

DYDDIO HEN DAI CYMREIG

DATING OLD WELSH HOUSES

PROSIECT DENDROCRONOLEG  
GOGLEDD ORLLEWIN CYMRU



NORTH WEST WALES  
DENDROCHRONOLOGY PROJECT

# Dating Old Welsh Houses

House Histories and Research

PANT GLAS UCHAF

Clynog, Gwynedd

A History of the House & its Families

30-5-08,  
revised 15-3-12

Research by Margaret Dunn ©

PLEASE NOTE ALL THE HOUSES IN THIS PROJECT ARE PRIVATE AND THERE IS NO ADMISSION TO ANY OF THE PROPERTIES

Registered Charity No : 1131782 Dendro 09 © All Rights Reserved.

# Dating Old Welsh Houses

## PANT GLAS UCHAF: A History of the House & its Families

Clynnog, Gwynedd

NGR 24700 347870

Grade II

### HOUSE HISTORY

RCAHMW Many drawings, plans & photographs. Especially photos nos 1826, 1827.

RCAHMW Caerns Inventory II, 1960, p 42-3, Clynnog monument 797. Visited 1954. A small 16<sup>th</sup> century two-storeyed house consisting of a single room on each floor, with an outbuilding at the N end of somewhat later build and modern additions at the E.

The house walls are of rubble on boulder foundations; long stones of the local columnar basalt bedded on sphagnum moss are used for bonding. The W front has an original window. Recently lowered, a doorway, and a dormer window which had formerly a flat-capped roof and was converted to a gabled dormer about fifty years ago (c1900s). The S end wall has a slit window lighting the staircase at first-floor level and has a squat square chimney with a slate cap. The roof is of rough early slates. The outbuilding has partly coursed walling, with an original window and door in the W wall. There is a slit window at the N and a window and blocked opening in the E wall.

The ground-floor room has a wide fireplace with a winding stone staircase adjacent, and a ceiling of original oak beams and joists with curved chamfered-stops. The doorway connecting the house with the outbuilding has an early timber frame. The first floor has an open roof carried on a single collar-beam truss with rafters and original purlins. On the E principal is carved in good Roman lettering the inscription, 1562/RW, the probable date of the erection of the house.

The outbuilding is mainly of rather later build, but a straight joint N of the house doorway indicates that the lower part of at least some of the W wall is earlier. The outbuilding, therefore, may stand on the foundations of a 15<sup>th</sup> century structure. It has an open roof with original collar-beam trusses resting on wall-plates, and original purlins and rafters. It housed milling machinery driven by a water wheel on the E wall. Condition: good.

#### **From CADW Listing Schedule: (relisting c1990s)**

Single storey range of 3 structural bays, to which a taller and wider unit was added, at the S end, probably in the C17. A rear wing was also added to this unit, perhaps in the early C19, though there is no direct dating evidence.

The S section of the present house comprises one room on each floor; ground floor 3 chamfered cross ceiling beams and deep stop chamfered joists; gable end fireplace with high set lintel and broach chamfered stops, and stone spiral star on right. Slate floor.

Upper floor has tapered principal roof truss with high set collar carrying 2 purlins each side. The E principal was inscribed at some later date 1562 / RW.

*Dendrochronology results are as follows:*

*Rear principal rafter: mean of 2 samples*

*felling date summer 1571*

This is the rafter in which has been inscribed “1562 R+W”. This may well be a modern addition, but the source for the date and the initials is not known.

*Lower front RH purlin: mean of 3 samples*

*felling date winter 1573/4*

*S half beam*

*felling date winter 1573/4*

*These dates suggest that the two storeyed S unit was built around 1574. The N unit may have been of an earlier date.*

*Pant-glas-uchaf, Clynnog, Gwynedd. (NPRN 16648)*

*A small sixteenth-century storeyed house (apparently with one room on each floor) with the characteristic gable-end fireplace with winding stone stair of the Snowdonian house. The single collar-beam truss has the inscription 1562.RW but the rear principal rafter was felled nearly a decade later in summer 1571 and a purlin and half-beam in winter 1573/4. For plan and description see Caernarvonshire Inventory II (1960), 42-3, fig 38. The house was formerly the home of Bernard Mason, the NBR photographer whose invaluable record of Welsh buildings in the 1940s and 1950s is now part of the NMRW. (R Suggett, RCAHMW Annual Review 2006-7, p57)*

*Clynnog, Pant-glas-uchaf, (SH 4770 4787)*

*A small sixteenth-century storeyed house (apparently with one room on each floor) situated at 190m above OD on the moorland edge. The range has the characteristic gable-end fireplace with winding stone stair of the Snowdonian house. The single collar-beam truss has the inscription 1562.RW on the rear principal rafter but this timber was felled nearly a decade later (summer 1571) and a purlin and half-beam in winter 1573/4. Timbers in the associated and possibly earlier range (“barn”) did not date. The early history of the house has not been traced. Plan and description in RCAHMW, Caernarvonshire Inventory II (1960), 42-3, fig 38.*

*(Vernacular Architecture, vol 38, 2007, R Suggett, M Dunn & D Miles, List 193: Welsh Dendrochronology Project – Phase II, p 135)*

The early history of this house and holding are not yet clear. It appears from the 1696 document that Pant glas may have been part of the Nantcall lands of the Aberconwy monastery.

**1696** is the earliest reference to messuages called Nancall or **Pant Glas** in the parish of Clynnog; and to a messuage etc called Nancall or Tythyn Morgan Rees in Clynnog. (UWB, Mostyn, 872)

**Background work on Nantcall to** 01799187

**glas.**

NANTCALL township (see C A Gresham, 1973, Eifionydd, p301-5).

Monastic (Cistercian) township of Nantcall boundaries: Afon Dwyfach, Afon Call form N boundary as far as turn to NW, from where the boundary goes up to the skyline of Mynydd Graig-goch to the summit along to an unknown cist, down to the source of Afon Faig, down to the Afon Dwyfor & back to the Afon Call.

1291 Taxation: Nant Call 1 carucate (of arable) valued at 10 shillings.

(R W Hays, 1963, History of Aberconway p 104)

1311 The Abbot was fined for allowing Anian Ddu & family on the Nant Call grange £2 per year. (R W Hays, 1963, History of Aberconway p 90)

c1350 grange at Nant Call valued at £2. (R W Hays, 1963, History of Aberconway p 108)

1517 Aug 31 lease from Abbot Geoffrey Kyffin to **John ap Ednyfed** for 99 years at £2 pa, who lived at Nantcall (? Site of Hendre Nantcall)

Lease continued from the crown & was passed to John's son David, who also lived at Nantcall, where he was assaulted by 5 men (CQSR, p43)

**David ap John's** daughter & heiress Elizabeth married **Robert**, second son of John Owen of Ystumcegid. (Ped p232) & they took up residence on part of his father in law's land at Nantcall. Robert was robbed of a cow there in 1577 (CQSR p 157)

On 7 May **1568** their son **David ap Robert ap John Owen** was assigned the lease of Nantcall by David ap John ap Ednyfed. (UWB, Plas Coch 374) He married Gwen, daughter of William ap Hywel ap Gruffydd of Llecheiddior (uchaf), had several children, but died young, his will being dated 17 June 1583. He left that **part of the township on which he was living** to his father Robert ap John Owen for life, after whose death it was to come to his eldest son **Cadwalader ap David**. (UWB Plas Coch 375)

The will led to a dispute, settled by arbitration on 11 February **1586/7**. The award stated that Robert should occupy that part of Nantcall he already had, together with Cae uchaf and Buarth yn y cagle, and that Gwen with her children should occupy the rest of Nantcall until the expiry of the Abbot's lease in 1616; if Robert died before that time his land was to go to Cadwalader, or if he were also dead to Gwen. (UWB Plas Coch 377). Meanwhile Robert was to pay the chief rent to the Crown.

1583/4 Mar 17: Probate of will of David ap Robert ap John Owen of Clynnocke. Desires to be buried in the church of Clynnocke; bequeaths to his father Robert ap John Owen, the **moiety of the farm or township of Nantcall**; appoints his son Edward & his daughter Agnes to be his executors; acknowledges a debt of 50/- to Sir Hugh Evans, parson of Llanllyfni. (UWB Plas Coch 2963) SEE AGAIN

1586-7 Jan 31: BOND of obligation in £200 by Gwen vch William of Nantcoll, widow, and Moris ap William of Llecheiddior, to Robert ap John Owen and Elizabeth his wife, to observe faithfully the award of Robert ap Richard of Llecheiddior and Thomas Poole of Llandecwyn upon matters of variance between the two parties. (UWB, Plas Coch 376, 377)

In the **upper part of the township** the commissioners working on behalf of the Earl of Leicester obtained a crown lease in the name of Robert Dudley dated 11 July 1582. The Earl of Leicester died in 1588, and in **1590** his lease was bought by Hugh Hughes of Lincoln's Inn, to whom it was assigned on 19 May. (UWB, Plas Coch 378)

**Hugh Hughes was of the Porthamel Isaf** family, Llanidan, Anglesey; he had built Plas Coch in 1569. (Pedigrees 30) In 1558 Hugh Hughes had married Elizabeth, daughter of Simon Montague of Brigstock, Northants; in 1600 he was HSA.

He let his part of Nantcall to various local men including, in 1595 to *John Powel* of Cefn Treblaeth who paid £12 7s 8d rent; and in 1605 to William Morgan Rees who paid £10 10s od plus 7s for payments and "comortha". (UWB **Plas Coch 379**).

*[John ap Howel ap Owen of Cefn Treblaeth (now Cefn Issa), Llanystumdwy, living 1612, married Margaret, daughter of Owen ap John of Ystumcegid. Margaret's uncle Robert, second son of John Owen, Ystumcegid, living 1586, had married Elizabeth verch David, heiress of Nantcall. (Ped 232, 280. C A Gresham, 1973, Eifionydd, p 222-6 & see above)]*

Prior to the expiration of the abbot's lease in 1616 Hugh Hughes bargained with those who had inherited shares in the property.

In 1606 he obtained leases from Agnes, daughter and executor of David ap Robert ap John Owen and Morris ap Rees of Llanllyfni her husband, and from Morgan Griffith,

second husband of Gwen, still resident in Nancall, and also from Cadwalader, David's eldest son, who retained a quarter of his interest while agreeing not to sublet it. (UWB Plas Coch 381-5).

**1606:** Oct. 1. Morgan Griffith ap Rees of Nantcall, co C & Gwen verch William his wife.  
2. Hugh Hughes, Porthamel Esq. **Assignment of lease of tenement**, part of township of Nantcall, to be held for the residue of a term of years which the said Morgan and Gwen have by force of a lease granted to the late dissolved monastery of Conway: lease £25. (UWB Plas Coch 3028)

1607 Oct 18: Memorandum of an agreement between H Hughes and Cadwaladr ap David: Cadwaladr to hold the tenement where he now dwelleth, till Michaelmas next ensuing, without paying any rent to H Hughes; after that he is to have a fourth part of those lands in Nantcoll, now in the tenure of **Cadwaladr ap Robert, William Griffith ap Meredith, and Elizabeth verch David**, the fourth part to be set forth in such sort as the friends of the parties shall see fit and convenient for the four of them [ a somewhat delicate business]; Cadwaladr to pay 10s a year for his fourth part during the unexpired years of the Abbot's lease. (UWB, Plas Coch 386)

In 1608 Cadwalader agreed to surrender all his interest in the remaining 8 years of the abbot's lease for £14, and to **move out** with all his household stuff, hay, corn, cattle and chattels. (UWB Plas Coch 387-390)

In 1609 **Hugh Hughes** died and was succeeded by his son Roger Hughes, who in the same year obtained a lease from Elizabeth, widow, another daughter of David ap Robert, on her interest in Nancall. (UWB Plas Coch 392)

Finally, in 1610, Morgan Griffith and Gwen agreed to **move out of their holding** in Nancall. Bond of Obligation in £200 (3 May 1610) by **Morgan Griffith ap Rees of Llecheiddior, Gwen vch William his wife, Richard W of Llecheiddior and Edmund Griffith ap Rees of Eithinog**, to Elizabeth Hughes of Plas Coch [widow of Hugh Hughes], that before 5 may next they will depart quietly and peaceably from the lands in Nantcoll which they claim by virtue of a lease granted by Geoffrey, Abbot of Aberconway, to one John ap Ednyfed, and depart also from the lands late in the tenure of Cadwaladr ap David, son of Gwen vch William; Morgan Griffith and Gwen his wife not to let or demise any part of the premises. (UWB Plas Coch 393)

Roger Hughes had thus obtained complete control over the crown land of Nancall and was in a strong position to purchase the township when the crown lands of Eifionydd were sold off, some 25 years later (c1635).

1614: July 30. Exemplification of a Recovery in the Great Sessions of Caernarvon (25 July 1614) by Sir Edward Montague & Sydney Montague Esq, against Roger Montague Esq of 7 messuages, 6 tofts, 6 gardens, 100 acres of land, 100 acres of meadow, 200 acres of pasture, 6 acres of wood, 20 acres of moor and 40 acres of heath and bruery in **Nancoll**, Dynoweke, Ruke & Dolebadarn. (UWB Plas Coch 3036)

C1635 Roger Hughes purchased the crown township of Nantcall (see above)

In 1647 (Sept 28) **Roger Hughes** and his son **Hugh** let off a part of Nancall – the messuage and tenement of Tre Nantcoll - to **Morris ap William Morgan** of Clynnog at a rent of £25 pa and one wether at Christmas as a present, and promising to build him a **house thatched with slates to live in, and a barn, before the next harvest.** (UWB Plas Coch 394)

**1648:** Aug 1. Bond for £500 by Owen Owens of Llanrhyddlad, gent., to Roger Hughes of Porthamel Isaf, gent., Esq., in consideration of a lease of 5½ years of a **tenement called Nankall** in co Caernavon, to indemnify and save harmless the said Roger Hughes from all suits etc concerning a bond in £120 dated 1 Nov 1637 by the said Roger Hughes, Porthamel Isaf, gent. to John Lloyd of Llandegfan to pay the sum of £64 16s 0d, the said

bond being in trust to the use of Grace Owen, daughter of Rowland Owen, deceased, and sister of the said Owen Owens who has compounded with the said Grace for her interest in the bond. (UWB Plas Coch 3069)

1654 Roger Hughes died. His son and heir, Hugh Hughes, 1623-1665) married Jane.

1661 Sept 28: Terms of an agreement between Hugh Hughes of Porthamel Isa and John Williams of Rhodogeidio, in pursuance of an award made (27 Sept) by Timothy Littlton, one of the Justices of Great Sessions for North Wales: Hugh Hughes or his father in law Owen Wynne of Glascoed to pay to JW £140 at or before 3 Dec next, but that the £5 arrears of chief rent for Nantcoll and the £20 rent received in 1661 from the Nantcoll tenants are both to be accounted part of the £140. (UWB, Plas Coch, 395)

1661 Dec 3: Indenture between John Williams of Rhodogeidio and Hugh Hughes of Plas Coch: assignment and surrender of JW's interest for an unexpired term of years in the messuage of Nantcoll, co Carn, which he holds in right of his wife Grace, sister of Hugh Hughes; to the aforesaid Hugh Hughes, for a consideration of £140. JW usually known as "the Antiquary". (UWB, Plas Coch, 396)

1665 Hugh Hughes died and his son and heir Roger Hughes inherited Plas Coch. Due to debts, his cousin Griffith Williams, Rhodogeidio, had to surrender much of that estate to Roger Hughes.

(17<sup>th</sup> century) 1. Roger Hughes, Lincoln's Inn. Gent., Porthamel Isaf;

2. Roger Montague of London Esq;

3. Sir Edward Montague, Kt of Bath & Sydney Montague of the Middle Temple Esq  
DRAFT DEED to lead to the uses of a recovery of the capital messuage and demesne lands called Porthamel Isaf; messuages & tenement called **Nancall** in county Caernarfon, now or late in the tenure or occupation of **Cadwaladr ap Robert**; Tithin Elias in Llanedwen; together with other lands in Porthamel, Bodlew, Aberalaw and Llangeinwen. (UWB Plas Coch 3106)

1716 Roger Hughes died and his son and heir Hugh Hughes inherited Plas Coch.

1696 May 10: 1. *Griffith Vaughan* of Corsygedol, co Merioneth, esq., executor of the will of **HUGH JONES of PLASHEN**, co Caernarvon, clerk, deceased

2. Hugh Nanney, co Merioneth, esq., and Richard Vaughan of Dologwyn, co Merioneth, gent.

LEASE for six months of (51 named messuages and lands across Eifionydd & Llyn) including messuages, tenements and lands called **NANCALL** or **PANT GLAS** in the parish of Clynog conveyed in mortgage by **Hugh Meredith of Eithinog in the said co Caernarvon, and Mary his wife, and Richard Owen of Clynog** aforesaid, yeoman unto the said **Hugh Jones**;

Also that a messuage, tenement and lands called **NANCALL** or **Tythyn Morgan Rees** lying and being in the parish of Clynog, co Caernarvon, conveyed in mortgage by **Morgan ap William ap Robert of Clynog** aforesaid to the said **Hugh Jones**. (UWB, Mostyn, 872)

*Griffith Vaughan* of Corsygedol (1653-1697 osp) was the eldest son of William Vaughan, Plas Hen & Corsygedol, and his wife Ann, daughter of Griffith Nanney, of Nannau and Mary (Ann) heiress of Lewis Gwyn, Doleu Gwyn. (Ped p 179, 200) Hugh Nanney was brother in law to Griffith Vaughan (Ped p 200)

Richard Vaughan of Dologwyn may have been Griffith Vaughan's brother (1666/1734) REV HUGH JONES, rector of Llanystumdwy, appears to have loaned money on

properties and then called in his loans / bonds, thus acquiring several properties (see UWB Mostyn 866 (in 1680), 868, 870, 889 (was of Plase Hen in 1691).

**WILL of HUGH JONES. Plas Hen, Llanystumdwy, clerk; Will, Inventory, Bond for redelivery of an original will or inventory. Date of Probate / Admon [5 July 1695] Ref NLW Bangor 1695/56. NOT SEEN**

In 1716 Hugh Hughes inherited the Plas Coch / Porthamel Isaf estates; in 1718 he married Emma who died in 1742. Hugh Hughes died in 1764 without issue.

1731/2 Mar 1: Deed of lease, under the Statute of Uses, by Hugh Hughes of Plas Coch to William Prichard of Caernarvon, upon the tenements of Nantcoll, parish of Clynnog, and also upon an annuity or yearly rent of £1 6s 8d issuing out of the tenement of Bronheulog in the parish of Bangor. (Documents dry, but sadly broken, with fragments wanting) (UWB, Plas Coch, 397)

1731/2 Mar 2: Recovery of Nantcall etc:

1. Hugh Hughes, Plas Coch, Esq. 2. William Richard, Carnarvon, gent.,
3. David Lloyd, Llwydiarth, Anglesey, Esq.

DEED to make a tenant to the praecipe for suffering a recovery of several messuages, tenements and lands called Nancill alias **Nantcall** in the township of the same name in the parish of Clynnog, now or late in the tenure, holding or occupation of **Maurice Richard and William Richard**. Also an annuity of £1 6s 8d issuing out of a messuage and lands called Bronheillog in parish of Bangor now or late in the tenure of Watkin Williams Wynn Esq.

4. messuages, 2 cottages, 6 gardens, 60 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, 30 acres of pasture, 5 acres of moor, 20 acres of heath and bruery, an annuity of £1 6s 8d in Nantcill / Nantcall, Clynnog and Bangor aforesaid.

Sealed & Delivered on parchment legally stamped immediately after the Execution of the Bargain and Sale within mentioned in the 4 year of ..... (UWB Plas Coch 3119)

1721 Thomas David married Margaret Roberts in Llanystumdwy. They had David Lloyd, christened in 1725 in Clynnog. He was a yeoman, of *Nantcyll* and Glan yr Afon, Clynnog; married Ann Jones in Llanystumdwy in 1753 and had 13 children. (T C Griffith, 2003, [147])

c1760s Owen Humphries of Plas yn Nantlle & Nantcyll married 1. Elizabeth Evans, then 2. Margaret / Martha Williams with whom he had at least 10 children including Morgan Humphries (1808-1886) of *Nantcyll Uchaf* who married Ann (1814-1885). They had children. (T C Griffith, 2003, [152])

**Clynnog parish registers GAS, XPE 28/1 (not checked before 1756)**

1762 Feb 15 *Gwen Williams, Nantcall* was buried. (GAS, XPE/28/1 Clynnog church registers)

1762 April 4 *Dorothy Morgan, Nantcall* was buried. (GAS, XPE/28/1 Clynnog church registers)

1764 Hugh Hughes died without issue and his brother Roger Hughes inherited Plas Coch.

1765 Apr 12: TRANSCRIPT of a RECOVERY in the Court of Great Sessions by

**William Williams Esq.**, against **John Lewis, gent.**, of 2 messuages, 1 cottage, 4 gardens, 40 acres of land, 30 acres of meadow, 40 acres of pasture, 50 acres of heath and bruery common of pasture for all and all manure of cattle and common of turbary with the appurtenances situate lying and being **in the parish of Clynog**, into which John Lewis hath not entrance – after Disseizin which **Hugh Hunt** thereof unjustly and without judgment made to the said William Williams within 30 years now last [c1735] and which the John Lewis doth him deforce – of and whence he saith that he was seized of the messuages and commons aforesaid with the appurtenances in his demesne as of ffee and of right in time of peace in time of our said Lord the King by taking thereof of the Expl..... to the value of && of ..... which &&of & thereof he bringeth suit &&of. And the said John Lewis defends his right and voucheth thereon to warranty **William Hughes Esq** who by summons to him in the same court made in his proper person ... and freely the messuages and commons aforesaid with the appurtenances to him doth warranty &of and thereupon the said William Williams .....against the said **William Hughes tenant** by his warranty the messuages and ..... with the appurtenances in fform aforesaid & of and whence he saith the ..... William Williams doth demand against the said **John Anwyl tenant**..... Therefore it is considered that the said William Williams do recover against the said John Lewis seizing of the messuages and commons aforesaid with the appurtenances and that the said John Lewis have..... of the lands of the said William Hughes to the value of &of and that the ..... John Anwyl be in ..... &of Whereas the said William Williams prayeth ..... With John Griffiths Esq now returns ..... (UWB Plas Coch 3135) [some holes and some not copied out]

**Hugh Hughes III** of Plas Coch died in 1764 without issue, and the estate went to his nephew William Hughes (died 1802) who married Ann, daughter of Fortunatus Wright and granddaughter of William Bulkeley, the diarist.

1772 Feb 9: christening of Thomas Williams, son of *Thomas Williams*, Nantcall, yeoman, and Margaret his wife. (GAS, XPE/28/1 Clynnog church registers)

1772 Apr 17: burial of *Maurice Price*, Nantcall, old widower. (GAS, XPE/28/1 Clynnog church registers)

1776 Mar 21: *Dorothy Williams*, Nantcall was buried. (GAS, XPE/28/1 Clynnog church registers)

1778 Mar 29: burial of *Robert Hughes*, singleman, Nantcall. (GAS, XPE/28/1 Clynnog church registers)

1778 July 7: *Francis Humphrey* of Nantcall, yeoman, was buried. (GAS, XPE/28/1 Clynnog church registers)

1790 Jan 11: burial of *Hugh David*, Nantcall, aged 65 years. (GAS, XPE/28/2 Clynnog church registers)

1790 July 18: burial of *Catherine Jonathan*, wife of Evan Hughes, aged 70 years. (GAS, XPE/28/2 Clynnog church registers)

1794 May 7: burial of **Thomas Williams**, Nantcall, aged 69 years. (GAS, XPE/28/2 Clynnog church registers)

1799 Dec 21: burial of *Anne Thomas*, Nantcall, aged 77 years. (GAS, XPE/28/2 Clynnog church registers)

1799 Christening of Margaret, daughter of *William Thomas and Jane*, Nant Call, farmer. (GAS, XPE/28/2 Clynnog church registers)



SEE LAND TAX ASSESSMENT for Upper Clynnog.

In 1802 Hugh Hughes' son **Sir William Bulkeley Hughes** inherited Plas Coch (he died in 1836); he was constantly in debt.

1803 Feb 22: to Mrs Hughes, Plas Coch: Mr W B Hughes sent Rd Jones of Trewyn to view and value his farm of Nantcall. (UWB, Plas Coch, 970)

1803 Mar 19: letter about the valuation of Clynnog – Nantcall account. (UWB, Plas Coch, 972)

1803: William Jones' bill for valuation of Nantcall to Wm B Hughes Esq: £3 3s 0d. (UWB, Plas Coch, 973)

1803 Nov 26: W B Hughes to O A Poole Esq, Carnarvon: Send William Jones of Brynadda to Nantcall to measure the wall ... re lines marked out for them. (UWB, Plas Coch, 1007)

1803 Nov 26: O A Poole to W B Hughes: re Nantcall wall. (UWB, Plas Coch, 1009)

1803 Dec 3: letter to Sir W P Hughes re William Jones report & bidding at Nantcall. (UWB, Plas Coch, 1011)

1803: Dec 12: Nantcall: New walls- must be let to lowest bidder; 5 lots; will inclose 240 acres. (UWB, Plas Coch, 1015)

1803 Dec: Letter from William Jones to O A Poole: Useless to go to Nantcall; ... have informed tenants that the "walls will be proposed to be set / let on 20 Dec". (UWB, Plas Coch, 1016)

1803: Letter from Sir W B Hughes to O A Poole: William Jones' estimate to build wall at Nantcall. (UWB, Plas Coch, 1016A)

1803: UWB Plas Coch 706 Valuation of Nantcall tenement; ocular survey by Richard Owen. Names fields etc given one by one with acreage & value. Summary: **Margaret Evans** tenant –new house & barn, field yr hendref; 146 acres £78-15s.

**Wm Williams** tenant house & barns; 203 acres £92 5s 3d.

1803: UWB Plas Coch 707 Valuation of Nantcall tenement; actual survey by Richard Owen. Names fields etc given one by one with acreage & value. Summary:

**William Williams** tenant 198a 2r 7p £78. 5 Tai Duon + house; 7 Cae'r Cappel; ? y monach. **Margaret Evans** tenant 21- Hendy with new; 151a 2r 35p; £75 10s 5d.

1804 Oct 19/20 Sale notice of Nantcall farm, parish of Clynnog (& other farms on Anglesey) to be sold by auction at ?Gwydir 20 October 1804.

Farm Nant Call in the holding of **Margaret Evans & others, 346 acres** of excellent land, capable of much improvement, & at small expense, very valuable sheepwalk & extensive commons adjoining (GAS X Poole/4159)

(GAS X Poole.4160 contained no references to NantCall)

1806 Sept 27: UWB Plas Coch x) 1197-1268: (72 pages) Arrangements for the sale of Nantcall 346 acres. NOT SEEN

1807: UWB Plas Coch xi) 1269-1325 (57 pages) Nantcall still unsold, bids of £3,500 - £4,000.

1807 Feb 13: Capt T Parry-Jones is informed that £4,000 is the price of Nantcall. (UWB, Plas Coch, 1279)

1807 Feb 15: Mr Parry-Jones offered £3,000 guineas for Nantcall. (UWB, Plas Coch, 1280)

1807 Feb 15: re Sale of Nantcall, B W Hughes to O A Poole. (UWB, Plas Coch, 1281)  
1807 Sept 5: Bidding of Nantcall, to W B Hughes from O A Poole: A client of Mr Ramsey Williams will give £3,700 for Nantcall. (UWB, Plas Coch, 1312)

Nantcall estate: NLW Rumsey Williams vol 1 page 134-142. mss 360-382. NOT SEEN.

1807 Sept 14: Owen Humphreys of Nantlle bid £4,000 for Nantcall. (UWB, Plas Coch, ?131\*)  
CHECK

Is this the Owen Humphries of Plas yn Nantlle in T C Griffith, 2003, [152]?

1807 Sept 28: Notice to quit to **Margaret Evans, Thomas Williams, William Williams and Evan Williams** their part of the estates of Sir W B Hughes in the parish of Clynnog. (UWB, Plas Coch, 1316)

Date unknown ?1807: W B Hughes, Plas Coch sold the 346 acres of the township of Nantcall. Not known who purchased Nantcall.

Nantcall was not bought by one of the large estates and it is not easy to find out who the purchasers were.

WERE THESE THE NEW TENANTS?

1812 Apr 5: christening of Margaret, daughter of **Evan Thomas, Nantcall, farmer and Margaret Hughes** his wife. (GAS, XPE/28/2, Clynnog church registers)

1815: christening from Nantcall GANOL. (GAS, XPE/28/3 Clynnog church registers)

1819: He raised money by selling a number of his farms on Anglesey, at public auction at the Bull's Head Inn, Llangefni. (UWB Plas Coch 667-72)

There finally emerged in the lower part of the township the four farms of Hendre Nancall and Nancall Uchaf, Ganol and Isaf; while higher up towards the mountain was Tai Duon.

1829:burial from Nantcall ISAF. (GAS, XPE/28/8 Clynnog church registers) CHECK

1835 Nantcall GANOL 2 deeds (GAS, XM.786) NOT SEEN  
1835 Nantcall UCHAF deeds (GAS, XD12/1/36 – XD12/1/37) NOT SEEN

Morgan Humphries, Nantcyll uchaf (1798LI-1886 TD)=1836LI Ann Jones (18141885 TD) Their daughter Martha, Llanllyfni 1837-1875TD = William Jones Brynefail isaf 1825-1917. (T C Griffith 2003 [68])

By 1838, the date of the tithe apportionment schedule, the Nancall farms were divided in ownership between Martha and Thomas Williams, and Tai Duon belonged to Evan Williams.

1843 Clynnog tithe schedule:

<b>Tai Duon</b>	owner Evan Williams.	tenant himself	66 acres
<b>Nantcall ucha</b> (1319)	owner Martha Williams	tenant herself	?137 acres
<b>Nantcall ganol</b> (1286)	owner Thomas Williams	tenant himself	?70 acres
<b>Nantcall isa</b> (1259)	owner George A Huddart Esq	tenant Jane Williams	153 acres

Need to identify the farm holdings in **Nantcall** pre 1793- tithe map.

Parish abbreviations:

LA	Llanarmon	LI	Llanllyfni
CG	Clynnog	TD	Tai Duon
P	Penmorfa	LO	Llandwrog
DO	Dolwyddelen		

#### **PANT GLAS UCHAF**

1732 is the earliest date with a named person - John Pritchard who was of Pantglas uchaf when he married.

**JOHN PRICHARD, Pantglas Uchaf**, Clynnog (1694-1746 Dec 24) Llanystumdwy **In** 1732 Nov 20 married Mary Evans, of Llanybi in Llanybi. They had

i) **Richard Jones, gent, Glyn Dwyfach**, baptised 17 Feb 1734 in Llanarmon; he married Mary Roberts, daughter of Robert Thomas, yeoman, Graeanog, Clynnog on 2 June 1766 in Clynnog; They had 7 children. R Jones died 27 Sept 1816, Llanystumdwy aged 82.

ii) Ann baptised 25 Jan 1736 in Llanarmon.

iii) Catherine baptised 3 March 1738 } in Llanystumdwy

iv) Evan baptised 6 Nov 1742 }

v) Catherine, baptised 9 April 1745 }

vi) John, baptised 20 Aug 1746 }

(T C Griffith, 2003, [169])

**It is possible that John Prichard was of Pant glas [uchaf] in 1732 when he married Mary Evans.**

**His son Richard Jones may be THE Richard Jones who according to the Land Tax Assessments owned Nantcall, Pantglas from at least 1786-1816, the year of his death.**

**Richard Jones' son John Jones, may be THE John Jones who owned Nantcall, Pantglas from 1816-1826/30 in the Land Tax Assessments, and in the Tithe map of 1839/43.**

He appears to be of **Bontfechan, Llanystumdwy**; he married Mary who died 17 March 1855; he died 4 April 1847; both in Llanystumdwy. (T C Griffith, 2003, [169]) BONTFECHAN is not described in Eifionydd, nor by T C Griffith.

**Check Llanystumdwy memorial inscriptions.**

**CHECK Clynnog & Llanystumdwy TITHE COMMUTATION ownership.**

? Later ownership of Pantglas

When was the holding subdivided? That may be when Pant glas UCHAF received the UCHAF. 1829 Pantglas Inn; 1841 Pantglas farm and Pantglas blacksmith.

Clynnog (upper division) Land Tax Assessments GAS XQA/LT/5/1 1770-1783 owner not given tenant **Robert Owen, Nantcall** in 1775, house no 23

1784 **owner Richard Jones** tenant Robert Owen, Nantcall **Pant Glas**

1788 house 27 owner not given tenant Robert Owen, Nant Call 9s 9¼ d tenant

1789 house 24 owner not given Robert Owen, Nant Call tenant Robert Owen,

1792 house 30 owner not given Nantcall

1793 house 30 owner not given tenant Robert Owen, Pant glas, Nantcall

GAS, XPE 28/2 (not fully checked)

1794 Apr 25: Jane Roberts, Pantglas, Nantcall was buried, aged 78. (GAS, XPE/28/2 Clynnog church registers)

1794 Apr 28: Robert Owen, Pantglas was buried, aged 75 (GAS, XPE 28/2 Clynnog church registers)

Robert Owen in 1736= Lowry Michael (1715CG-?). He was a son of Owen Evan, Beddgelert & Bertheos d 1746 Dolwyddelan, who in 1698 in Beddgelert had = Ellen Dafydd.

Pantglas tenancy possibly came with his marriage to Lowry Michael, who had been born in Clynnog parish. Where was Lowry born?

Was Lowry of the family of Michael Owen, Llanllyfni d 1724 [137]?

+**Catherine** Roberts was a daughter of Robert Owen, married to Owen Roger who took the tenancy after the death of Robert Owen till his own death in 1821.

His son Roger Roger / Owen then took the tenancy until at least 1830.

T C Griffith, 1989, [21]; T C Griffith, 2003, [21]

Ellin Owen, Dolwyddelen [175] in 1743 married **Roger Thomas**, Llandwrog &

Penybryn, Pencoed, Llanarmon, (1718- 1761 aged 43), LA, farmer

They had 4 children: Ellin 1745- LO; Owen 1749-1821CG\*\*, Robert 1751LY- & Evan Roger 1757LA - of Nantcall, Mynachdy & Tyddyn Elen Llandwrog.

\*\*son **Owen Roger**, yeoman Nantcall & **Pant glas uchaf**, (1749-1821) aged 72, CG. in 1779 CG married +Catherine Roberts died 1817 aged 67 CG. She was d of Robert Owen

Their children: all baptised in Clynnog parish (CG).

i) 1780 Sept 17: christening of **Robert**, son of **Owen Roger by Catherine** his wife. (GAS, XPE/28/1 Clynnog church registers)

ii) 1782 Oct 27: christening of **Evan**, son of Owen Roger, Nantcall and Catherine.

(GAS, XPE/28/1 Clynnog church registers)

\*Evan Owen (1782 CG -) Tirderwin, Pantglas & Ty Newydd, Llanarmon, farmer, in 1810 married Ann Thomas, Llanybi. Children: Robert 1810, William 1813, Hywel Owen 1815-1880 Gwyndy, Abererch, Catherine 1822-. T C Griffith, 2003, [131] iii) **Ellin** 1785 CG –

iv) **William** 1787 CG – 1813 aged 27.

Er coffadwriaeth am William Owen mab i Owen Rogers or Pant Glas plwu ym yr rhwn a fu farw y 22 o Fawrth 1813 ei oed 27.

(GAS XPE/28/B7/37 Clynnog burial inscriptions)

1813 Mar 25: burial of William Owen, Pantglas, aged 27 years. (GAS, XPE/28/8 Clynnog church registers)

v) 1789 Nov 8: christening of **Jane**, daughter of Owen Rogers, Nancall by Catherine his wife (GAS, XPE/28/2 Clynnog church registers)

vi & vii) 1791 Dec 3: christening of **Roger and Catherine**, twins, of Owen Rogers of **Pantglas**, Nancall, by Catherine his wife. (GAS, XPE/28/2 Clynnog church registers) Catherine, Ty'n Fawnog, Talysarn = Robert ?Owen; son Rev Robert Owen [131] Roger must have died prior to the birth of another Roger in 1796.

1794-95 Pantglas owner not given; tenant Owen Raicur (?Roger) Pantglas, Nancall Clynnog (upper division) Land Tax Assessments GAS XQA/LT/5/1

viii) 1794 March 23: christening of **Mary** daughter of Owen Rogers of Pantglas, labourer, by Catherine his wife. (GAS, XPE/28/2 Clynnog church registers)

ix) 1796 July 10: christening of **Roger** son Owen Rogers of Pantglas, by Catherine his wife. (GAS, XPE/28/2 Clynnog church registers)

**Roger Owen** 1796 CG –Tyddyn y graig, Dolbenmaen [131] married in 1828 Margaret Griffith, Llannor + 6 children

x) 1800 Apr 6: christening of **Owen**, son of Owen Rogers of Pantglas, farmer and Catherine his wife. (GAS, XPE/28/2 Clynnog church registers)

+Owen Owen, Cors y Wlad, Clynnog 1800 CG - 1877 married in 1862 Catherine Owen – 1919 [131]

**See book “Owen Owens, Cors y Wlad” by Henry Hughes, (Dolgellau 1898).**

1801 (?Pantglas) owner Richard Jones, Gent tenant Owen Roger

Clynnog (upper division) Land Tax Assessments GAS XQA/LT/5/1 1802 Pantglas owner Richard Jones, Gent. tenant Owen Rogers, Pant glas Clynnog (upper division) Land Tax Assessments GAS XQA/LT/5/1 1803-1816 Pantglas owner Richard Jones, Gent tenant Owen Roger, Pant glas Clynnog (upper division) Land Tax Assessments GAS XQA/LT/5/1

1817 Jan 27: burial of Catherine Roberts, Pantglas, aged 62 years. (GAS, XPE/28/8 Clynnog church registers)

Hefyd Catherine Roberts wraig O Rogers yr rhon a fu farw y 22 o Ionawr 1817 yn oed 67 ml. (GAS XPE/28/B7/37 Clynnog burial inscriptions) 1817-1822 Pantglas owner John Jones tenant Owen Rogers

(Clynnog (upper division) Land Tax Assessments GAS XQA/LT/5/1)

1821 Dec 29: burial of Owen Rogers, Pantglas, aged 62/72 years. (GAS, XPE/28/8 Clynnog church registers)

1821 Hefyd am y dywededig Owen Rogers yr hwn a fu farw Rhagfyr 25, 1821, yn 72 oed. (GAS XPE/28/B7/37 Clynnog burial inscriptions)

1822 Owen Roger will (T C Griffith, 2003, p xxviii; NLW Bangor 1822/65)

NOT SEEN

His son Roger Rogers / Roger Owens took over the tenancy.

1826 Pantglas owner John Jones tenant Roger Rogers  
Clynnog (upper division) Land Tax Assessments GAS XQA/LT/5/1  
1827 Pantglas owner not named tenant Roger Rogers  
Clynnog (upper division) Land Tax Assessments GAS XQA/LT/5/1  
1828 Pantglas owner not named tenant Roger Owens  
Clynnog (upper division) Land Tax Assessments GAS XQA/LT/5/1  
1829 Pantglas owner Mr P/Howell tenant Roger Owens

**CHECK**

also owned Tanfoel bach

Clynnog (upper division) Land Tax Assessments GAS XQA/LT/5/1  
1830 Pantglas owner Mr Jones tenant Roger Owens  
Clynnog (upper division) Land Tax Assessments GAS XQA/LT/5/1

1829 July 12: christening of Owen, son of Roger Owen & Margaret, Pantglas, farmer.  
(GAS, XPE/28/3 Clynnog church registers)

1831 Mar 29: christening of Margaret, daughter of Roger Owen & Margaret, Pantglas,  
farmer. (GAS, XPE/28/3 Clynnog church registers)

1834 Apr 4: burial of Margaret Owen, Pantglas, infant. (GAS, XPE/28/8 Clynnog  
church registers)

1829 Pant Glas INN 1829: Mar 18: burial of Evan Evans, 11 weeks.  
(GAS, XPE/28/8 Clynnog church registers)

1841 census: Tai Duon, Pant glas; Pant yr arian; **Nangall uchaf**, Pant glas, Ty capel  
Pantglas, Pantglas mill, Pantglas Inn, Nant cwmbbran, Pantglas, Caerau bach (then 6  
dwellings); **Tan y ffordd**, Twlc uchaf, Cawnant, Nant Cwmbbran (4 more), **Nant Gall  
isa**, **Nant Gall canol**, Pen y nant, **Nantgall uchaf**, Cwmbbran ...

1841 census Pant Glas\* **CHECK OWEN???**

Robert <i>Griffith</i>	25	farmer	Born in Caernarfonshire
Lowry	“	25	“
Thomas	“	5	“
Catherine	“	6mths	“
Catherine Evans	15	farm servant	“

1841 census Pant Glas (follows Bryn Marsli)

Evan Griffiths	30	smith	NOT born in Caernarfonshire
Mary	“	25	Not
Robert	“	5	Not
William	“	3	Born in Caernarfonshire
Catherine	“	2	“
Thomas	“	7 weeks	“

(Followed by Fronola, Pandy ferm, Pandy Bont, Cwmbbran, Gwastadnant, Pant Glas\*,  
Ty Uchaf, Nant Cwmbbran, Pen yr Orsedd, Pen yr Orsedd, Pen yr Orsedd, Pen yr  
Orsedd,)

1838/43 Clynnog Tithe Commutation

(page 18) **Pant glas**: Owner John Jones; tenant Robert Griffiths 49 acres  
field nos: 431, 1194(house)—1207, 1300-02, 1313-1317.  
(including 1316 – cottage & garden no tenant named)

no 1332: **3 dwellings Smithy**. Owner John Jones; tenant Richard Owen smith (on east of main road)

no 1333 **Pantglas2 INN** owner John Jones tenant Howell Griffiths (1333: house & quillet) 7 acres - West of main road: fields 1335, 1336, 1337, 1339,1340.

**WHO WAS JOHN JONES, THE OWNER? Was he of Bontfechan, Llanystumdwy?**

**Tan y Ffordd** owner Lewis Moore Bennett Esq tenant Robert Humphreys 50a 2r 39p (house 1306) 1303-1312, 1181-1184.

**Bryn Marsley** owner William Prichard tenant Thomas Owen 15 acres fields 1185-1193+ 432. + 1334

**Tai Duon** owner Evan Williams. tenanthimself 66 acres

**Nantcall ucha** owner Martha Williams tenantherself 137 acres

**Nancall ganol**owner Thomas Williams tenanthimself 70 acres

1851 census Schedule no 34 Pantglas uchaf

Richard Owen	H	M	29	farmer 25 acres	born
Laura Owen	wife	M	38		?
Thomas Owen	son	S	15		?
Catherine Owen	dau	S	10		?
Richard Owen	son	S	3		?

1861 census Pantglas uchaf NEED TO COMPLETE

Richard Owen	H	M	39	?	born ?
Lowray Owen	wife	M	48	?	?
Richard Owen	son	S	13		
<b>William Owen</b>	<b>son</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>9</b>		
Cathrin Griffith	dau	M	20	house servant ?	

1871 census

1881 census

(T C Griffith 1989 [88])

Elizabeth, 1847-, Llanfor

= ?1860s Evan Williams, Nant Carfan 1847- P I

I

Robert Williams  
**Pantglas Uchaf** ?1880s

I

Evan Williams  
Hafodruffydd & **Nantgyll Isaf**  
Daughter Elizabeth Williams = ???  
??? = daughter Jane, Nantgyll Isaf

1891 census

1901 census Schedule no 24: Pantglas Uchaf (5 or more rooms)

Richard Owen	H	Widow	80	farmer	born Llangybi
<b>William Owen</b>	son	M	49	farmer's son	Clynnog
Ellen Owen	dau in law	M	29		Clynnog
Hugh Jones	serv			general farm servant	Clynnog

1910 owner: Pantglas ucha -49 acres

Capt Roberts, Soar, Llangybi; occupier; **William Owen**

(GAS, Land Tax Assessment: Clynnog)

1911 Census

**Robert Williams, Pantglas Uchaf** (tyrchwr-moler) (1879-1944); no children.  
(T C Griffith 2003, [88]) Was he the last local person to live at Pantglas uchaf?

? Bryn Terfel's parents lived here briefly

Owner: c1950 -1970s Mr & Mrs Bernard Mason  
c1950s Mr Bernard Mason, a previous owner, turned down the opportunity to buy 13 acres of land & retained the garden & paddock

Owner: 1970s Mrs Woodford Williams – holiday home  
(also owned Hafodysbyty, Ffestiniog; mother of Dr Helen Ford of Hafodysbyty)

Owners: 8 Nov 1980 -now Adam & Frances Voelcker  
Jan 1985 “Rural Renewal” article in Traditional Homes. Restoration work + photos.  
2006: Adam & Frances Voelcker cannot at present find the research they have undertaken. They recollect i) court cases at NLW relating to the division of Nantcall; ii) the house coming to Owen Owen, preacher, through his mother's family – Roger-Clynnog; iii) There being an E-W strip of land going down to the main road, & a link with the mill;

**CHECK** Clynnog church registers; Clynnog church old records.

Local memories

House deeds – what do they record?

People in picture outside house.

Complete the census returns

What was the date of the “new” main road?

What is the link with Soar, Llangybi?

Researched by Margaret Dunn © [brynbedd1@gmail.com](mailto:brynbedd1@gmail.com) 01766 890550 30-5-08,  
revised 15-3-12