 688. Robert Williams Hafod y rhisg als. 13 Nov 1870 £76-0-0. (UWB Baron Hill 4921, p51)

1873 Rental to Michaelmas. Beddgelert No 623. Robert Williams Hafod y rhisgals. 13 Nov 1873 £76-0-0. (UWB Baron Hill 4922, p47)

1873 Rental to Michaelmas. Beddgelert No 623. Robert Williams Hafod y rhisgals. 13 Nov 1873 £76-0-0. (UWB Baron Hill 4923, p47)

1874 Rental to Michaelmas. Beddgelert No 626. Robert Williams Hafod y rhisgals. 13 Nov 1874 £76-0-0. (UWB Baron Hill 4924, p47)

1874 Rental to Michaelmas. Beddgelert No 626. Robert Williams Hafod y rhisgals. 13 Nov 1874 £76-0-0. (UWB Baron Hill 4925, p47)

c1874 Robert Williams married Ellin Owen of Cwrt Isaf in Pennant. She was baptised in 1854 and died in 1929.

1875 Rental to Michaelmas. Beddgelert No 15. Robert Williams Hafod y rhisg als. 13 Nov 1875 £76-0-0. (UWB Baron Hill 4926, p48)

1875-1884 Sir Richard Lewis Mostyn Williams-Bulkeley

Sir Richard Bulkeley Williams-Bulkeley's son Sir Richard Lewis Mostyn Williams-Bulkeley (1833-1884) succeeded him, but not to the Nant Estate during the lifetime of his mother. Around 1880 he sold Plas y Nant, Betws Garmon to Rev John Parry who rebuilt the house and built the chapel there.

1876 - 1889 Sir Richard Bulkeley Williams-Bulkeley's his widow, Dowager Lady Williams-Bulkeley, succeeded to the Nant Estate for her lifetime.

1876 Hafod y rhisg House etc. 680 acres 3 roods 15 perches; Yearly value £105. Robert Williams. House and buildings on this farm are in fair repair. The land is well treated; this is the best farm on this side of the Estate. (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 7595, Valuation of Beddgelert Estate 1876)

1876 No 6. Robert Williams, Hafodyrhisglas £76 Recd 29 September 1876
(UWB, Baron Hill Ms 7422, Rentals of the Dowager Lady Williams-Bulkeley's Plas y Nant Estate)

1877 No 6. Robert Williams, Hafodyrhisglas £90 Recd 29 September 1877
(UWB, Baron Hill Ms 7422, Rentals of the Dowager Lady Williams-Bulkeley's Plas y Nant Estate)

1878 May 18: Specifications for proposed New Hayhouse and Repairs of Cow Houses at Hafodrhisgl on the Beddgelert estate in Caernarvonshire belonging to Dowager Lady Buckeley. (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 7252ii, very detailed, no plan)

1878 Dec 19: Absolute Order of the Inclosure Commissioners for England and Wales for the improvement by the erection of Farm Houses, Farm Buildings and Iron Wire Fencing of lands known as Gwastadagnes Farm, Hafodrhisgl Farm, Hafod y porth Farm and Caergors Farm in parish of Beddgelert and Plas Isa Farm in parish Betws Garmon being part of the Beddgelert and Plas y Nant estate.

No 508 - The Dowager Lady Frances Maria Williams-Bulkeley's Farm Buildings and Fencing Improvements. £1,359-11-7d for Improvements as agreed in contract.

... Parts of the Beddgelert and Plas y Nant Estate containing together by estimation 3,482 acres 2 roods 9 perches.

Tenant Henry Owen	Gwastadagnes farm	1050acres 2 roods 23 perches
Tenant Robert Williams	Hafod rhyssl farm:	680-3-15
Tenant Hugh Jones	Hafod y porth farm	920-1-16
Tenant Francis Roberts	Caergors farm	420-3-26
Tenant Th Hughes	Plas Issa farm	409-3-9

(UWB, Baron Hill ms 7298)

1878 Specifications on New Buildings in the parish of Beddgelert:

Hafod rhyssl: proposed new hay house and repairs to cow houses.

(UWB, Baron Hill, ms 7252)

1878 No 6. Robert Williams, Hafodyrhysglas £90 Recd 29 September 1878

(UWB, Baron Hill Ms 7422, Rentals of the Dowager Lady Williams-Bulkeley's Plas y Nant Estate)

1878 Dec 27: John Williams Contract at Gwastad Agnes - £320

1878 Dec 27: John Williams Contract at Hafod y rhisg - £260

A. Laurie's travelling expenses inspecting new buildings and improvements on the Beddgelert estate £5. (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4930, Dowager Lady Williams-Bulkeley Beddgelert Estate Accounts; & Ms 7422)

1879 June. Receipts to tenants of Plas isa, Hafod y porth, Gwastadagnes, Hafodyrhys and Caegors - proportion of Rent charges for new buildings due 19 June £40-6-5. (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4930, Dowager Lady Williams-Bulkeley, Beddgelert Estate Accounts)

1879 June 23: Payments - General Land Drainage & Improvements Co, per Scottish Widow's Fund & Life Assurance Society. Half years Rent charge for new buildings in Beddgelert due 19th June viz:

Th Hughes	Plas isa	?tax	£3-3-6
Hu Jones	Hafodyporth	do	£11-19-11
Hy Owen	Gwastadagnes	do	£10-7-10
Rt Williams	Hafodyrhys	do	£8-6-9
T Roberts	Caegors	do	£6-5-5 (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4930, Dowager Lady Williams-Bulkeley, Beddgelert Estate Accounts)

1879 To the Dowager Lady Bulkeley:

We there undersigned your ladyship's Tenants beg humbly to submit to your ladyship's consideration that the reasons stated below give us a fair and just right to claim some considerable remission of our rents which in 1877 were raised. The exceptionally bad season which we have this year experienced has rendered all our efforts to get in our hay in anything like good condition an utter failure, the corn harvests has been equally bad.

The enormous importation of cattle and sheep from abroad has reduced the prices of homebred stock by one third their value in last year's markets, and consequently decreased to that degree our ability to pay our rents.

These facts will we believe induce your ladyship to to grant us the reduction of 10% in our rents, which we see, under the same circumstances has been granted to their tenants by a great number of landowners throughout our United Kingdom.

We beg to subscribe ourselves your ladyship's most humble and obedient servants,

Robert Williams, Hafod y rhyssl; Henry Owen, Pen y Gwryd; Pierce Roberts, Llyndy isaf; Hugh Jones, Hafod y Porth; Rice Williams, Glasdraian farm; William Hughes, Wernlasdeg; John Pritchard, Hafod Wydyr; Francis Roberts, Caer gors; Robert Roberts, Snowdon Ranger; ... Llwynon; ... Caeau Gwynion; ... Pen y Gaer; ... Trosgol. (UWB, Baron Hill ms 7253, Valuation of the Estate of the Dowager Lady Bulkeley)

1879 No 6. Robert Williams, Hafodyrhisgals £90 Recd 29 September 1879
1879 Dec 19 Rent charge for new buildings - Hafodyrhis- £8-6-9d.
(UWB, Baron Hill Ms 7422, Rentals of the Dowager Lady Williams-Bulkeley's Plas y Nant Estate)

1880 No 6. Robert Williams, Hafodyrhisgals £90 Recd 29 September 1880
(UWB, Baron Hill Ms 7422, Rentals of the Dowager Lady Williams-Bulkeley's Plas y Nant Estate)

1880 December 29: Rent charge for new buildings due 19 December
R Williams Hafodyrhisgl £8-6-9d. (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4930, Dowager Lady Williams-Bulkeley, Beddgelert Estate Accounts)

1881 ½ year's interest from tenants of Caergors, Hafodyporth, Hafodyrhisgl, Gwastadagnes & Plas isa : £40-5-4d. (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4930, Dowager Lady Williams-Bulkeley, Beddgelert Estate Accounts)

1881 Census: Schedule No 95:

Robert Williams	Head M 38	Farmer of 828 acres + 3 men	Born Beddgelert
Ellen Williams	wife M 28		Born Llanfihangel
*Owen Williams	son U 7	Scholar	Born Beddgelert
Ellen Williams	dau U 4	Scholar	Born Beddgelert
Catherine Roberts	serv U 26	general domestic servant	Born Ynyscynhaiarn
John Jones	serv U 24	farm servant	Born Llanberis
Evan G Williams	serv U 21	farm servant	Born Beddgelert
William Edwards	serv U 23	farm servant	Born Llandeiniolen

1881 No 6. Robert Williams, Hafodyrhisgals £90 Recd 29 September 1881
(UWB, Baron Hill Ms 7422, Rentals of the Dowager Lady Williams-Bulkeley's Plas y Nant Estate)

1882 Jan 7 Payments- Alliance Fire & Assurance Office, 1 year's premium on buildings at Hsfodyrhisg due 25 Dec 1881. Pre paid 13/3d; due 25 Dec 1882; pre paid 13/3d. (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 7422, Rentals of the Dowager Lady Williams-Bulkeley's Plas y Nant Estate)

1882 No 6. Robert Williams, Hafodyrhisgl £90 Recd 29 September 1882
(UWB, Baron Hill Ms 7422, Rentals of the Dowager Lady Williams-Bulkeley's Plas y Nant Estate)

1883 No 6. Robert Williams, Hafodyrhisgl £90 Recd 29 September 1883
(UWB, Baron Hill Ms 7422, Rentals of the Dowager Lady Williams-Bulkeley's Plas y Nant Estate)

1884 No 6. Robert Williams, Hafodyrhisgl £90 Recd 29 September 1884
(UWB, Baron Hill Ms 7422, Rentals of the Dowager Lady Williams-Bulkeley's Plas y Nant Estate)

1885 No 6. Robert Williams, Hafodyrhisgl £90 Recd 29 September 1885
(UWB, Baron Hill Ms 7422, Rentals of the Dowager Lady Williams-Bulkeley's Plas y Nant Estate)

1886 No 6. Robert Williams, Hafodyrhisgl £90 Recd 29 September 1886
(UWB, Baron Hill Ms 7422, Rentals of the Dowager Lady Williams-Bulkeley's Plas y Nant Estate)

1887 No 6. Robert Williams, Hafodyrhisgl £90 Recd 29 September 1887
(UWB, Baron Hill Ms 7422, Rentals of the Dowager Lady Williams-Bulkeley's Plas y Nant Estate)

1888 No 6. Robert Williams, Hafodyrhisgl £90 Recd 29 September 1888
(UWB, Baron Hill Ms 7424, Rentals of the Dowager Lady Williams-Bulkeley's Plas y Nant Estate)

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1877 No 6 Robert Williams, Hafodyrhisgals, £45 25 March 1877; £45 29 Sept. 1877 (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 7425, Beddgelert Receiving Rental of the Dowager Lady Williams-Bulkeley's Plas y Nant Estate)

1878 No 6 Robert Williams, Hafodyrhisgals, £45 25 March 1878; £45 29 Sept. 1878 (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 7425, Beddgelert Receiving Rental of the Dowager Lady Williams-Bulkeley's Plas y Nant Estate)

1879 No 6 Robert Williams, Hafodyrhisgals, £45 due 19 June 1879; £45 due 19 Dec. 1879 (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 7425, Beddgelert Receiving Rental of the Dowager Lady Williams-Bulkeley's Plas y Nant Estate)

1880 No 6 Robert Williams, Hafodyrhisgals, £45. 25 March 1880, £8-6-9d; £45 29 Sept. 1880. £8-6-9d. (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 7425, Beddgelert Receiving Rental of the Dowager Lady Williams-Bulkeley's Plas y Nant Estate)

1881 No 6 Robert Williams, Hafodyrhisgals, £45. 25 March 1881; £45 29 Sept. 1881 (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 7425, Beddgelert Receiving Rental of the Dowager Lady Williams-Bulkeley's Plas y Nant Estate)

1882 No 6 Robert Williams, Hafodyrhisgals, £45. 25 March 1882; £45 29 Sept. 1882 (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 7425, Beddgelert Receiving Rental of the Dowager Lady Williams-Bulkeley's Plas y Nant Estate)

1883 No 6 Robert Williams, Hafodyrhisgals, £45. 25 March 1883; £45 29 Sept. 1883 (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 7425, Beddgelert Receiving Rental of the Dowager Lady Williams-Bulkeley's Plas y Nant Estate)

1884 No 6 Robert Williams, Hafodyrhisgals, £45. 25 March 1884; £45 29 Sept. 1884 (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 7425, Beddgelert Receiving Rental of the Dowager Lady Williams-Bulkeley's Plas y Nant Estate)

1885 No 6 Robert Williams, Hafodyrhisgals, £45. 25 March 1885; £45 29 Sept. 1885 (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 7425, Beddgelert Receiving Rental of the Dowager Lady Williams-Bulkeley's Plas y Nant Estate)

1886 No 6 Robert Williams, Hafodyrhisgl, £45 25 March 1886; allowance 10 per cent - £4-10-0d; 2nd quarter Rent due 29 Sept. 1886 £40-10-0d. (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 7425, Beddgelert Receiving Rental of the Dowager Lady Williams-Bulkeley's Plas y Nant Estate)

1887 January 5- R Williams, Hafodyrhis: £15-0-0; October 29 - R Williams, Hafod Rhisgle balance of rent due 25 March 1887 £20-0-0. (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4930, Dowager Lady Williams-Bulkeley, Beddgelert Estate Accounts)

1887 No 6 Robert Williams, Hafodyrhisgl, £45 25 March 1887; allowance 7½ per cent - £3-7-7d; Allowance of 10 per cent £4-10-0 29 Sept. 1886 £40-10-0d. (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 7425, Beddgelert Receiving Rental of the Dowager Lady Williams-Bulkeley's Plas y Nant Estate)

1888 No 7 Robert Williams, Hafodyrhisgl, £45; allowance 10 per cent - £41-10-0 25 March 1888. Allowance of 10 per cent £40-10-0d 29 Sept. 1888 . (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 7426, Beddgelert Receiving Rental of the Dowager Lady Williams-Bulkeley's Plas y Nant Estate)

1889 March 4: The Dowager Lady Williams-Bulkeley died.

1889 No 7 Robert Williams, Hafodyrhisgl. 2 quarters Rent 13 May 1889.

Proportion due to Dowager Lady Bulkeley up to 4 March 1889 : £15-6-8d.

Proportion due to Sir Richard Henry Williams-Bulkeley, Bart., from 5 March to 13 May 1889: £9-13-4d. (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 7427, Beddgelert Estate Rental & apportionment of Rents from 4 March 1889; and 1890 Inventory [73 items])

1884-1942 Sir Richard Henry Williams-Bulkeley

Sir Richard Lewis Mostyn Williams-Bulkeley's son, Sir Richard Henry Williams-Bulkeley succeeded him, but his grandmother still held the Nant Estate until her death on 4 March 1889. In August 1893 much of the Nant Estate was sold by auction, including Hafod y Rhysgl.

The 1921 Sale of the Beddgelert "Heart of Snowdonia" lands, offered Cwm Dyli, Gorfwysfa, Gwastad Annes, Hafod Wydyr, Saracen's Head, but not all were sold.
(Felin Faesog draft, Sopia Pari Jones, chapter 2; J E Griffith, 1913, Pedigrees; etc)

1889 March 4: **Dowager Lady Williams-Bulkeley died**, and the Nant Estate returned to her grandson, **Richard Henry Williams-Bulkeley**, who had succeeded his father Richard Lewis Mostyn Williams-Bulkeley at his death on 28 January 1884.

Richard Henry Williams-Bulkeley, was born in 1862, married Lady Magdalen Yorke on 10 December 1885 and died 7 July 1942.

1890 Beddgelert. No 628 Robert Williams Hafod rhisgl £90
(UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4934)

1890 Beddgelert. No 632 Robert Williams Hafod rhisgl £90
(UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4935)

1891 Census: Schedule No 72:

Robert Williams	Head	M 48	Farmer	born Beddgelert	Welsh
Ellen Williams	wife	M 37		born Cwm Pennant	Welsh
*Owen Williams	son	U 17	Scholar	born Beddgelert	Welsh
**Nellie Williams	dau	U 14	Scholar	born Beddgelert	Welsh
+Margaret Williams	dau	U 5		born Beddgelert	Welsh
Anne Evans	serv	U 19	gen farm servant	born Cwm Pennant	Welsh
Owen W Owens	serv	U 19	agricultural lab	born Clynnog	Welsh
Morus Griffiths	serv	U 16	agricultural lab	born Croesor	Welsh

1892 Beddgelert No 645 Robert Williams Hafodyrhysgl. Paid £45 on 25 March 1892; paid £4-10-0 on 29 September 1892 & later £40-10-0. (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4937)

1893 Beddgelert No 650 Robert Williams Hafodyrhysgl. £90. Paid £45 (?in arrears) on 29 September 1892; paid £9 abatement, then £81 to be in good standing on 25 March 1893.
(UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4938)

1893 Beddgelert No 645 Robert Williams Hafodyrhysgl. £90. Paid £4-10-0 & £40-10-0 + £45. (UWB, Baron Hill Ms 4939)

1893 Baron Hill Sale - Beddgelert Valuation.

Lot 3	Mr Dews' valuation	£2,500
	Mr Preston's valuation	£2,500
	Amount Recd	£3,000
	Year's Purchase	33 1/3

(UWB, Baron Hill Ms 7301 i; ii- Plan of Glasdraian Lots; iii Letters re Saracens Head & other lands nearby)

1893 August 5: Sale of outlying portions of the Baron Hill estate, called The Nant Estate. Second Edition. County of Caernarfon. Parish of Beddgelert.

Lot 3: Hafod rhisgl, in the yearly occupation of Robert Williams as yearly tenant. 623 acres 1 rood 11 perches.

A mountain farm, forming part of the far-famed Vale of Gwynant, intersected by the well-known River Glaslyn, and the main road leading from Beddgelert to Pen-y-gwryd and Capel Curig, close to the famous Trout and Salmon Lake “Gwynant”.

There are good buildings on this Lot, and the water supply is abundant. It comprises some excellent Meadow Land, and has fine Sheepwalks, which afford capital grazing.

It is distant about 5½ miles from Beddgelert, 2 miles from Pen-y-gwryd, 6 miles from Capel Curig, and 6 miles from Llanberis Railway Station.

[the fields are named with the quantity of land] (GAS, XSC 306)

T E Roberts, Plas y Bryn, Caernarvon purchased the farm along with Wernlasdeg and Llyndy Isaf. (pers comm W O Williams Hafod Rhisgl)

1893 Sale Catalogue of outlying portions of Baron Hill Estate - The Nant Estate:

Lot 1	Hafod y porth	967-1-7 aces
Lot 2	Llyndy Isaf	664-1-8
Lot 3	Hafod Rhisgl	623-1-11
Lot 4	Wernlasdeg	654-3-29
Lot 5	do	5-2-0
Lot 6	do	1-3-13
Lot 7	do	4-0-39
(Lots 4-7)		666-2-1
Lot 8	Hafod Wydr house	2-0-14
Lot 9	Hafod Wydr	197-1-14
Lot 10	Hafod Wydr plantation	1-2-22
Lot 11	Cae'r Gors	586-2-24

(UWB, Baron Hill Ms 6670, with Particulars & Maps and Ms 6666)

1901 Census: Hafod y rhyagl. Schedule No 88.

Robert Williams	Head M 57	farmer employee, worked at home	born Beddgelert
Ellen Williams	wife 46		born Beddgelert
*Owen Williams	son 26	farmer's son working at home	“ “
**Nellie Williams	dau 23	working at home	“ “
Edward O Williams	son 8		“ “
John Jones	serv U 19	carter on farm. Worker	born Tremadoc
Maggie Prichard	serv U 18	general domestic servant. Worker	born Clwtybont

1901 August 12: Letter from T E Roberts, Esq., 19 Lever Street, Manchester to Mr Williams, Hafod y Rhisgl: “I would like to know by return of post if the hay house has been finished satisfactorily”. [This refers to the corrugated iron barn]. (Pers. Comm. W O Williams, Hafod Rhisgl)

1906: ** Nellie Williams. She died 12 February 1906 aged 29 years and unmarried.
 “Oherwydd hoffodd yr Arglwyd ei bobl; efe a brydfertha ye rhai llednais a iachawdwraieth”
 (Beddgelert Memorial Inscription B496)

1915 Nov 12: Robert Williams paid £80 rent p.a. to T E Roberts.

1925 Robert Williams bought Hafod Rhisgl from T E Roberts for £2,600. (Pers. Comm. W O Williams, Hafod Rhisgl)

1926: + Margaret Williams on 6 February 1926 aged 40 years and unmarried.
 “Dwy'n disgwyl neb ond Iesu o'r ddaear hon yn ffrynd” (Beddgelert Memorial Inscription)

B496)

1929 January 29: Death of Robert William's wife Ellin 1854-1929, aged 75 years.

“Hyn a allodd hon, a'i gwnaeth”.

1929 July 16: Death of Robert Williams, 1843-1929 of Hafod y Rhisgl. Aged 86 years.

“Hardd ein a orwedd yma - eodd flaenor

Ni ddiflanna ei goffa,

Eithriad oedd fel athro da

Ei lafurwaith lefara. Eos Gwynant. (Beddgelert Memorial Inscription B495)

(T Ceiri Griffith, Achau ac Ewyllysiau Teuluoedd De Sir Gaernarfon, 1989, [75]; T Ceiri Griffith, Achau rhai o deuluoedd hen Siroedd Caernarfon, Meirionydd a Trefaldwyn, 2003, p [19]);

In 1929 Owen Williams and **Edward Owen Williams** jointly inherited the farm. Edward Owen Williams had married Sarah Jones, Plas Uchaf, Nant Conwy. She had moved with her brother Dafydd Jones to tenant Gwastadannas in 1923/4.

They had 1) Margaret (Megan) who married and had two children

2) William Owen Williams in 1929.

3) Helen, who married Mr David Noble, Coetmor, Dolwyddelan

Edward Owen Williams died in 1950 and was buried in Glan Conwy. (Pers. Comm. W O Williams, Hafod Rhisgl)

1952: *Owen Williams. He died on 28 June 1952 aged 78 years.

“Mi a ymdrechais ymdrech deg

Mi a orphenais fy ngyrfa

Mi a gedwais y fydd” (Beddgelert Memorial Inscription B495)

He left his share of Hafod Rhisgl to W O Williams. (Pers. Comm. W O Williams, Hafod Rhisgl).

1960: Sarah, widow of Edward Owen Williams died and was also buried in Glan Conwy. (Pers. Comm. W O Williams, Hafod Rhisgl).

William Owen Williams bought his sisters' shares of Hafod y Rhisgl. In 1954 he married Olwen Griffith of Cil Llidiart, Prenteg, and they had four children;

1) Richard who had Paula with his first wife who died; he married Iola who had a daughter, and they have a son, William. Since 1995 Richard also farms Hafod y rhisgl from Ffridd Fawr, his farm near Garreg Llanfrothen.

2) Susan who married Roland Huw Lewis

3) Iola who married Richard Till

4) John who married Debbie and runs the Gelert Gifts shop in Beddgelert, and has three children, Sion, Megan and Catherine.

OTHER LOCAL FEATURES:

Not far from this old cottage there is a place that is know by the name of **Pulpit Sion Thomas**. The old patriarch Sion Thomas of Llanberis used to preach here occasionally. One old woman told me that he was the first Methodist preacher who gave the first sermon in the Nant. This Sion Thomas was the brother of Dafydd Thomas - Dafydd Ddu Eryri. (U.C.W.B., 1903. Bangor Ms 15723, No 41. Translated)

1861: "On the left hand side of the Hafod [Lwyfog] & a little higher up than the house which can be seen opposite, namely Y Wenallt, there is a ruin of an old arched **bridge** crossing the river Hwynan. It looks at first sight that it consists of three arches; two have fallen down and the gaps have been filled by placing huge stones at each end of the arch, the remaining one still stands and it is of the same build as roman bridges. When discussing the roman roads a little while ago we mentioned that a branch comes through the Nant from Dinorwig and joins the main roman road at Y Arddu. Later cultivation makes it impossible to follow the bed of the old road. The tradition says that it came from Gwastad Onnos crossing this bridge and then going along the lake side as far as Bwlch and crossing the river and going past Plas Gwynan and on through Blaen Nanmor. A piece of **old paved road** can be seen above Hafod Lwyfog and it looks likely that this led to Dolwyddelan.

Opposite / Beside the Hafod y Rhisgl (some people say Hafod yr Ysgol) there is a ruin of an **old enclosure**. It stands a the top of the mountain, of rectangular shape; and is made if loose stones and soil." (1861, Y Brython, Plwyf Bedd Gelert, p 369)