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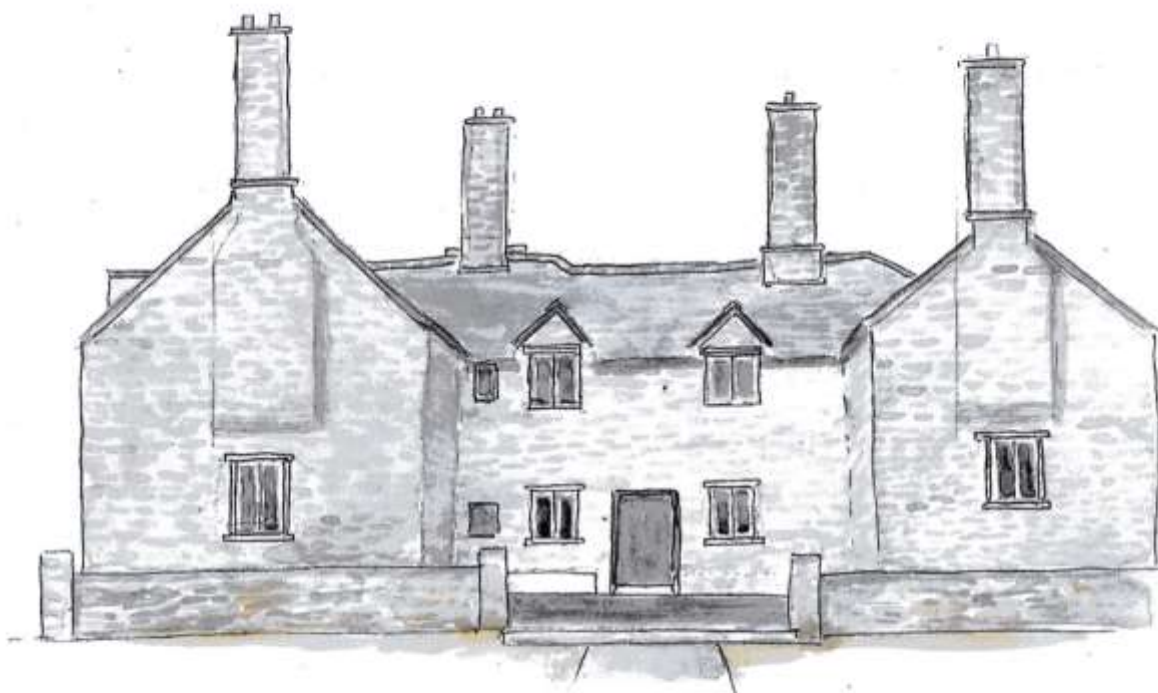
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PENGWERN

PENGWERN OLD HALL
Llan Ffestiniog, Gwynedd, LL 41 4PG

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HOUSE HISTORY RESEARCH
Written in the language chosen by the volunteers
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This gentry house, probably built in 1479 (ref. dendro) is unusual in that it remained in the same family for nearly 450 years, until 1919, albeit the male line failed twice and the name changed from Lewis to Wynn to Fletcher.

Built probably by Daffydd ap Ieuan ap Einion (of Cryniarth, Llanderfel) who claimed descent from Osbern Wyddel of Cors y Gedol, Dyffryn Ardudwy (ref history of Powys Fadog) and was Constable of Harlech Castle, he defended it for the Lancastrians during the Wars of the Roses (1455 - 85)

In 1463 he sheltered King Henry IV, Queen Margaret and their retinue there (History of Powys Fadog). He had married Margaret Puleston of Emral Hall Flintshire in 1443 or 1444. This family was an established, powerful family in North Wales. Daffydd's father had a sister, Mali, who married Hywel Sele 9th Lord of Nannau.

The original house may have been on a hill called Hen Blas SH 698435 (SH699435 Maes y Coed built by Mr. Shears). However the new house was a hall house with solar, both being timber with central fires.

Daffydd's son Ieuan inherited and was styled 'of Pengwern' and in 1542, his son by Isabel, Lewys likewise. Lewys married 3 times, first Anne, then Catrin daughter of Meredudd ab Ieuan ab Robert of Gwydir (the first of 3 alliances with this family) and lastly Margaret. He probably had 14 children and his heir in 1551 was John 'Llwyd' by Catrin. He adopted the Lewys surname. (2 October 1572 Elwes papers 238)

John married twice first Gwen then Margared and was still alive in 1588 (when Lewis Dunn was there). He is reported as having 4 sons and 3 daughters [John and his son Morris are mentioned 7 times in PRO SC 12-30-24 "encroachments" in Ffestiniog and Maentwrog 1575-80]

Morus (Maurice) was High Sheriff of Merioneth in 1596 and died 10 years later. It has been suggested that the status of the timber frame house needed raising to be commensurate with this office and so was encased with stone and another cross wing added and the tall chimneys built at about this time or perhaps earlier.

In the rent rolls of 1623 John Lewis is at Plas yn Hengwern.

Maurice's eldest son Robert died 1626 unmarried (history of Powys Fadog) or married with 5 daughters (Griffith pedigrees pg 227). However the second son John inherited, dying in 1649 aged 34 (if this age is true he was born in 1615 - something is not right). He was a barrister at Grays Inn, and his wife was Anne.

This couple had 3 sons and 1 daughter. The eldest son Robert predeceased his father and Maurice became his heir in 1649. Maurice married Catrin Wynn (daughter of Edward Wynn of Astrad and Blanch Vaughan. Edward was the son of Maurice Wynn of Gwydir by his second wife Catherine of Berain (MI Llanrhaedre). This is the second alliance with the Wynns of Gwydir.



Catherine Lewis

Maurice was High Sheriff in 1653-4. He died in 1656 and his will dated 22 March 1655 given by "word of mouth" mentions "my brother John Lewis"; "my sister Anne Mericke"; "brother-in-law Peter Mericke"; "daughter Katherine Lewis" is to be his heir with the proviso that "if Katherine Lewis being my wife, who is now great with child be brought to bed and delivered of a son" probate given 17 May 1656. This child was Anne born 28 March 1656 and she inherited when Katherine died 12 March 1669 at Gwydir Castle, Llanrwst, aged 16 years 8 months.

In July 1655 Maurice sent live fish to Sir Owen Wynn of Gwydir from Trawsfynydd pools.

A letter from Katherine Lewis to "brother" John Williams of Caerwedwyth near Pont y Gwynddel, Denbigh, dated 20 February 1664, is a mystery. It could be written by young Katherine or probably by her mother. John could be brother of Barbara Williams who married Robert Wynn, brother of elder Katherine (i.e. her brother-in-law) or a John Williams who marries a Wynn of Nerquis Hall, near Mold.

In 1689 Anne Lewis married Owen Wynn of Llwyn, her cousin (son of Robert Wynn and Barbara Williams). This is the third alliance with the Wynns of Gwydir.

On the 26 February 1693 her uncle John Lewis, the last male Lewis, died and Owen and Anne Wynn took up sole residence of Pengwern Hall.

Owen Wynn seems to have done a lot of renovation and building before his death on 25 November 1717 (MI Llanrhaeadre).



Two wills confirm Owen's death in 1717 (not 1701 as given in History of P F) John Wynn of Llwyn wrote the will dated 20 April 1715 and it includes, "my nephew Morris Wynn" and "my loving brother Owen Wynn of Pengwern sole executor" John died 19 February 1717 (MI Llanrhaeadre).



"Owen Wynn of Llwyn" written on 18 March 1716 includes "my son Maurice Wynn" and "my dear wife Anne Wynn" He died 25 march 1717 (MI Llanrhaeadre).

Thus Owen and Anne seem to have moved to Llwyn, Llanrhaeadre, Denbigh, as their primary home between April 1715 and March 1716. However Anne Wynn's administrators (12 April 1743) still gave her as "late of Pengwern" (Elwes paper 1307) and a document *Elwes 1143*, May 1 1752 gives Owen Wynn of Pengwern Esq. Another document *Elwes 1156* August 6 1772 given Owen Wynn of Wrexham late of Pengwern.

This Owen Wynn was the grandson of Owen and Anne being the only son of Maurice Wynn (1690 - 1737) and Elizabeth Edwards. There is a marriage settlement 11 June 1723 (D-SH-1433) Owen mortgaged the whole estate in 1728 for £1000 to James Conway of Cotton Hall probably to fund the office of High Sheriff 1729.

As a widow his mother Elizabeth redeemed the mortgage 21 June 1742 (D-M-1413) and remarried on 7 May 1743, Robert Meyrick in Ffestiniog Church. (Robert was grandson of Anne Lewis and Peter Meyrick).

A document 2-3 March 1752 (DSH 1438) is a deed to bar entail, so a female could inherit.



Owen (1724-1780) married twice. Firstly to Helen Seel on 28 July 1752 in Liverpool; she is more often referred to as Eleanor or Ellen (her father was a merchant and slave trader in Liverpool) by whom he had 3 sons and 1 daughter. After Eleanor's death 1 November 1761 (MI Overton on Dee) he married Susanna widow of John Lloyd of Broughton White Hall in 1772.

The 3 sons of Owen and Eleanor inherited Pengwern in succession but all died without issue:

Watkin Edward Wynn 1755-96

Owen Wynn 1757- 1805

Rev. Maurice Wynn 1760-1835

Watkin Edward Wynn married on 12 June 1782 at St Swithens, Walcote, Somerset, Anna Maria Mostyn (nee Meredydd) (MI Llanrhaeadre). He died of a fever on 21 October 1796 at Dover as Major Commandant of Merionethshire regiment of

Militia. From documents he seems to have lived at Llewesog Lodge, a Mostyn property.

Owen Wynn married on 10 September 1796 at St John's, Liverpool his cousin Amelia Maria Seel (1757-1806). Her mother was Frances Molyneaux and consequently Owen seems to have taken Molyneaux as a second name.

The Elwes paper 1423 is a will of Richard Wynn of Lombard St London, chemist dated 21 March 1788 and paper 1174 is the probate for this will 29 March 1788.



While 1175 dated 3 April 1788 gives Owen Wynn, druggist, as partner of Richard Wynn chemist and 1176 dated 4 April 1788 gives Owen Wynn of Lombard St, London, druggist, survivor of Richard Wynn his copartner. It mentions his 2 brothers, his step mother and other chemists.

If and how this Richard Wynn is related is a mystery. Later Owen appears to have been in partnership with Charles Hughes until 1792 (letters in Flint RO) and he lived at 7 Lombard St in 1794, Kings Bench Walk 1795 and Newgate St 1795. Was he a debtor?

After his marriage in 1796 and after inheriting the estate he is at Overton Hall, Overton on Dee (D-NH-1205).

Rev. Dr. Maurice Wynn died 27 May 1835 at the rectory, Bangor. LL.D of Llywn Denbighshire, the last male descendant of the house of Gwydir. Jesus Coll, Oxford. BCL

1790, DCL 1798. Presented to V Gt Wenlock 1793 by Sir W W Wynne, Bt; to Bangor in 1798 by P L Fletcher Esq and to the chapelry of Overton in the same year by Earl Grosvenor.

On his death Pengwern devolved to a nephew Rev. Lloyd Fletcher, son of Eleanor Wynn (1759-1828) and Phillips Lloyd Fletcher (1739-1808) of Gwernhalyled, Overton, Shropshire. He added Wynn to his name. He was rector of Overton. In 1842 he inherited the Nerquis Hall Estate from Miss Eliza Gifford (see Appendix A). He died unmarried 17 June 1864 and his estate was inherited by his unmarried nephew Thomas Hanmer Wynn Fletcher (1817-1867).

His brother Phillips Lloyd Fletcher (1822-1906) inherited and in turn left it to his four sisters:

Harrietta Esther Lloyd Fletcher	1830-1919
Frances Emma Fletcher	1833-1909
Mary Eleanor Lloyd Fletcher	1835-1910
Henrietta Esther Fletcher	1839-1934 who had married Rev. William James Elwes in 1873

Henrietta as the last surviving sister sold Pengwern Estate in 1919 and so it left the family after 440 years.

Whereas the earlier Wynns may have lived at Pengwern none of the last generation lived there and neither did the Fletcher-Wynns or later generations of Fletchers who mostly lived at Nerquis Hall. So from about 1750 onwards to perhaps 1937 it was tenanted.



OWNERSHIP of Pengwern since 1919



Vera Evelyn Mary, Lady Newborough bought Pengwern in 1919. It was partly a ruin and bracken was stored in the South West wing. She put in electricity and water; repaired and panelled some rooms. She was an absentee landlord.

In 1937 it sold to Captain John Sydney Mathews of Bryn Gauallt, Portmadoc. A slate quarry owner and farmer in 1939, he was the second son and fifth child of John Mathews, b.1859, Caerwys and Elizabeth Jones b. 1858 Cerrig y drudion they were teachers in that village. He did not register on the electoral rolls and appears to have had tenants there in 1939. (No electoral rolls available during World War 2). He died in 1975 in Carmarthen, but was buried in St, Mary's Churchyard, Rhuddlan where his parents and wife, Maud Mary, nee Gibson died in 1971, were buried. They had 2 daughters, Pauline Mary b. 1924 and Gwynneth Margaret b. 1925 both in Cardiff.

Pengwern appears to have been sold in 1946 to Mr. and Mrs. P.R.England. Philip Remington England, OBE was a cotton merchant b.1879 Manchester died September 1959 at a Liverpool nursing home but his will is of "Pengwern Old Hall" probate was £100,348.2.10. He attended Manchester University, was Leit. Col. Royal Army Service Corp. a cotton merchant who played chess and cricket. He came of a well to do family, his grand- father Samuel Simpson England was an independent minister and was 3 years on the committee which compiled the New Congregational Hymn Book, also chaplain at Mill Hill School. His father Edwin Bourdieu England was a lecturer in Classics. His maternal grandfather Samuel Marshall Bulley was a cotton broker. Interestingly he married twice - two sisters!! Firstly Amelia Annie Goldring, a nurse in 1922, she died childless in 1943 and Phillip then married her sister Frances Esther Goldring, a teacher on 17 June 1944 at St Asaph. The first time Phillip and Frances registered on the electoral roll was 1958 & 1959. From then until 1973 his widow Frances registered. She was interested in the history of the house and wrote articles. The Goldrings appear to have been modest people - their father Thomas, being a domestic gardener.

In 1974 the property was bought by Michael Hugh Ridsen Oldham for £58,000 (Dolgellau RO.Z-F-154) who lived there until his death in 1997. He was the only son of Norman Henry Oldham (1880-1939) and Kathleen Ivy Taylor (1892-1958) his second wife - they were married in Epsom in 1926. He had two step brothers, children of Norman's first wife Lucy Alice Phillips. He published under



the name Michael H R Oldham and his most famous book is called *The Book of the Beast*, a volume of poetry 1980. At Pengwern he had a printing press. His hobbies included music, gardening, political and historical research. He is reputed to have been an eccentric.

The next sale was on 13 January 1999 when Mr and Mrs Denis P Woodgate bought Pengwern Old Hall (Z-F-158). He was born 1946 in Bournemouth the second son and third child of James Woodgate and Freida Cecilia M.D.Yates. He was a co-director of BDW Fuels Ltd and race horse owner when he died in 2006 (newspaper). He had married in 1970 Kathleen M Harding and they had a son, Andrew David Harding Woodgate born 1973 in Bournemouth. However his partner at Pengwern was Beverly Barrett. He died as a student pilot of a helicopter that crashed near Wellsborne, his address being

Woodlands St Mary, Hungerford. Pengwern was inherited by his daughter, Mrs Evans, who with her husband converted the outbuildings and ran it as a holiday venue.

The present owner is Christine Jones and her partner bought it in 2013.

TENANTS of Pengwern

The first known tenants were Thomas Jones and David Morris, clerk, in a document dated 23 July 1752 (D-BC-1439) Thomas Jones was a non-starter for research

but David Morris, clerk, was easy, clerk in those times meant 'priest'.

He was Rector of Maentwrog and Ffestiniog 1729-1782 (MI Ffestiniog) born about 1700 buried 16 April 1782; his will was made on 30 April 1781 when he lived at Cynfal, Ffestiniog with property in Nantmor.

He married Anne and had 5 sons and 6 daughters. All except the the eldest son Robert were baptised in Ffestiniog Church; seven of whom were alive when he made his will. Of the sons, 2 followed the father into the church while 2 daughters married clergymen.

Admins. Dated 25 April 1766 to Dorothy Roberts relict of John Hugh, millwright, late husband of Pengwern. £225.8.0, inventory includes cattle worth £75.9.0, sheep £44 and three horses £7.15.0. John married Dorothy Roberts in 1735, they had a son Maurice and a daughter Gwen. John was buried on 28 Oct. 1765.

Mr Evan Owen, Pengwern 1800, wrote a will there on 2 March 1801 and died there 4 May 1801. He was an attorney, the son of Evan Owen and Elizabeth Nanney who married in Ffestiniog 21 May 1748

Evan Owen sen. died at Ty Isaf in 1772 and Elizabeth at Blaenddol in 1802 (MI Ffestiniog). Griffith Thomas was his clerk mentioned in the will.

Interestingly besides leaving money to his family Evan junior left £100 to Sir Edward Pryce Lloyd of Pengwern, Flint and £100 to Sir Edward's brother Bell Lloyd of Tyddyn Llan, Llandrillo;

£200 to Mrs Sarah Hawkes spinster; then servant to the Dowager Lady Amelia Lloyd late of Pengwern, Flint; she was the second wife of Sir Edward Lloyd who had died in 1795 childless; the above brothers were beneficiaries.

What connection Evan Owen had to this Lloyd family is unknown.



He also left £20 to "Captain William Wynn youngest son of the late William Wynn otherwise William Nanney of Maes y Newydd near Harlech. This suggests a family link between Evan Owen's mother



Elizabeth Nanney and the Nanneys connected to the Maes y Newydd Wynns.

Elizabeth Nanney was the daughter of Evan Nanney 1696-1745 and his wife Lowry Evans 1691-1787 (MI Ffestiniog). William Wynn of Maes y Newydd was the son of Robert Wynn and Lowry Nanney of Maes y Pand y Towyn Merionthshire and when her brother John Nanney died in 1775 William Wynn inherited the estate as long as he took the name "Nanney"

His youngest son Captain William Wynn was born before the name change.

The Captain was knighted in 1810 and died Governor of Sandown, Isle of Wight in 1855

Despite extensive research the connection has not been found- the parentage of Evan Nanney b. 1696 remains a mystery.

A gravestone in Ffestiniog in memory of Catherine Casson who died 1809 and her 2 children, William and Catherine says 'late of Pengwern'.

She was Catherine Evans who married William Casson on 8 September 1807 (Ffestiniog PR). Their children dying as infants in 1809 and 1810 William Casson with his brother Thomas Robert Casson bought Diffwys Quarry in 1799-1800

By 1824 (jury list Pro cres Z-1591) he is at Blaenddol, Ffestiniog.

His brother Thomas at this time is at Ty Uchaf but later both live at Blaenddol, until their deaths:-

William 15 June 1839; Thomas 7 Feb 1839 but Ester his widow lived on there until 1852. The

Casson family came from Seathaite, Cumberland. Later generations were bankers and solicitors in the area. Thomas' g-great grandson, Sir Lewis Thomas Casson 1876-1969, a theatre director

married (Agnes) Sybil Thorndike 1882-1976 famous actor on 22 December 1908. BLAENDDOL although virtually next to Pengwern belonged to John Wynn son of John Wynn, Bishop of Bath and Wells and Anne Pugh the owners of the Dol y moch Estate Maentwrog. No connection has been found between these 2 Wynn families. In 1803 it was tenanted by Mrs Elizabeth Owen.

(D-SH-824) this has an addition in pencil "sold to Mr Casson", but no date.

(D-SH-816) Rent Rolls of 1809, 1810, 1811 show it was now in ownership of John's brother Rt.

Hon. Sir William Wynn and still lists Blaenddol with tenant Mr William Turner, who was a partner of the Cassons. By 1820-21 the estate now belonged to W.J.Bankes, nephew of the Wynns and the Rent Rolls still includes Blaenddol with Thomas Casson as tenant.

The next available Rent Roll is for 1839. (D-SH-776) and it does not include Blaenddol, the tithe of 1840 gives George Casson as owner.

So I believe Thomas was happy to be a tenant while he lived but after he died in 1839 his son George, a banker in Portmadoc, bought it.



While the Tithe of 1842 gives Richard Roberts paying £5.18.0 for 184 acres and the Rent Rolls of 1853 gives Margaret Roberts widow as tenants.

In ZM-2307 of 1867 still gives M.Roberts and Robert and Ellen Roberts as tenants.

This also states “4-5 apartments much out of repair”, yet Margaret does not appear in the census and Robert and Ellen do not appear until 1861.

Closer examination of the tithe 1842, rent rolls of 1853 and the 1867 estate book reveals that Richard Roberts also held Clogwynbrith in 1842, while in 1853 and 1867 Margaret, widow, was there.

Census data confirms that this family lived at Clogwynbrith 1841-1881 (MI Ffestiniog and wills)

A Summary of the Censuses 1841- 1911:

1841	4 households	24 people
1851	3 “	17 “
1861	4 “	19 “
1871	5 “	27 “
1881	4 “	17 “
1891	4 “	22 “
1901	3 “	12 “
1911	1 “	6 “

Some of the households stay 40 years while others less than 10.

So the:

Roberts family appear in 1861 - 1901

Pierce 1841 - 1861

these families are linked by a marriage in 1851 between John Roberts 2nd son of Robert and Margaret and Sussanah Pierce daughter of William and Ann.

Williams 1861 - 1901 but Cadwaladr Williams had married Mary Hughes a family resident in 1841—1851.



See **Appendix B** for details of censuses.

There were Jones families in Pengwern in 1841 & 1851 and with the help of (74) T Ceiri Griffith Pedigrees they were identified as follows:-

Richard Jones had married Margaret Lloyd on 22 May 1830 in Ffestiniog. She was born in 1809 and baptised in Beddgelert to Edmund Lloyd, Dolfriog, Nantmor and Pengwern, Ffestiniog and his wife Sarah Jones of Dolwen, Ffestiniog who married on 18 Dec. 1804 in Ffestiniog. Edmund Lloyd was born 10 Nov. 1781 (Llanfair juxta Harlech) and was buried 7 Oct. 1826 from Dolwen. Sarah lived on in Dolwen till 13 Nov. 1871 aged 97. In the Quarter Sessions records in Dolgellau for 1814/15 Edmund Lloyd, farmer, of Perthillwidion, Bedgellert and later Pengwern was in Dolgellau goal for debt. Richard and Margaret lived in Frongoch, Ffestiniog in 1841, they had moved to Pengwern by 1851 but Richard was buried in 1860 from Cefnfaes, Maentwrog. Margaret continued in Cefnfaes in 1861 but by 1871 was at Glan Llyn, Ffestiniog.

Margaret Lloyd had a younger sister Elizabeth born in 1817 in Pengwern, and she married John Jones in 1837 in Ffestiniog (NOT a brother to Richard) and they lived in Pengwern in 1841 with Richard Jones who I believed was John's uncle and he died in Penybryn in 1843 aged 55. John died in Penybryn in 1849 and it might have been when John and Elizabeth moved out of Pengwern that Richard and Margaret moved in. Elizabeth and her children were by 1851 in Dolwen with Elizabeth's mother Sarah, where they remained till after 1881.

In the T. Ceiri Griffith Pedigree (163) it gives Robert Evans, Pengwern. However when he married Elizabeth Jones in Bethesda Chapel Ffestiniog on 17 Nov. 1865 he is resident in Four Crosses; she is a domestic servant in Brongraig (marriage certificate). Robert and Elizabeth had 2 daughters: - Katie born in 1867 and Winnifred born on 22 Sept. 1869—no baptisms have been found. In 1871 census the family was living in Bell Mount, Ffestiniog; next to his parents. Robert died in 1872 and Elizabeth married again in 1873 William Thomas of Waen, Bala. In 1881 Elizabeth Thomas was living in Pencaenewydd with her daughter Winifred Evans. Katie Evans and William Thomas have not been traced.

(163) states that Katie had gone to New York and married ?? Montague but this hasn't been confirmed. Winnifred Evans immigrated to USA with her mother in 1888 (USA census 1900). In 1900 she was living in Manhattan with her husband Frederick Augustus Sprock with 2 sons and her mother in this census. In this census there is a Kate Evans born Sept 1870 in Wales, 29 single, a waitress; she immigrated in 1888 which suggests she was Winifred's sister. In the 1910 census Elizabeth Thomas is a housekeeper 67 born Wales and immigrated 1890!? She is now a boarder in Brooklyn Ward

Perhaps Robert and Elizabeth Evans lived in Pengwern between 1865 and 1871? [Katie and Winifred's birth certificates might confirm this.]

The electoral rolls available are 1905, 1914-15, 1920 onwards to 1939 and 1946 onwards to 2011.

The records are complicated by the fact that different names are used. Thus the house was variously called Pengwern, Pengwern Hall, Pengwern Park, while Pengwern farm probably from 1946 refers to the house at the entrance to the drive.

Pengwern Villa is definitely a house in the village.

1905 Pengwern: Mary Williams - widow of Cadwalader Williams (both in 1891 census with John C Williams their nephew.

Mary and John Williams were there in 1901 but John C. Williams is listed with Richard Roberts as Pengwern Farm; but he was in the Hall in 1891-1901.

So here I think Pengwern Farm is Pengwern Old hall at this time.

Hall not listed in 1914-15

1920 Pengwern Farm Ellis Roberts - who appears in the Hall 1911

1923	Pengwern Park	Maud Collinson
	Pengwern Hall	Alice Maud Johnson
1924	a\	
	Pengwern Farm	J.H.Shears (built Maes y Coed see pg. 1)
	Pengwern Hall	Fanny Jones
1930	Pengwern Hall	Kate Jones
1934-35	“	John Jones Roberts & Kate Winifred Roberts
1939	“	Fred & Nell Jones
1940-45	no electoral rolls but employees of National Gallery were in residence looking after the collection of Art stored at Manod Quarry “offices and residence for officer in charge, assistant keeper and one clerical staff” by April 1941 through to Dec. 1945	
1950-1973	Arthur C. Reed and Eleanor E. Reed.	
1958-1959	“	Philip & Frances Remington England
1960 -1973	“	Frances Esther England
1974-1997	Michael Hugh Ridsen Oldham	
1990-1998	“	& Brian M. Collis
1999-2011	No one registered.	

The people in 1934 & 35 are of interest, John Jones Roberts b. 21 March 1889 in Ffestiniog the son of Evan Roberts and his first wife Elizabeth Jones 1865 - 1891.

She had a sister Ellin Jones 1850-? who married Henry Williams in 1874

Evan Roberts in 1896 had a partner, Alice, but for reasons unknown his son John Jones lived with his aunt and uncle the Williams's in Isgraig, until he went to Aberystwyth as a student.

He became a solicitor and was called to the bar as a barrister in 1949.

In 1919 he married Kate Winifred Roberts in Cardiff.

He stood as a Labour candidate for Merioneth in the general election of 1922-1923-1924-1929

After 1935 they moved to LlysOwain and in 1947 moved to Penrhiw where John died 1962 and

Kate 1971. Kate Winifred Roberts-Jones was born 29 November 1889 at Llys Dorvil to Rees

Roberts 1832-1896 a slate quarry manager and his second wife Catherine Lloyd Owen, nee Rogers

the widow of William Owen, her parents had married 1 December 1886 in Ffestiniog Catherine was born 1844 in Betws y Coed daughter of Evan Rogers and Catherine Jones.

Rees Roberts took her children into his home and Kate was brought up with them.

She did well and got a BA 1st Class Hons. and went on to become a professor of English Language and Literature and was awarded an OBE.

Almost coinciding with the ownership of Pengwern by Mr. And Mrs England a Mr and Mrs Reed registered on the electoral rolls 1950-1973. For some time their history eluded me because most of their data was recorded under other spellings incl. Reid and Read. Thus the birth of Arthur Charles



was registered as Read –he was born on 12 Jan 1898 in Blunham, Biggleswade, Beds. and he married Eleanor E Jones in 1922 and they lived in Biggleswade in 1939 when he was a lorry driver at a brickworks and she a land worker. They had an only daughter Megan Winifred Reid in 1924 in Biggleswade but her death was registered in 1927 in Ffestiniog; she was buried in Bethesda cemetery F194 (Blaenau Ffestiniog). Eleanor E Jones was born on 30 Nov.1895 but seemingly not in Ffestiniog. Their marriage certificate gave Eleanor's father as William Owen Jones miner and from this it was possible to establish that the family came from Llanrwst and moved to Blaenau Ffestiniog between 1903 and 1906. How Arthur and

Eleanor met is unknown. After leaving Pengwern in 1973 they moved to Prestatyn. However both are buried with Megan, Arthur died in 1975 while Elinor died in 1980.

The Nerquis Hall Estate



The surviving son Sir Paul Pynder died in 1705 aged 23 without issue so the estate devolved to a nephew, John Williams, whose father married, as a second wife, Mary Wynn daughter of Edward and Blanche of Astrad (MI Llanrhaeadre) (hence the link to the Fletchers who would eventually inherit). John Williams was Sheriff of Flint in 1713 and he had a son and 2 daughters.

Robert died in 1749 at Nerquis but Elizabeth lived till 1790 and ensured that when daughter Elizabeth married a Roman Catholic, John Gifford Esq. of Chillington, Staffs, and Plas Uchaf Nerquis, their issue were baptised and educated as Protestants (D-LE-1848).

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Parker of Stafford, (a great Nephew of Walter Peter Gifford was probably the W.P.Gifford of Plas Uchaf on a map of Nerquis, 1804 approx.) This Roberts family was of some note marrying into the Wynns of Voelas and the Mostyns.

Their 2 daughters were Eliza and Maria Eleanor, neither married and Eleanor died in 1808 leaving Eliza to inherit Nerquis. She left the Hall and estate to Rev. Lloyd Fletcher Wynn.

It stayed in the Fletcher family until Phillips Lloyd Fletcher Wynn passed it to Llewelyn Watkin Howell Tringham - his aunt Eleanor Amelia Fletchers grandson.

In due course it passed to his nephew William Howell Wynn Tringham whose trustees sold it in 1968.

Interestingly both the wills of Elizabeth Hyde and Edward Williams mention a Catherine Bolland as a kinswoman and her name appears on the tomb of Robert Hyde in Nerquis churchyard.



John Williams, father of Edward had a sister Ellinor-Ellen-Eleanor who married on 18 August 1720 Samuel Bolland at St John the Baptist Chester

Their son Powel Boland baptised 1 September 1723 buried 12 January 1723-4 and their daughter was Catherine who died 7 January 1792-3 (MI- Nerquis)

The tomb of Robert Hyde also mentions, "Eleanor relict of Thomas Highland Ravenscroft Esq. of Davenham*" but the relationship to Robert Hyde is illegible.

It is proposed that Robert Hyde who married Elizabeth Williams had a sister Elisabeth who married 12 June 1750 in Pulford, Allen Holford.

Their daughter Elaenor Holford of Davenham married on 14 September 1775 at Davenham, Thomas Highland Ravenscroft, so Elaenor Ravenscroft was niece to Robert Hyde.

APPENDIX B

CENSUS PENGWERN & CLOGWYNBRITH

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CENSUS PENGWERN & CLOGWYNBRITH

1841				1851				1861				1871				1881				1891				1901				1911							
JONES	PENGWERN				DOLWEN																BRON TEIGD (near Pengwern)				LLECHWEDD ISAF				PENGWERN						
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	Elizabeth	20		v		32	Widow														Maggie	5		Den.	15		Den.	25		Den.					
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