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Tŷ Cerrig, Llangywer.

Old Photo of Ty Cerrig (Geoff Charles) LL G Cymru

Tŷ Cerrig was formerly known as Plas Newydd which suggests a previous dwelling although there is no documentary evidence of this.

The first documentary evidence we have of habitation at Plas Newydd is in the 1662 Hearth Tax when one Edward Wynne lived there. *CCHM : 2:1(1953) page 22*

Edward was used alternately as a Christian name for the Wynnes of Ty Cerrig as this was common practice in Wales. The first son would be named after the grandfather on the father's side and the first daughter would be named after the grandmother on the mother's side.

1681 Edward Wynne, There were 12 people living at Plas Newydd, 7 under 18 years aged :- 15, 13, 9, 5, 4, 6, 1.

1686 Margaret Wynne, 5 people living with 4 under 18:- aged 13, 14, 12, 7

1686 Edward Wynne 6 people living 1 under 18 ;- age 5 this was his son Robert Wynn

Ll G C St Asaph Notitiae SA /Misc/ 1412 b.

1684 (1) Edward Wynne Llangower, Merioneth gent (2) Sir Thomas Grosvenor. Bart (3) Thomas Cholmondely Esq. trustees of the will of Sir Thomas Middleton Bart. Note promising to pay three pounds. *LLGC F4946*

1689 Edward Wynne- a will with a codicil dated 20 /11/1689 parish of Llanymawddwy due to the death of his son Robert Wynne.

100 pounds each to:- Katherine Wynne, Jane Wynne, Elizabeth Wynne, Mary Wynne, Margaret Wynne, Edward Wynne. *WIAbNL 3650003*

1695 Edwardus Wynne 26 July 1695 Baptised.

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1696 'Y plas newydd al's y Tu Cerrig, Mr Edward Wynne' was mentioned as being the main house in Llangywer, (note both names used) *Edward Lhuyd Parochalia*

1726 Aug.29 Lease (part of lease and Release) of messuages, tenements and lands known as Tu Cerrig *12/58 1726 Aug29. Dolgellau*

1726 Aug 30. Release of messuages, tenements and lands with appurtenances Tu Cerrig, occupied by Humphrey Thomas, weaver.

1730 Edward Wynne 20 July 1730 will and bond. Inventory:-

2 old sows and a calf

2yearling calf

2 old horses 18 ewes and lamb and 2 workhorses
 6 tables, 10 wooden chairs
 5 feather beds and bedclothes
 Old silver

4 iron pots	
Old spits, tongs, fire shovels	
2 old fowling pistols and 2 old pistols	
Implements of husbandry	
His wearing apparel	
Bottles and glasses. (some items illegible)	£97. 10. 0.

1730 The will of Howell Wynne Plas Newydd Llangower.

St Asaph Probate Records (WIAbNC)3650003

1731 Edward Wynne Llangower gent, brother and heir and also administrator of the estate of Howell Wynne, late of Llangower gent, deceased. Receipt for certain deeds and articles and a general release.

LIGC 2066

1734 Catherine Nanney of Nannau . 9 beneficiaries including Edward Wynne cousin.*LIGC*

1747 –September 18. Bond for £100 Edward Wynne and Sir Watkin Williams Wynne.

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1750 August 30. 1. John Kerrick, Bron y Clydwyr. Catherine, his wife

2. William Price, Rhiwlas and Edward Williams Peniarth Esq. Deed to lead the uses of a fine to be levied at the next Great Session ----Ty Cerrig, Llangower.

1757 Howell Wynne son of Edward Wynne of Llangower co. Merioneth . Jesus Collage Oxford, matriculated 26 May 1757 age 19, BA 1761 (born 1738, died 1805)

Members of the Union of Oxford 1715-86

Notes on the research by Pam Buttrey

June 1779. Due to the many debts he had incurred, the will of Edward Wynne brought about a Bill of Revival and Supplemental. Richard Jones being the plaintiff and Rev Howell Wynne Jones clerk, brother and heir of Edward Wynne Esq. deceased, was the defendant.

Richard Jones appointed John Jones of Black Hall County Montgomery as his bailiff to receive the debts and profits of the estate at a salary of £20 per annum for 4 years between Ladyday 1775 and Ladyday 1779. Richard Jones found by experience that it was greatly beneficial to give the tenants a dinner on the day the rents were due as it would ‘encourage them to punctuality’. Forty two shillings was to be expended by his Bailiff for that purpose.

Several tenants were in arrears but Edward Wynne, deceased, had greatly neglected the necessary repairs to the farmhouses and outhouses. The outbuildings were in such a state of decay that they were in danger of collapsing and the farmhouses in becoming inhabitable.

The tenants threatened to quit the farms as they feared being buried in the ruins.

The farms had been mortgaged and there were several bonds and debts. By September 1773 the Bond and debts due had risen to £ 3,719. 10.

It was during this time, 1774, that Ellis Cadwaladr (born 1748) became the tenant of Plas Newydd and from that time the house was referred to as Tŷ Cerrig. *Adgofion Andronicus*¹ page117ⁱ (There are photographs that show the sorry state of the buildings)

LIGC Geoff Charles

Andronicus writes that there used to be a cellar full of water under Ty Cerrig and ducks and geese could be found swimming in there.

Following him, his son Edward Ellis, farmed Tŷ Cerrig. He died in 1834 at the age of 74 and is buried at the Church in Llangower also both his wives and a 25 year old daughter. When he was courting his first wife Jane, Bala lake was frozen over, so Edward Ellis managed to walk across the lake to save on the journey round through Llanuwchllyn to Parc, Bala. It was years later that he realised what his impetuosity and daring could have resulted in.

Thomas Ellis, his son, then farmed Tŷ Cerrig but in 1855 moved to farm Cynlas, Llangywer, that is where his famous son T I Ellisⁱⁱ was born.

The Ellis family were Nonconformist and totally different to the previous occupants, the Wynnes, who squandered their inheritance through excessive drinking and gambling. One of the Wynnes drowned on his way home from a dance. *Andronicus*

1774 Death of Edward Wynne Llangywer

In 1774 Ty Cerrig came into the possession of Rev. Howell Wynne, Llangwm, heir and brother in law of Edward Wynne deceased. *C106/197 Pam ButtreyNotes*ⁱⁱⁱ

1798 Will of Cadwaladr Ellis

He gives £8 to each of his three daughters and the rest of his goods to be shared equally between his son Edward Ellis and his wife Gwen but only £2 should his wife remarry.

1824 Deed of Sale Ty Cerrig *details missing at Dolgellau,*
Z/DS/12/170

1842 Tithes

Ty Cerrig **Owner** Isaac Gilbertson^{iv}, Solicitor at Archibald Williams and Guthrie Jones Bala
Tenant- Edward Ellis.

Field names:-

Buarth,

Cae Bach,

Cae Isaf

Cae Mawr Uchaf

Cae Mawr Isaf

Cae Newydd (Rect, Roberts)

Plantation
 Erw Howell (Edward Jones Ty Isaf)
 Cae Ysgubor
 Cae Llechgower
 Bryn
 Erw Bant
 Plantation
 Rhos
 Ffridd y Pant
 Y Wern Ddu
 Rough yn Wern Ddu
 Buarth Pellaf
 Rough yn Buarth Pellaf
 Ffridd Callon
 Cae Newydd
 Ffridd Callon Uchaf
 Y Fedw
 Arloes (a few are illegible) 81 acres in all.

Occupiers of Ty Cerrig – Census 1841:-

Edward Ellis	(head)	65 yrs
Ellis	son	20
Thomas		15
Edward		14
Gwen	daughter	12
John	son	10
Catherine		8
Mary Jones	female servant	15

Jane Ellis died in 1821. Edward Ellis remarried Catherine Ellis, she died in 1834 and also the daughter Catherine in 1857 when 25 yrs old

1851:-

Thomas Ellis	(head)	48	
Anne	servant	51	
Mary	servant	18	
Lowry	servant	10	
John	servant	7	80 acres

1861:-

William Jones	(head)	51
Jane Jones	Wife	52
Mary Ann Jones	daughter	5
A.K. Jones	medical student	23

1871:-

William Jones	(head)	57
Jane Jones		61
Mary Jones		32
Thomas Morris	servant boy	11

1881:-

David Pugh	(head)	60
Catherine Pugh	wife	48
Edward Pugh	son	17
Ellen Pugh	daughter	12
Jemima Pugh	daughter	6

1891:-

David Pugh	(head)	71
Catherine Pugh	wife	59
Edward Pugh	son	26
Jemima Pugh	daughter	16

1901:-

William Williams	(head)	46
Elizabeth Williams		23
Margaret		2
Robert		1
William Williams		2mths.

1911:-

Robert Jones	(head)	46
Elizabeth Jones		33
Mary Williams		10
Robert Williams		11
William Williams		12
Robert Russell	servant	16

Electoral Roll- Ty Cerrig, Llangywer.

1915 & 1920 Robert Jones

1921 Robert Jones and his wife Lizzie Jones

1922 to 1927 Robert Jones and Lizzie Jones

1928 to 1930 Owen Dafydd Jones

1931 to 1934 Robert Jones, Lizzie Jones and Owen Dafydd Jones

1935 Hugh Owen Edwards , Elizabeth Edwards

1940 to 1947 Robert Jones, Lizzie Jones and Owen Dafydd Jones

1948 to 1955 Elizabeth Jones, Robert Jones , Owen Dafydd Jones

1956 Owen Dafydd Jones, Thomas White

1960 to 1980 Owen Dafydd Jones

Memorial Inscriptions – Llangywer

Edward Ellis, Ty Cerrig Medi 8 1847 yn 74 oed a

Jane Ellis Awst 29 1821 yn 36 oed. Hefyd

Catherine Ellis, ail wraig Hydref 28 1834 yn 36 oed'

John, mab y diweddar Edward Ellis, Ty Ceryg.

Tachwedd 15 1859 yn 29 oed

Catherine, merch Edward a Catherine Ellis, Ty Ceryg,

Yn 25 oed Medi 26 1857.

Jane, beloved wife of William Jones, Ty Cerrig Llangower June 1878 (74)

William Jones (87) died at Ty Cerrig, Corwen. 19/11/1987.

Kate Pughe, merch David a Catherine Pughe, Ty Cerrig a hunodd yn yr Iesu Tachwedd 7 1890 yn 28 mlwydd oed, Hefyd dwy chwaer o'r Henblas, Llwyngwriil Ellen Pughe 37 a Margaret Pughe 49.

Owners of Ty Cerrig.

- 1) Edward Wynne
- 2) Rev. Howell Wynne as heir to Edward Wynne
- 3) Isaac Gilbertson – 1836- also owned 5 other farms
- 4) Sir Watkin Williams Wynne – Part of the Glanllyn Estate. See Land Tax Maps 1910. Glanllyn was sold in 1955 Also plan of Hundreds and Parishes of Merioneth in Mid 19th. Century. *MHRS Journal* 5:4
- 5) Owen Dafydd Jones owned and farmed Ty Cerrig
- 6) Present owners and occupiers Gwynfor and Glenys Evans.

ⁱ Andronicus- (John William Jones 1842-93) He worked as a commercial traveller in Manchester then suffered from rheumatism and became an invalid. He wrote articles for newspapers and then wrote a book about his reminiscences of living in Llangywer.

ⁱⁱ T.E.Ellis (1858-99)

ⁱⁱⁱ Pam Buttrey Note

^{iv} Isaac Gilbertson. He was a recorder appointed by the lord of the Manor of Mawddwy and was generally an attorney – a paid post *Cymdeithas Hanes Merionnydd* 1:1 (1949 page 51)