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Felin Moelfre

Llanaelhaearn
Gwynedd



House History

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

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NORTH WEST WALES DENDROCHRONOLOGY PROJECT

DATING OLD WELSH HOUSES – GWYNEDD

History of Felin Moelfre Llanaelhearn

(During this period up to the late 1800's Felin Moelfre was called Moelfre Fawr of Moelfre)

Records show that Moelfre Fawr belong to the Lleuar Eastate from 1674 to when it was sold to Glynllifon in 1729. The estate was owned by George Twisleton who became Governor of Denbigh in 1647. (ref on Welsh Biography online) and (Carnarvonshire Pedigrees page 270) who married Mary Glyn, daughter and heiress of William Glyn of Lleuar.

People Who Lived In Moelfre Fawr

Census 1841

Hugh Davies, Farmer

Cathrine Davies Wife ,

Owen, Son

Catherine, Daughter

Robert Hughes the poet and painter was the son of Hugh Davies, but was away at the time of the Census. Geraint Jones from the Canolfan Hannes Clynnog Fawr wrote a book on Robert Hughes, which includes paintings of this family and other people living in the area at that time.

There was also another son called William, who is not on the census.

1851 1871

Hugh Davies Catherine

Owen and Catherine are not shown on the 1861

Hugh, Catherine and their daughter are buried in the Church Yard in Llanaelhaearn. Catherine died in 1873 and Hugh died in 1879.

1881 Census

William Roberts (Head) Farmer

1891 Census

William Roberts. Anne Roberts

1901 Census

William Roberts. Anne Roberts

Dorothy Williams, Niece

Anne Williams, Niece

From the Deeds of the Property in our possession:-

1925 Frederick George Wynn Owner not resident

1933 Jane Jess Owner not resident

1976 William Morris Rowlands/ Diana Mary Rowlands

1978 WM Rowlands/ Elizabeth Mary Evelyn Sykes

1981 Felin Moelfre became independent to Moelfre Mawr

1981 Bobbie Gomme and Peter Monteith

1984 Ian/ Mary Woods and daughter Elizebeth

2005 Chris Burn / Caroline Moncrieff

Interesting points_

Safe in wall:- JT Needs of Bond Street London dates 1875 - 1880

Sir Hugh Owen who was Robert Hughes' school teacher was later resident in Bond Street London, no connection proved .. but interesting.

Mill wheel dates from 1847 Porthmadog Britannia Foundry. Others of that age and design in local area.

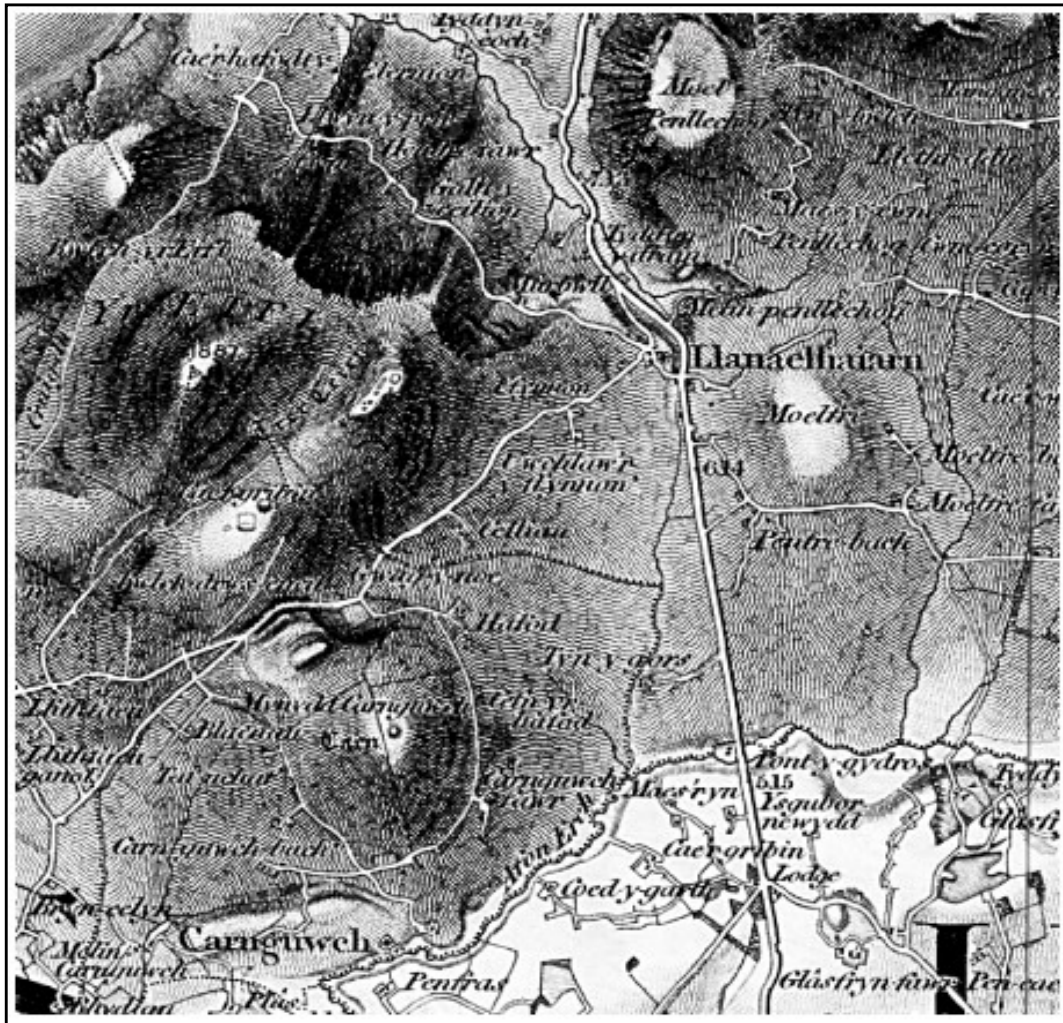
Oven excavated in Ingelnook fire place Dec 2009

Dendro sample taken from ingelnook beam Feb 2010 (cannot date at moment)

Research into the building and the people who lived here is ongoing, especially the Mill Wheel and bread oven.

Photo's and documents are attached, copies of documents from the records office and the book on Robert Hughes are also available to go with this report.

Section of map dated 1839 - 41 Moelfre is highlighted below.



Title Deeds of the Lleuar Estate Caernarfon Archives ref: XD2 7550-7640 I've included the sections where Moelfre Fawr of Moelfre have been mentioned.

7551 1674 Aug 1

Mary Twisleton of Lleyar, widow, and George Twisleton of Lleyar. esq., her son and heir.

Richard Ellis of Bodychen, gent., and Thomas Williams of Bryncoed, co, Flint gent.

John Glynne of Glynllifon, esq., and Willan Glynne of Elernion, esq..

DEED TO LEAD THE USES of a fine to be levied, and a Common Recovery to be suffered, upon capital messuage call Lleyar.

(Llanhaylhairn called Moelfrey, Kae yr Wrach and Cors y Celie).

7555 1675 April 15

Mary Twisleton of llaeyer

William Wynne of Llanwnda, Maurice Griffith of Methlan William Griffith of Llyne

FEOFFMENT being a settlement before the marriage between the said

George Twisleton and Margaret Griffith, spinster, second daughter of the said

William Griffith. Lleyar Eastate including Moelfre.

7561 1686/7 Jan 5

George Twisleton of Lleyar, esq Thomas Edwards of Nanhoron, gent

Richard Edwards of Nanhoron, gent father of TE

MORTGAGE (lease for a teem of 70 years) of messuages, t'ments and lands called Moelfre or Moelfre Fawr etc for the securing of £500 and interest.

7569 1701 Dec 24

Jane Owen of Porkington, co Salop spinster Ellen Twisleton of Lleyar, spinster

ASSIGMENT OF MORGAGE made by George Twistleton of messuages, t'ments and lands called Moelfre or Moelfre Fawr etc.

Consideration: £912.10.0d

7571 1712 April 16

George Twisleton the younger of Lleuar. esq Hugh Griffith of Carnarvon, esq

DEED TO LEAD THE USES of a Fine to be levied upon capital messuages, t'ments and call Lleuar including Moelfre Fawr.

7574 1712 July 29

1. George Twisleton the younger of Lleuar esq

John Griffith of Llanddyn co Anglesey esq and Hugh Griffith of Carnarvon

DEED TO DECLARE THE USES of a fine levied upon capital messuage called Lleuar to include Moelfre Fawr.

7580 1712 Aug 1

George Twisleton the younger of Lleuar

John Griffith of Llanddyfnau, and John Griffith of Carnarvon

LEASE for 100 years of capital messuage including Moelfre Fawr, for the better securing of the properties in 2. already mortgaged to them, and proviso for the nullity when the said mortgage is repaid.

7594 1720 March 26

George Twisleton of Lleyar and Barbara his wife.

John Griffith of Llanddyfan and John Griffith of Carnarvon, nephew, heir, and

divisee and executor of Hugh Griffith late of Carnarfon

Samual Shepard of pa. (blank in document) in co Middx.

DEEDS TO LEAD USES of a Fine on a capital messuage called Lleyar including Moelfre.

John Griffith of Llanddyffnan, and John Griffith of Carnarvon George Twisleton of lleyar

Samuel Shephard of the City of London

Thomas Harlewill of pa. St Paul Covent Garden co Middx and Charles Townshend of Lincolnes Inne co Middx

ASSIGNMENT OF MORTGAGE (to be held in trust) of capital messuage called Lleyar including Moelfre Fawr.

7537 1729 Aug 22

Samual Shephard pa, St George Hanover Sq co Middx, Thomas Harlewin St Paul Covent Garden, Charles Townsdend Lincolnes Inn co Middx. Thomas Wynn of Glynllivon

LEASE OF THE POSSESSION OF LLEYAR. The Lleuar Estate become part of the Glynllifon Estate.

Glynllifon Estate Records

XD2 8356 Map Records

1780 Moelfre Fawr (Felin Moelfre) is shown on the map.

1881 Letter to Glaslyn from Estate asking for care to be taken when the wealthy men of Chester are shooting pheasants, as they didn't want the Corn which was being grown next to the woods being damaged. Glaslyn owners were to compensate Moelfre Fawr for the estimated loss.

XD2 6422

1857 31st January Lease of a Tramway over Morfa Farm and a piece of land for a yard or place of deposit in the parish of Llanallharin in the County of Carnarvon. Between Lord Newborough and John Hutton and William Caldwell Roscoe. Yearly rent £12.00 plus 1 Penny per ton of all stones and other articles carried on it.

XD2 8514 Valuation of Morfa in 1874

XD2 8519 Rentals

1880 the rental of Moelfre Fawr was £4 per annum

Plans and Elevations XD2A 444

XD2A 445

Plans of a proposed Piggery and Cow shed on Morfa Farm. The walls of the Piggery still can be seen today and are being restored by the present owner of Moelfre Mawr.

1841 Census Showing Hugh and Catherine Davies with family

Parish of Llanallharin							City or Borough of <u>Stannithorpe</u> Parish or Township of <u>Stannithorpe</u>						
PLACE	HOUSES Inhabited Uninhabited	NAMES of each Person who abode therein the preceding Night.	AGE and SEX		PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS.	Where Born Inhabited Uninhabited Foreign	PLACE	HOUSES Inhabited Uninhabited	NAMES of each Person who abode therein the preceding Night.	AGE and SEX		PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS.	Where Born Inhabited Uninhabited Foreign
			Males	Females						Males	Females		
Caerhays	1	Edward Griffith	40	M	Ag Lab	y	Moelfre Fawr	1	Hugh Davies	55	M	Farmer	y
		Elizabeth de	40	F		y			Catherine de	35	F		y
		Evan de	11	M		y			Hugh de	20	M		y
		William de	5	M		y			Ann de	20	F		y
		Griffith Thomas	75	M	Farmer	y			Catherine de	15	F		y
Moelfre Fawr	1	Mary de	35	F		y	William de	14	M		y		
		Elizabet de	30	F		y	Ann de	12	F		y		
		Richard de	26	M		y	Richard Evans	20	M	Ag Lab	y		
		John de	185	M		y	Catherine Jones	20	F		y		
		Richard Rowland	60	M	Ag Lab	y	William Hughes	35	M	Farmer	y		
		Mary Prichard	20	F		y	Mary de	30	F		y		
		Harry Williams	15	M		y	Hugh de	7	M		y		
Brynnydd	1	Hugh Jones	20	M		y	Louise de	9	F		y		
		Lilly de	35	F		y	Evan de	4	M		y		
		Ludith de	14	F		y	William de	7	M		y		
		Catherine de	9	F		y	John Jones	60	M	Ag Lab	y		
		Lilly de	9	F		y	Thomas Robert	50	M	Farmer	y		
Pennygarth	1	John Jones	60	M	Farmer	y	Jane de	50	F		y		
		Margaret de	55	F		y	William de	24	M		y		
		David de	15	M		y	Harry de	15	M		y		
		Mary de	9	F		y	John de	14	M		y		
Caer	1	Richard Perry	40	M	Farmer	y	Morris de	13	M		y		
		Catherine de	25	F		y	Griffith de	11	M		y		
							Catherine de	10	F		y		
					Hugh de	8	M		y				

