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NORTH WEST WALES
DENDROCHRONOLOGY PROJECT

Paradwys

Clocaenog, Ruthin, Denbighshire

HOUSE HISTORY RESEARCH

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

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DATING OLD WELSH HOUSES GROUP - DENBIGHSHIRE BRANCH

Paradwys, Clocaenog, Ruthin, Denbighshire (NGR SJ 038 540)

The original structure of Paradwys would appear to have been a timber framed building based around three cruck frames it is therefore likely to have been a cruck-framed hall-house, probably of 'peasant' type with a single-bayed hall ... Paradwys was formally the Paradise tavern (Bridge and Miles 2014), however at some stage it was converted into two cottages by blocking the spaces either side of the central chimney. This arrangement is partially retained in the current building with the two staircases which serve different ends of the house.(Brooks I (2015) EAS Client Report 2015/03, SH08321 53984, Blaenau Ffestiniog, Gwynedd, LL41 3NW,Wales).

Dendrochronology results: Four timbers, two crucks, a tiebeam and a purlin, were sampled at this property. The four series appeared to have been felled at about the same time, and one retained complete sapwood, being from a tree felled in Spring 1573. It seems likely therefore that construction took place in 1573, or within a year or two after this date. (Oxford Dendrochronology Laboratory Report 2014/26).

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CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY

Date	Summary of Information (reference in brackets)
1573	Felling date for the sampled timbers (Oxford Dendrochronology Laboratory Report 2014/26).
1573-75	Likely construction date for the cruck building (Oxford Dendrochronology Laboratory Report 2014/26).
undated	Reference to a 'burnt area' and 'cobbles' near the current central fireplace suggesting that it was the site of the open hearth of a hall house (Naisby A (Ed) (2006) <i>Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present</i> . Bridge Books, Wrexham. p.176; and Naisby E (2015) written personal communication).
late C16th	Central chimney inserted using hand-made bricks introduced into the Vale of Clwyd by Flemish craftsmen after Bach y Graig was built in 1567 (Naisby A (Ed) (2006) <i>Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present</i> . Bridge Books, Wrexham, p.178).
undated	A second fireplace was added using this central chimney in the room of what became Paradwys Isaf, as indicated by the smaller size of the bressumer Brooks I (2015) EAS Client Report 2015/03, SH08321 53984, Blaenau Ffestiniog, Gwynedd, LL41 3NW,Wales).
undated	Croglofft inserted, probably reached by a ladder fixed to the wall. (Naisby A (Ed) (2006) <i>Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present</i> . Bridge Books, Wrexham, p.178, as shown in Plate 6 of the Building Report of Brooks I

(2015) EAS Client Report 2015/03, SH08321 53984, Blaenau Ffestiniog, Gwynedd, LL41 3NW, Wales).

- 1630** The parks of 'Clocaynog' and Pool combined were sold for £400. Prior to this they had been part of Ruthin Castle parkland belonging to the monarch.
(Naisby A (Ed) (2006) *Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present*. Bridge Books, Wrexham. pp.26-7)
- undated** Wynne family involved with leases and bonds with Sir Thomas Middleton of Pwll Parc concerning a "messuage and tenement" called Paradwys.
(Naisby A (Ed) (2006) *Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present*. Bridge Books, Wrexham, p.180)
- undated** (possibly 16th century) Cellar dug with stone steps leading from inside the house. Dwelling extended at both ends (though not necessarily at the same time).
(Naisby A (Ed) (2006) *Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present*. Bridge Books, Wrexham. p.178)
- undated** Chimneys added to each end wall
(Naisby A (Ed) (2006) *Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present*. Bridge Books, Wrexham. p.178)
- 1670** Sir Walter Bagot, 3rd baronet, married in 1670 Jane, daughter and heiress of Charles Salesbury of Bachymbyd and Pool Park (Denbighshire), whose family were extensive landowners in both Denbighshire and Merionethshire.
(The National Archives: <http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/c/F21548>)
- 1671** Johannes Evans paid a hearth tax for Paradwys (tax existed from 1662 until 1689)
(Naisby A (Ed) (2006) *Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present*. Bridge Books, Wrexham. p.180. NB. Original reference could not be found by the authors of the present report).
- 1718** 3rd August Johannes Evans buried from Paradwys
(Clocaenog Parish Register Book 1672-1812, Denbighshire Record Office)
- 1722** Paradwys leased to David Williams (junior) of Lodge.
(Naisby A (Ed) (2006) *Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present*. Bridge Books, Wrexham. p.180)
- 1730** David Wynne (son of Rowland Wynne of Bryngwyn and his wife Margaret) and his new wife Margaret (nee Jones) moved to a house nearby to Bryngwyn. They are next found in the records to be living in Paradwys.
(Naisby A (Ed) (2006) *Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present*. Bridge Books, Wrexham. p.180)
- 1730** Margaret Wynne daughter of David and Margaret Wynne, baptised 12th January
(Clocaenog Parish Register Book 1672-1812, Denbighshire Record Office)
- 1732** Elizabeth Wynne daughter of David and Margaret Wynne, baptised 27th December
(Clocaenog Parish Register Book 1672-1812, Denbighshire Record Office)

- 1733** David Wynne named as Inn Keeper at Paradwys (he was named as publican and stood surety for other publicans elsewhere over a prolonged period).
(Naisby A (Ed) (2006) *Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present*. Bridge Books, Wrexham. p.180)
- 1734** Roland Wynne son of David and Margaret Wynne, baptised 20th November
(Clocaenog Parish Register Book 1672-1812, Denbighshire Record Office)
- 1737** Jane Wynne daughter of David and Margaret Wynne, baptised 24th April
(Clocaenog Parish Register Book 1672-1812, Denbighshire Record Office)
- 1739** Katherine Wynne daughter of David and Margaret Wynne, baptised 26th August and buried 19th November in the same year.
(Clocaenog Parish Register Book 1672-1812, Denbighshire Record Office)
- 1740** Katherine Wynne (second with this forename) daughter of David and Margaret Wynne, baptised 1st November
(Clocaenog Parish Register Book 1672-1812, Denbighshire Record Office)
- 1742** Roland Wynne son of David and Margaret Wynne buried 22nd January.
(Clocaenog Parish Register Book 1672-1812, Denbighshire Record Office)
- 1742** Katherine Wynne (second with this forename) daughter of David and Margaret Wynne, buried 31st January.
(Clocaenog Parish Register Book 1672-1812, Denbighshire Record Office)
- 1742** Anne Wynne daughter of David and Margaret Wynne, baptised 8th December
(Clocaenog Parish Register Book 1672-1812, Denbighshire Record Office)
- 1745** David Wynne son of David and Margaret Wynne, baptised 10th April
(Clocaenog Parish Register Book 1672-1812, Denbighshire Record Office)
- 1760** David Wynne died aged 15. 'Paradise' is named in this entry.
(Clocaenog Parish Register Book 1672-1812, Denbighshire Record Office)
- 1769** Margaret Wynne of Paradwys buried 14th June
(Clocaenog Parish Register Book 1672-1812, Denbighshire Record Office)
- 1776** A licence was granted to David Wynne to keep a common inn and alehouse (Roland Wynne and John Jones stood surety for him for £10 each). The conditions were that he '... shall keep and maintain good order and rule, and shall suffer no disorders nor unlawful games to be used in his said house, nor in any outhouse, Yard, Garden, or backhouse, thereunto belonging, during the same term, then this Recognizance shall be void.' The Justices of the Peace were R Parry and John Mostyn (junior)'.
(Naisby A (Ed) (2006) *Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present*. Bridge Books, Wrexham, p.190. Mrs Naisby has a copy of this document)
- 1778** David Wynne of Clocaenog mentioned in a recognizance in which he stood surety of £10 for Robert Jones to keep an Alehouse in Efenechtyd.
(Transcripts - Alehouse Licences, DD/DM/1312/12, Denbighshire Record Office)

- 1788** 11th March David Wynne (senior) buried aged 87 years old, remaining the publican of Paradwys until he died.
(Clocaenog Parish Register Book 1672-1812, Denbighshire Record Office)
- 1793** Licence issued to Robert Jones publican (he was husband of Jane, daughter of David and Margaret Wynne)
(Naisby A (Ed) (2006) *Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present*. Bridge Books, Wrexham, p.180)
- 1797** 11th May David Powell of Paradwys buried.
(Clocaenog Parish Register Book 1672-1812, Denbighshire Record Office)
- 1799** 1st May Jane Jones, wife of John Jones of Paradwys, buried.
(Clocaenog Parish Register Book 1672-1812, Denbighshire Record Office)
- 1810** 3rd October marriage of Robert Roberts and Anne Jones, daughter of John Jones.
(Clocaenog Parish Register Book 1672-1812, Denbighshire Record Office)
- NB. Ann signed her name but Robert had only put his mark)
(Original document seen by Naisby A (Ed) (2006) *Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present*. Bridge Books, Wrexham, p.180).
- 1811** Census giving evidence of two families living in Paradwys - John Jones and Robert Jones were still there but also Robert Roberts and Anne Roberts (nee Jones)
(Naisby A (Ed) (2006) *Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present*. Bridge Books, Wrexham, p.180. NB. The authors of the current report have been unable to source this census).
- 1813** 4th February David Roberts born at Paradwys, son of Robert Roberts (publican) and Anne Roberts, baptised.
(Clocaenog Parish Register, on Microfiche film 471, Denbighshire Record Office)
- 1815** 14th June William Roberts born at Paradwys, son of Robert Roberts (publican) and Anne Roberts, baptised.
(Clocaenog Parish Register, on Microfiche film 471, Denbighshire Record Office)
- 1820** 16th November Hugh Roberts born at Paradwys, son of Robert Roberts (publican) and Anne Roberts, baptised.
(Clocaenog Parish Register, on Microfiche film 471, Denbighshire Record Office)
- 1821** Robert Jones of Paradwys buried.
(Clocaenog Parish Register, on Microfiche film 471, Denbighshire Record Office)
- 1823** Robert Roberts gave 2/6 (two shillings and sixpence) towards the building of a new school.
(Naisby A (Ed) (2006) *Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present*. Bridge Books, Wrexham, p.181)

- 1823** 16th November Anne Roberts was baptised, daughter of Robert Roberts (publican) and Anne Roberts of Paradwys.
(Clocaenog Parish Register, on Microfiche film 471, Denbighshire Record Office)
- 1826** 1st January Gabriel Roberts was baptised, son of Robert Roberts (publican) and Anne Roberts of Paradwys.
(Clocaenog Parish Register, on Microfiche film 471, Denbighshire Record Office)
- 1827** Evidence of Robert Roberts paying £30 to run a public house at the Paradise, and that Edward Lewis of the Plough, Clocaenog, stood surety of £20 for him to do so. The conditions were that he '... shall keep the true Assize in uttering and selling Bread and other Victuals, Beer, Ale, and other Liquors, in his House, and shall not fraudulently dilute or adulterate the same, and shall not use in uttering and selling thereof any Pots or other Measures that are not of full size, and shall not wilfully or knowingly permit Drunkenness or Tippling, nor get drunk in his House or other Premises, nor knowing suffer any Gaming, with Cards, drafts, Dice, Bagatelle or any other sedentary Game in his House or any of the Outhouses, Appurtenances or Easements thereto belonging to Journeymen, Labourers, Servants, or Apprentices, not knowingly introduce, permit or suffer any Bull, Bear, or Badger baiting, Cock fighting, or other such Sport or Amusement in any part of his premises, nor shall knowingly or designedly and with a View to harbour or entertain such, permit, or suffer Men or Women of notoriously bad Fame, or dissolute Boys or Girls to assemble and meet together in his House, or any of the Premises thereto belonging, nor shall keep open his House, nor permit or suffer any Drinking or Tippling in any part of his, her, or their Premises during the usual Hours of Divine Service on Sundays, nor shall keep open his House or other Premises during late Hours of the Night or early in the morning for any other Purpose than the Reception of Travellers; but do keep a good Rule and Order therein ...'
(From a licence granted by JPs Joseph Peers and Ellis Roberts, and cited in Naisby A (Ed) (2006) *Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present*. Bridge Books, Wrexham, pp.190-1. Mrs Naisby has a copy of this document).
- Some time shortly after this (exact date unclear) Paradwys ceased to be a tavern.
(Naisby A (Ed) (2006) *Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present*. Bridge Books, Wrexham, p.181)
- 1831** Paradwys mentioned in Lease and release document 26th/27th Aug:
- (i) Hugh Davies of Wernfechan, parish of Llanrhydd, co. Denbigh, gent, assignee of the estate of Richard Roberts of Ruthin, co. Denbigh, draper and grocer, a bankrupt.
 - (ii) Richard Roberts described above.
 - (iii) John Phillips of Oswestry, co. Salop, draper.
- A half-share in two messuages, burgages or dwelling houses, shop and outbuildings called the White Horse public house and the dwelling house or shop adjoining near to the Town Hall (further described) on land previously called yr Hen Ardd; messuages called Tynycelyn, Tyn y Llyn, and Ty Coch with lands containing ten acres and a messuage called Paradwys with lands containing one acre and three roods in the parish of Clocaenog. Consideration: £250.
(DD/RC/1023 Denbighshire Record Office)

1832 Paradwys mentioned in further mortgage document 19th Oct:

- (i) Eleanor Roberts of Ruthin, widow.
- (ii) John Roberts of Ruthin, co. Denbigh, grocer, and Richard Roberts of the same place, draper.
- (iii) Richard Roberts of Tynygraig in the parish of Llanrhaeadr, co. Denbigh, gent.
- (iv) Edward Smart of Mwrog street, parish of Llanfwrog, co. Denbigh.
- (v) Nathaniel Minshall of Oswestry, co. Salop, gent.
- (vi) Robert Roberts of Tyddyn Issa, parish of Derwen, co. Denbigh, gent.
- (vii) Thomas Minshall of Oswestry, gent.

Two messuages and shop and outbuildings called The White Horse public house and dwelling house and shop adjoining near the town hall in the town and borough of Ruthin (further described) previously before the erection of the dwelling houses called Yr Hen Ardd. Messuage called Tynycelyn and ten acres of land; Ty Coch and two acres, and Paradwys and one acre (all further described) in Clocaenog from (i) to (iii).

Consideration: securing of £1,700 and interest.

(DD/RC/1309 Denbighshire Record Office)

1836 Conveyance 23 May 1836:

- (i) Edward Smart of Llanfwrog, co. Denbigh, gent.
- (ii) Richard Roberts of Ruthin, draper.
- (iii) John Roberts of Oswestry, co. Salop, druggist.

Equity of redemption on the White Horse public house, Ruthin, messuages called Tyn Llyn, Ty Coch, and Paradwys in the parish of Clocaenog, with schedule of deeds.

Consideration: sums of £150 and £300.

(DD/RC/1025 Denbighshire Record Office)

1836 Abstract of title of the late John Roberts of Oswestry:

To a half-share in two messuages, burgages or dwelling houses, shop and outbuildings called the White Horse public house and the dwelling house or shop adjoining near to the Town Hall (further described) on land previously called Yr Hen Ardd; messuages called Tynycelyn, Tyn y Llyn, and Ty Coch with lands containing ten acres and a messuage called Paradwys with lands containing one acre and three roods in the parish of Clocaenog, 1809-1836.

(DD/RC/1026 Denbighshire Record Office)

(The above documents from 1831, 1832 and 1836 relate to properties that were owned by Eleanor Roberts and her two sons, both of whom had shops on the Square in Ruthin and one of whom (Richard) went bankrupt. The other brother (John) moved to Oswestry and must have done well as Edward Smart to whom he had mortgaged the property sold him his last remaining rights to the White Lion on the Square (now the Ruthin Castle) as he had repaid his debts).

undated (probably 19th century, before the roof was slated) House divided into two dwellings and two lean-to rooms added at the back
(Naisby A (Ed) (2006) *Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present*. Bridge Books, Wrexham, pp.178-9)

undated Staircase added to Paradwys Uchaf to replace the ladder, and another staircase added to Paradwys Isaf
(Naisby A (Ed) (2006) *Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present*. Bridge Books, Wrexham, p.179)

1841 Tithe Map Apportionment for Paradwys indicates that the landowner was John Jones and the occupier was John Price:

LANDOWNER	OCCUPIER	FIELD	DESCRIPTION	CULTIVATION	QUANTITY		
					A	R	P
John Jones	John Price	272	Yr Erw Cefn	Pasture	-	3	14
		295	House		-	-	29
		296	Yr Erw	Arable	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>18</u>
					2	0	21

Rent charge £0 8s. 1d.

(Clocaenog Tithe Map Apportionment; Film no. 735; Denbighshire Record Office)

1841 (Unable to locate the census data for Clocaenog parish this year and Denbighshire Record Office confirmed that this document is missing).

1851 Census indicates the following to be living in Paradwys:
Thomas Hughes, head, married, aged 30, agricultural labourer, b.Clocaenog, Denbs
Elizabeth Hughes, wife, married, aged 26, b.Gwyddelwern, Merionethshire.
Elizabeth Hughes, daughter, aged 4, b.Derwen, Denbs.
Margaret Hughes, daughter, aged 2, b.Clocaenog, Denbs.
Elizabeth Price, head, aged 70, annuitant and widow, b.Llanfwrog, Denbs.
Mary Price, daughter, aged 40, annuitant, b.Clocaenog, Denbs.
(NB. This census refers to the house as 'Paradise').
(1851 Census: Ancestry.co.uk
http://interactive.ancestry.co.uk/8861/DENHO107_2504_2505-0179)

1853 '2 dwelling houses and shop' recorded as being thatched.
(noted in document relating to Insurance taken out in 1853, Denbighshire Record Office, Ruthin, according to Naisby A (Ed) (2006) *Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present*. Bridge Books, Wrexham. p.178).

The insurance document noted above (1853) mentions the occupation of Robert Roberts as grocer.
(Naisby A (Ed) (2006) *Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present*. Bridge Books, Wrexham. p.178).

post-1853 Purlins raised when the thatched roof was replaced with slates, and windows added to first floor rooms.

(photograph in Naisby A (Ed) (2006) *Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present*. Bridge Books, Wrexham. p.179).

- 1860** 3rd June Ellen Lewis, daughter of Edward Lewis (tailor) and Margaret Lewis, was baptised.
(Clocaenog Parish Register, on Microfiche film 471, Denbighshire Record Office)
- 1861** Census (1861) indicates the following to be living in Paradwys:
Three families were living in the building, consisting of:
Mary Price, head, aged 51, annuitant, b.Clocaenog, Denbs.
Buddug Davies, visitor, aged 26, b.Wrexham, Denbs.
Catherine Jones, head, unmarried, aged 59, annuitant, b. Llanfwrog, Denbs.
Edward Lewis, head, married, aged 28, tailor master, b.Clocaenog, Denbs.
Margaret Lewis, wife, aged 26, b. Denbigh, Denbs.
Ellinor Lewis, daughter, aged 1, b. Clocaenog, Denbs.
(1861 Census: Ancestry.co.uk
http://interactive.ancestry.co.uk/8768/DENRG9_4289_4297-0398)
- 18th August Thomas Lewis, son of Edward Lewis (tailor) and Margaret Lewis, was baptised.
(Clocaenog Parish Register, on Microfiche film 471, Denbighshire Record Office)
- 1863** 3rd April Edward Lewis, son of Edward Lewis (tailor) and Margaret Lewis, was baptised.
(Clocaenog Parish Register, on Microfiche film 471, Denbighshire Record Office)
- 1863** 14th August Marriage of Thomas Evans (husbandman from Felin Cyffylliog) and Mary Price spinster of Paradwys, householder, who was the daughter of John Price, School Master. Thomas made his mark but Mary signed the document.
(Clocaenog Parish Register, on Microfiche film 471, Denbighshire Record Office)
- 1867** The Lewis family (see above) had left Paradwys and were living in Ty Coch Tavern, Clocaenog, by this year.
(Clocaenog Parish Register, on Microfiche film 471, Denbighshire Record Office)
- 1871** Census indicates the following to be living in Paradwys:
Thomas Hughes, head, aged 49, highway labourer, b.Clocaenog, Denbs.
Elizabeth Hughes, wife, aged 46, b. Gwyddelwern, Merionethshire.
Henry Hughes, lodger, aged 25, carpenter, b.Llanrhaiadr, Denbs.
Thomas Evans, head, aged 59, agricultural labourer, b.Cyffylliog, Denbs.
Mary Evans, wife, aged 62, b.Clocaenog, Denbs.
John E Roberts, boarder and schoolmaster, aged 17, b.Ruthin, Denbs.
(1871 Census: Ancestry.co.uk
http://interactive.ancestry.co.uk/7618/DENRG10_5664_5668-0014)
- 1874** Elizabeth Roberts, daughter of Edward Roberts (labourer) and Margaret Roberts from Paradwys baptised on April 5th.
Jonathon Hughes, illegitimate son of Mary Hughes from Paradwys also baptised on April 5th.
(Clocaenog Parish Register, on Microfiche film 471, Denbighshire Record Office)

- 1877** 7th January Jane Elizabeth illegitimate daughter of Margaret Hughes of Paradwys (servant) and James Morris (labourer) was baptised.
(Clocaenog Parish Register, on Microfiche film 471, Denbighshire Record Office)
- 1881** Census indicates the following to be living in Paradwys:
Thomas Hughes, head, aged 60, highway labourer, b.Clocaenog, Denbs.
Elizabeth Hughes, wife, aged 57, b.Gwyddelwern, Merionethshire
Jonathon Hughes, grandson, aged 7, scholar, b.Clocaenog, Denbs.
John Jones, head, aged 27, domestic gardener, b. Clocaenog, Denbs.
Elizabeth Jones, wife, aged 23, b.Derwen, Denbs.
Thomas Jones, son, aged 2 months, b. Clocaenog, Denbs.
(1881 Census: Ancestry.co.uk
http://interactive.ancestry.co.uk/8059/DENRG11_5524_5529-0046)
- (NB. It seems probable that the Jonathon Hughes mentioned here was the illegitimate son of Mary Hughes, who had been born in 1874).
- 1885** John Jones, died aged 84 and was buried "from Paradwys"
(Naisby A (Ed) (2006) *Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present*. Bridge Books, Wrexham, p.181)
- 1891** Census indicates the following to be living in Paradwys:
John Jones, head, aged 37, gardener, b.Clocaenog, Denbs.
Elizabeth Jones, wife, aged 33, b.Derwen, Denbs.
Thomas Jones, son, aged 10, elementary scholar, b.Clocaenog, Denbs.
Mary Elizabeth Jones, daughter, aged 8, elementary scholar, b.Clocaenog, Denbs.
Winifred Jones, daughter, aged 6, elementary scholar, b.Clocaenog, Denbs.
John Albert Jones, son, aged one month, b.Clocaenog, Denbs.
Thomas Hughes, head, aged 70, retired general labourer, b.Clocaenog, Denbs.
Elizabeth Hughes, wife, aged 66, b.Gwyddelwern, Merionethshire
NB. All the residents of Paradwys in this census spoke only Welsh.
(1891 Census: Ancestry.co.uk
http://interactive.ancestry.co.uk/6897/DENRG12_4621_4625-0304)
- 1900** According to the Electoral Roll John Jones and his wife Mary 'kept shop'
(Naisby A (Ed) (2006) *Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present*. Bridge Books, Wrexham, p.181. Source could not be verified at Denbighshire Record Office in 2015 because the document was considered to be too fragile)
- 1901** According to the Electoral Roll John Jones was resident in Paradwys but no more detail was given.
(Clocaenog Electoral Register Book, Denbighshire Record Office: QSD/DK/2/223)
- 1901** Census indicates the following to be at Paradwys:
John Jones, head, aged 47, domestic gardener, b.Clocaenog, Denbs.
Thomas Hughes, head, aged 80, ordinary ag. lab*, b.Clocaenog, Denbs.
Elizabeth Hughes, wife, aged 77, b.Gwyddelwern, Merionethshire
* now working despite being recorded as retired in 1891
NB. All the residents of Paradwys in this census spoke English and Welsh.
(1901 Census: Ancestry.co.uk
http://interactive.ancestry.co.uk/7815/DENRG13_5228_5235-0331)

- 1906** January 22nd, Thomas Jones buried aged 85.
(Clocaenog Parish Register, on Microfiche film 471, Denbighshire Record Office)
- 1911** Census indicates the following to be at Paradwys:
John Jones, head, aged 57, gardener (domestic), b.Clocaenog, Denbs.
Elizabeth Jones, wife, aged 53, b.Derwen, Denbs.
Jennett Harriet Jones, daughter, aged 19, single, assistant teacher County Council (school) , b.Clocaenog, Denbs.
Robert Christmas Jones, son, aged 17, single, grocer's assistant, b.Clocaenog, Denbs.
John Henry Richards, boarder, aged 25, single, Head Teacher County Council (school), b.Cefn Mawr, Denbs.
David James, visitor, aged 45, Calvinistic Methodist minister from Troedynant, Cardigan
The census reports that everyone living on the premises spoke both English and Welsh and that John and Elizabeth Jones had been married for 31 years and had had six children, all still living. At this time the building comprised of six rooms in total.
(1911 Census: Ancestry.co.uk
http://interactive.ancestry.co.uk/2353/rg14_34101_0077_06/857619?backurl=http%3a%2f%2fsearch.ancestry.co.uk%2f%2fcgi-bin%2fsse.dll%3findiv%3d1%26db%3d1911Wales%26gss%3dangs-d%26new%3d1%26rank%3d1%26msT%3d1%26gsfn%3dJennett%2bHarriet%26gsln%3dJones%26msbdy%3d1895%26msbpn__ftp%3dClocaenog%252c%2bDenbighshire%252c%2bWales%26msbpn%3d89601%26msbpn_PInfo%3d8-%257c0%257c0%257c3257%257c5250%257c0%257c0%257c0%257c5363%257c89601%257c0%257c%26MSAV%3d1%26uidh%3dj8%26pcat%3d35%26fh%3d0%26h%3d857619%26recoff%3d%26ml_rpos%3d1&ssrc=&backlabel=ReturnRecord)
- 1912** Alterations made to the house, as two dwellings.
(*photograph in Naisby A (Ed) (2006) Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present*. Bridge Books, Wrexham, p.175 and anecdotal evidence passed to Audrey Naisby)
- 1916** Grandfather Jones, buried aged 84. It is said he died in the bedroom above the shop and because there was only a ladder up the wall to reach the croglofft they had to wait until rigor mortis set in before he could be lowered through the hole in the ceiling.
(Anecdotal evidence passed to Audrey Naisby. *Naisby A (Ed) (2006) Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present*. Bridge Books, Wrexham, p.181).
- 1917** Baby Nesta Elizabeth Richards' birth was registered, daughter of J.H.Richards (schoolmaster) who was lodging in Paradwys and his wife Elizabeth (nee Jones), daughter of his landlord.
(*Naisby A (Ed) (2006) Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present*. Bridge Books, Wrexham. p.181.NB. Naisby's book states 1918 but birth registered in last quarter of 1917, see:
http://search.ancestry.co.uk/cgi-bin/sse.dll?indiv=1&db=ONSBirth84&gss=angs-d&new=1&rank=1&msT=1&gsfn=Nesta+Elizabeth&gsln=Richards&msbdy=1917&msbpn__ftp=Clocaenog%2c+Denbighshire%2c+Wales&msbpn=89601&msbpn_PInfo=8-

- 1918** May 13th Nesta Elizabeth Richards buried, aged 7 months.
(Clocaenog Parish Register, on Microfiche film 471, Denbighshire Record Office)
- 1925** April 11th Elizabeth Jones (shopkeeper), grandmother to Nesta, buried aged 67.
(Clocaenog Parish Register, on Microfiche film 471, Denbighshire Record Office)
- 1927** 30th November John Jones buried aged 74, widower of Elizabeth Jones above.
(Clocaenog Parish Register, on Microfiche film 471, Denbighshire Record Office)
- 1928** Bagot Estate broken up and put up for sale.
Paradwys was described as follows in the Pool Park Sale Catalogue:

A Very Desirable Country Cottage and Garden
PARADWYS
together with
over 2 Acres of Land
situate in the village of Clocaenog, now or late in the occupation of Mr John Jones.
The Roomy House, which is probably of seventeenth century origin, has a pleasant position and
contains: Parlour, Kitchen, Back Kitchen, Living Room, Pantry and 3 Bedrooms, separate Wash-house
and Bakehouse.
An Excellent Garden
Studded with Fruit trees adjoins the House.
The Outbuildings include: 2-divisioned Hayshed, Piggery, Shippon for 2 cows and Calfcote.
Altogether a very Attractive Small Property, such as appeals to the Retired Countryman or as a
Country residence for the Urban Dweller.

Schedule

Description	Area
House, Land and Buildings	1.122
Field	.793
Garden	.140
	2.055

(Catalogue excerpt reproduced in Naisby A (Ed) (2006) *Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present*. Bridge Books, Wrexham, p.182)

- 1929** Sale of Paradwys - bought by Thomas Jones, a railway traffic inspector of Rhualt, near Ruthin. It was sold as ...
1 cottage and garden
2 fields
totalling almost 3 acres of land.
Cae'r Aber field was sold on to John Roberts of Glan Aber
Paradwys retained the field behind and the one opposite the house.

(Naisby A (Ed) (2006) *Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present*. Bridge Books, Wrexham, p.181)

- 1930** 20th November Evan Evans (21) and Ellen Evans (nee Roberts) (19) were married.
(Clocaenog Parish Register, on Microfiche film 471, Denbighshire Record Office)
- They came to live in Paradwys when they got married.
(Naisby A (Ed) (2006) *Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present*. Bridge Books, Wrexham, p.182, and personal communication)
- 1931** 18th October Norah Evans baptised, daughter of Evan Evans and Ellen Evans
(Clocaenog Parish Register, on Microfiche film 471, Denbighshire Record Office)
- 1933** 5th March Glenys Evans baptised, daughter of Evan Evans and Ellen Evans
(Clocaenog Parish Register, on Microfiche film 471, Denbighshire Record Office)
- 1934** Lilian Sarah Edwards baptised. The Edwards family moved out of Paradwys when Lilian was six weeks old.
(Naisby A (Ed) (2006) *Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present*. Bridge Books, Wrexham, p.182 and personal communication)
- 1935** 24th February Robert Albert Bignell baptised, son of Ernest Sydney Bignell (timber feller) and his wife Mabel Bignell whilst living in Paradwys Uchaf.
(Clocaenog Parish Register, on Microfiche film 471, Denbighshire Record Office)
- undated** Mr and Mrs H Roberts (he was an auctioneer) stayed in Paradwys 'for a short time'.
(Naisby A (Ed) (2006) *Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present*. Bridge Books, Wrexham, p.182)
- 1937** 9th May Eluned Evans baptised, daughter of Evan Evans and Ellen Evans.
(Clocaenog Parish Register, on Microfiche film 471, Denbighshire Record Office)
- 1943** 3rd October Norman Evans baptised, son of Evan Evans and Ellen Evans
(Clocaenog Parish Register, on Microfiche film 471, Denbighshire Record Office)
- 1945** Mrs Catherine Richard Jones (of Nant y Celyn) bought Paradwys and lived there with her son in Paradwys Isaf. Her niece Miss Gwen Evans lived in Paradwys Uchaf, moving out when the council properties in Maes Caenog were newly built c.1951.
(Naisby A (Ed) (2006) *Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present*. Bridge Books, p.182)
- undated** Mrs Catherine Jones died and her son Meirion Jones sold the whole property to Mr and Mrs Frost from Birkenhead.
(Naisby A (Ed) (2006) *Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present*. Bridge Books, Wrexham, p.182)
- undated** Mr and Mrs Frost used Paradwys Uchaf as a weekend home until the death of Mr Frost, after which Mrs Frost never visited the cottage again.

(Naisby A (Ed) (2006) *Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present*. Bridge Books, Wrexham, p.182)

Early 1970s Just before Mr and Mrs Naisby purchased Paradwys two bathrooms had been built. (Naisby E (2015) written personal communication)

pre-1974 (undated) In wet weather the ground-water ran down the back wall, across the floor and was brushed out of the front door. (anecdotal; reported in Naisby A (Ed) (2006) *Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present*. Bridge Books, Wrexham, p.178)

1974 Audrey and Eddie Naisby moved into Paradwys. It was bought as 2 cottages - 'Paradwys Uchaf' and 'Paradwys Isaf'. Work then proceeded as follows ...

- Walls on either side of the central fireplace were now removed
 - Roof stripped and re-slatted
 - Rotten floorboards removed in 'Paradwys Uchaf' living room to return the room to a slate floor. Seal was applied between the flags.
 - Porch for 'Paradwys Isaf' bricked up and window inserted
 - Plasterboard wall removed to create one large kitchen
 - Crucks gradually uncovered
 - Many timbers now exposed showed possible reworking of old wood
 - Slot evident where a remembered ladder had accessed the croglofft above
 - Plaster removed from central fireplace to reveal bressemer beam of hidden fireplace and iron fireplace with oven
 - In lower room (old Paradwys Isaf) burnt flag of an original fire was visible beneath rubble - which may suggest that it was the site of an open hearth
 - Iron bars for smoking hams were visible in the later inserted fireplace
 - Access created from existing bedroom to space above the new kitchen area which exposed wattle and daub wall
 - Floor, front window and roof light inserted into new bedroom. Now it was possible to see how the roof had been raised when the thatch had been replaced with slates in the 19th century
 - Earth dug away from back wall to cure the damp and allow windows to be put in. The shippon wall had to be hastily supported when it was obvious that the wall there was not as deep as the rest of the rear wall
- (Naisby E (2015) and Naisby A. (2015) written personal communications)

NB. Mr Naisby explained the reasoning for buying Paradwys at this time in such a sorry state of repair. "It was for the quality of the land and the depth of soil behind the house (a sheep field then) which was important for our plan to develop a self-sufficiency life style."

(Naisby E and A Naisby (2015) written personal communications)

c.1976 The warped iron window frames were replaced with wooden frames and double glazing was put in. (Naisby E and A Naisby (2015) written personal communications)

1987 Completion of conversion of shippon and dairy into living accommodation. Prior to this the shippon had three stalls and iron-bar divisions. The floor was cobbled on two levels.

Conversion work included ...

- Levelling the floor
- Larger window inserted in front wall
- Window inserted into the gable end
- Ceiling beams and floor inserted to make fifth bedroom
- Lean-to replaced
- Bathroom and kitchen installed with a rear door access
- Staircase made with timber from Liverpool docks

In later years this accommodation was used as a holiday let.

(Naisby E (2015) written personal communication)

- 2006** Publication of Naisby A (Ed) (2006) *Clocaenog Parish and its People: Past and Present*. Bridge Books, Wrexham, the editor being the owner of Paradwys.
- 2014** June - samples taken for Dendrochronology report September 2014 (Oxford Dendrochronology Laboratory Report 2014/26).
- 2015** (February) Building Report completed.(Brooks I (2015) EAS Client Report 2015/03, SH08321 53984, Blaenau Ffestiniog, Gwynedd, LL41 3NW, Wales).
- 2015** (July) current House History Report completed.

Timeline of Residents of Paradwys

Johannes Evans 1671 - named in Hearth Tax

1718 - d. at Paradwys

(Naisby 2006)

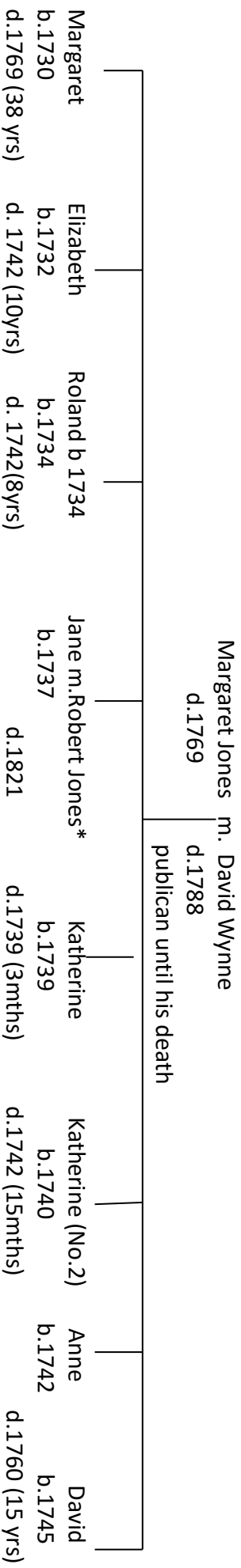
David Williams 1722 - had lease of Paradwys

(Naisby 2006)

Wynne Family

Undated 17th Century family involved in leases and bonds with Sir Thomas Middleton re. Paradwys

(Naisby 2006)



* (Robert Jones - licenced issued in 1793)

David Powell d.1797 of Paradwys
(Naisby 2006)

Jones / Roberts Family
(1811 census)

Jane Jones m. John Jones
d. 1799

Anne Jones m. Robert Roberts
1810 (Publican in 1827)
(Insurance doc.1853 - grocer may be a different person)

David b.1813 William b. 1815 Hugh b.1820 Anne b. 1823 Gabriel b.1825

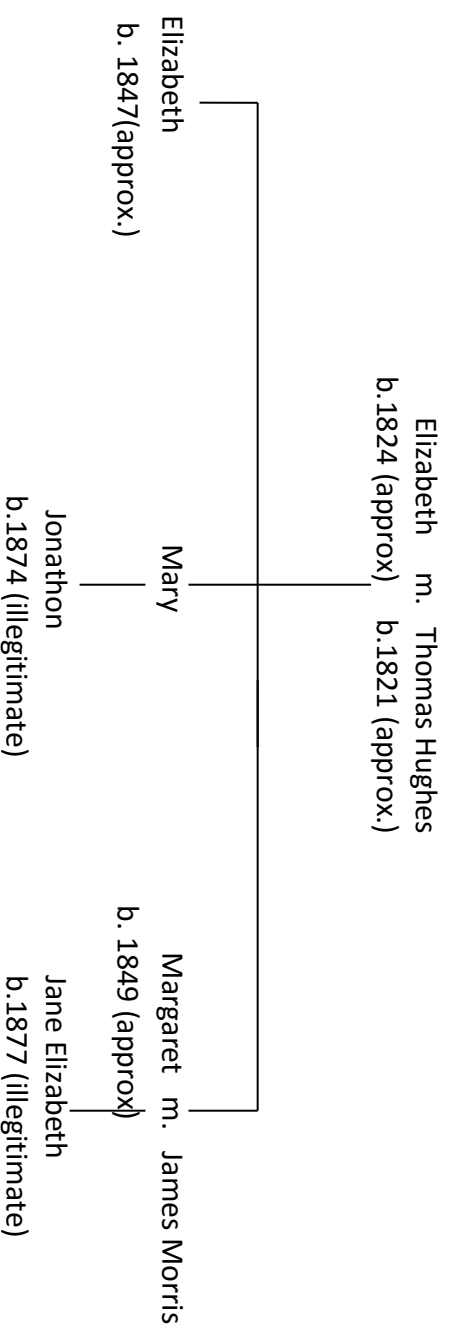
Price Family
(1851, 1861 census)

Elizabeth m. John Price

Mary m. Thomas Evans
1863
b. 1811 (approx)

Hughes Family

(1851, 1871, 1881, 1891, 1901 census)

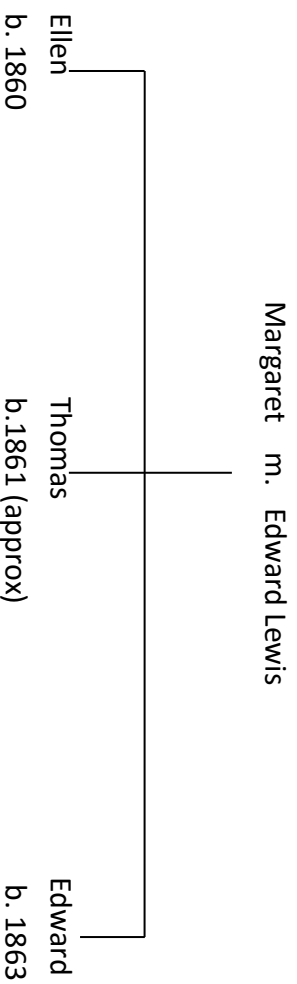


Henry Hughes - Lodger

(1871 census)

Lewis Family

(1861 census)

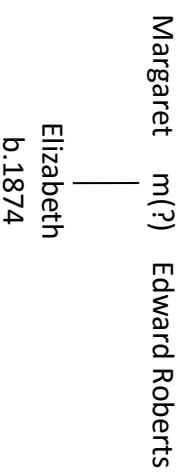


Buddug Davies - Visitor
(1861 census)

Catherine Jones - Head
(1861 census)

John E Roberts - Boarder
(1871 census)

Roberts Family (2)
(Not on census but
appear on Parish records)



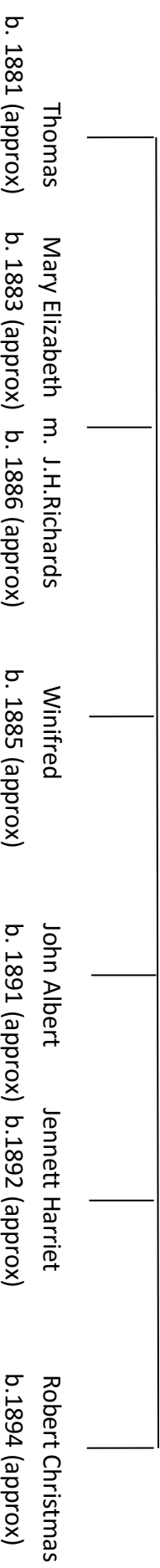
Jones Family (2)

(1881, 1891, 1901, 1911 census,
1900, 1901 Electoral Roll)

Elizabeth m. John Jones
1880(approx)

b. 1858 (approx) b. 1853 (approx)

d. 1925 d.1927



Nesta Elizabeth
b.1917
d. 1918

John Jones

d. 1885 (aged 84) but no obvious link to other Jones family members
(Naisby 2006)

David James - Visitor

(1911 census)
b. 1866 (approx)

Thomas Jones

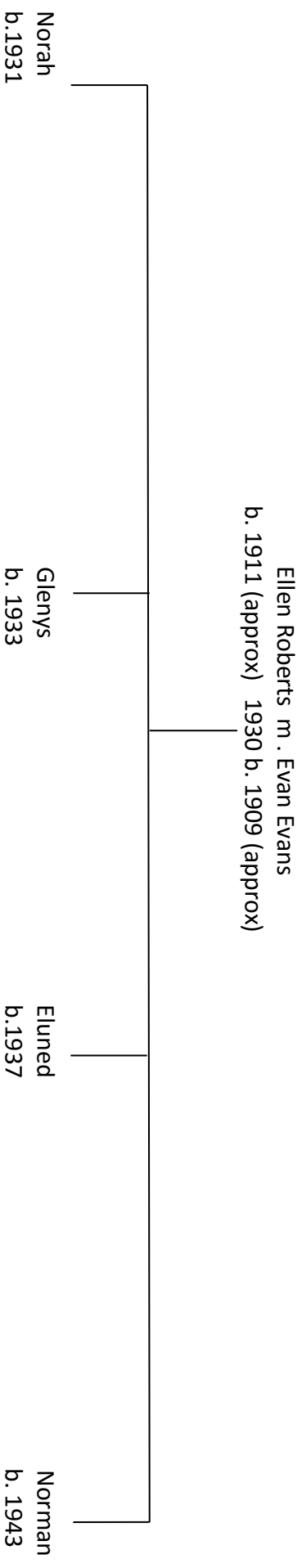
d. 1906 (aged 85) but no obvious link to other Jones family members
(Not on census but appears on Parish Register)

Thomas Jones

Bought Paradwys in 1929 - after break up of Bagot Estate
(Naisby 2006)

Evans Family

(On Parish Register,
Naisby 2006)



Edwards Family

Lived in Paradwys in 1934 but moved out in the same year
Lilian Sarah
b. 1934
(Naisby 2006)

Bignell Family
(Parish Register)

Mabel m. Ernest Sydney Bignell



Robert Albert
b. 1935

Mr & Mrs H. Roberts

Stayed in Paradwys for a short time
in the 1930s
(Naisby 2006)

Mrs Catherine Richard Jones

Bought Paradwys in 1945
Lived in Paradwys Isaf with
her son, Meirion
(Naisby 2006)

Miss Gwen Evans

(niece of Catherine Richard Jones)
lived in Paradwys Uchaf and moved
out in 1951 (approx.)
(Naisby 2006)

Mr & Mrs Frost

Bought Paradwys
from Meirion Jones
(Naisby 2006)

Eddie and Audrey Naisby

Bought Paradwys
1974
(Naisby 2006)