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House Histories and Research

**YSTUMCEGID (Uchaf / Bellaf)**

Dolbenmaen, Gwynedd

A History of the House & its Families

update 8-11-2005

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NGR SH 249720 34240o

Grade II

RCAHMW, Caernarvonshire, Vol II, 1960, p72 (895) Fig 65. & CADW Listing schedule:

A two storeyed rubble built house, built in two parts with later additions. The W block appears to be slightly earlier (three-bay), but both are probably late C17. The W elevation is symmetrical with vertical windows and a plain pediment. There are three tall square chimneys with slate caps. The ground floor ceilings in the W block are concealed, those in the N have rough stop-chamfered beams. The main staircase is modern but incorporates a C17 moulded handrail and slat balusters.

The roof trusses are of the Collar-beam type with purlins carried on cleats. They are roughly put together and may be of re-used material.

A barn about 33 yds to the S (at SH 49704236) contains re-used C16 joists with grooved mouldings on the soffits and sides.

Another barn, 40 ft by 19 ft, ca, 136 yds to the ESE (at SH 49794229), built of large boulders and rough rubble with large central doorways in opposite sides (one blocked) is probably of the C17.

(According to Gwydir Family p78, 33 & 37), Ystumcegid replaced Cefn y Fan as a residence after its destruction in 1403. A house of the name is mentioned in a poem of 1420 (TCHS, 1954,p1, n.4), and was presumably the centre of the chief messuage of the same name entailed in 1484 (T Jones Pierce, Clennau Letters and Papers pxii, NLW Journ Set IV, pt 1, Supplement 1947).

See Griffith Pedigrees p 232 for its later descent, and Lewis, Medieval Boroughs p 156 for its hereditary claim to the mayoralty of Cricieth.

The site is uncertain but may have been at the ruined farm at SH 50204127, the only one which bears the name on the O.S. drawing of 1816, rather than here.