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Gwynt y Mor Outreach Project

Tyn y ffordd Cottage

later known as Gwynfron
Minffordd Road
Llanddulas
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Early Background History

Llanddulas is one of the **ancient parishes** of **Denbighshire**. Until 1878, the parish consisted of the two townships of **Tre'r Llan** and **Tre'r Cefn**, containing 606 acres.

The name translates as the 'church on the River Dulas'; it has been claimed that the proper ecclesiastical name is *Llangynbryd*, from Cynbryd the dedicatee of the church. The first written record, which almost inevitably relates to the church, is in the 1254 Norwich Taxation (*The pope ordered a new assessment of clergy property for taxation purposes*) and exhibits a form not so very different from today, *Llanndulas*. Later in the century there are some curious variations as with *Thlantheles* in 1287 and *Landuglas* in 1291 (*The Lincoln taxation of Pope Nicholas*). It is conceivable that the original name was *Nant Dulas* derived from the nearby stream, particularly as *Nandulas* was referred to in 1284.

At the end of the 17th century there were five or six cottages in the settlement according to Edward Lhuyd's informant, while in 1781 Thomas Pennant simply described Llanddulas as a small village and church.¹

At the time of the Tithe schedule in 1843, Llanddulas village consisted of little more than a church, a vicarage, Ty Ucha House, the mill and the houses on Mill Street. Beyond this small nucleus, houses were very few and scattered.

"By **1851** the whole village except the Almshouses, erected in the Churchyard, and the two cottages called Y Rheinws, were built upon Bron-y-Wendon Estate land. Individuals were then granted long building leases by the owner of Bron-y-Wendon."²

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The Wynne family of Garthewin and Bron y wendon

The first member of the Wynne family to own Garthewin was Robert Wynne of Melai, Llanfairtalhaiarn. He acquired the estate through his marriage to the heiress of Garthewin, Margred Pryse. He died in 1682. The Garthewin estate included properties and land in Llanddulas.

The property remained 'entailed' and in the hands of the eldest sons of each generation until his great great grandson, Robert William Wynne, died in 1842. He had married Laetitia Stanley of Court Wrexham but they had no children.

As a result of Robert's will the estate was divided. He left his Garthewin estate and lands around Wrexham to his cousin twice removed, Brownlow Wynne Cummings, on the condition that he assume the name and coat of arms of Wynne. Subsequently he became known as Brownlow Wynne Wynne. The other half of his estate, lands in and around Llanddulas and on the Lleyn peninsula, passed to a more distant relative, **Robert Wynne** (1786-1858). He came to reside at Bron y wendon.

Bron y wendon was built in 1770 as a summer residence for the Wynne family of Garthewin.

1. Clwyd Powys Archaeological Trust - Historic Settlement Survey - SH 9064 7812 - 105499

2. op.cit. p. 22

Brownlow married Mary Anne Waring in 1836. There is a story told that she suffered a miscarriage as the result of a boating accident on the ornamental lake. From then on she locked herself away in her bedroom, refusing to speak to her husband and dedicated herself to breeding white mice.

The Wynne estates were eventually reunited when Brownlow Wynne Wynne of Garthewin died in 1882. He was also childless and so his moiety went to the grandson of Robert Wynne of Bron y wendon - **Robert William Wynne** (1857-1933). He was by all accounts a rather eccentric character. His brother's granddaughter referred to him as her 'dotty' great uncle'. During his lifetime money dwindled and so he began the process of selling off land and cottages.

Robert William Wynne died unmarried and with no direct heir in 1933. His younger brother, Richard, who should have been his heir had died in 1932. Richard's son, **Robert Oliver Francis Wynne** (1907-1993) inherited the entire Garthewin estate in 1933. Debts continued to mount up and so he too had to sell off parts of the estate.

The Garthewin house and its remaining associated lands were eventually sold in 1996.

N.B. The Wynnes of Garthewin were not related to the Wynnes of Gwydir. The Gwydir Wynnes were a very wealthy family.

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18th Century

The Building of Tyn y Ffordd Cottage

There is a record of the property in 1760 and so it seems likely to have been built in the first half of the 18th century.

In the Quarter Tax returns for **1760**, **John Hughes**, yeoman, had paid 10s 0d (50p) for **Tyn y Ffordd**. This tax was used for the upkeep of highways and other local public services.³

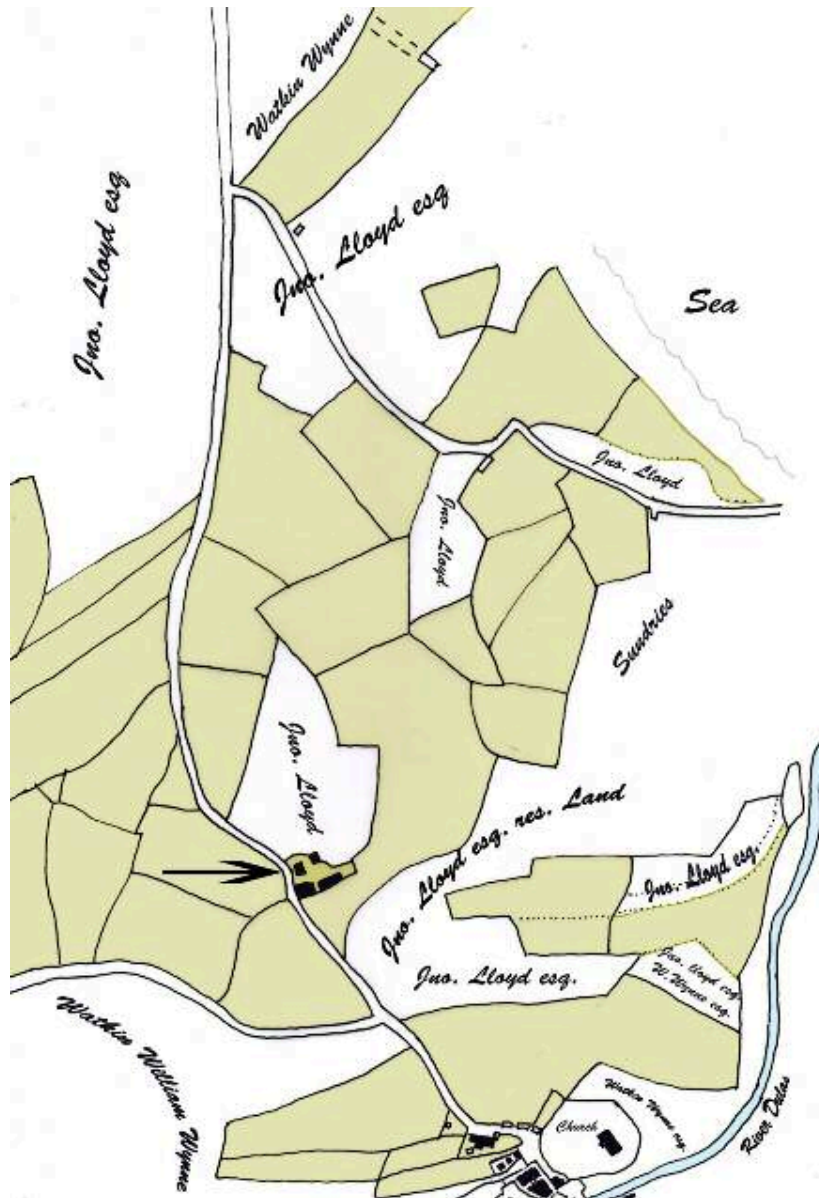
Tyn y Ffordd cottage was eventually extended at the cack to join up with some old farm buildings.⁴

A Garthewin estate map of **1781** shows Tyn y Ffordd Cottage. At the time, it would have been a small farm or Tyddyn. There are several farm buildings shown close to it.

The owner of the land at this time was Robert Wynne (1738-1798) of Garthewin.

3. A Heritage of a Village p.130

4. *ibid.* p.239



Copy of an Estate map 1781⁵

19th Century

1836 – the Tithe Commutation Act⁶

The payment of one tenth of local produce to the church had been established in Anglo Saxon England before the Norman conquest. This was originally in kind i.e. one tenth stook of corn etc. Over time, in some parishes, this was converted into cash payments. The Act in 1836 established this for all parishes but it required the accurate drawing of maps showing all the land in each parish. Most of the work was done in 1841. John Matthews, surveyor (1773-1848) did much of this work in North Wales. The Llanddulas map was drawn by him.

5. Bangor Archives – Garthewin Estate – Book of maps of its holdings

6. Cynefin Project

The survey in Llanddulas was carried out in 1843. **Tyn y Ffordd** was situated on plot number 181. The tenant was named as **John Hughes**.

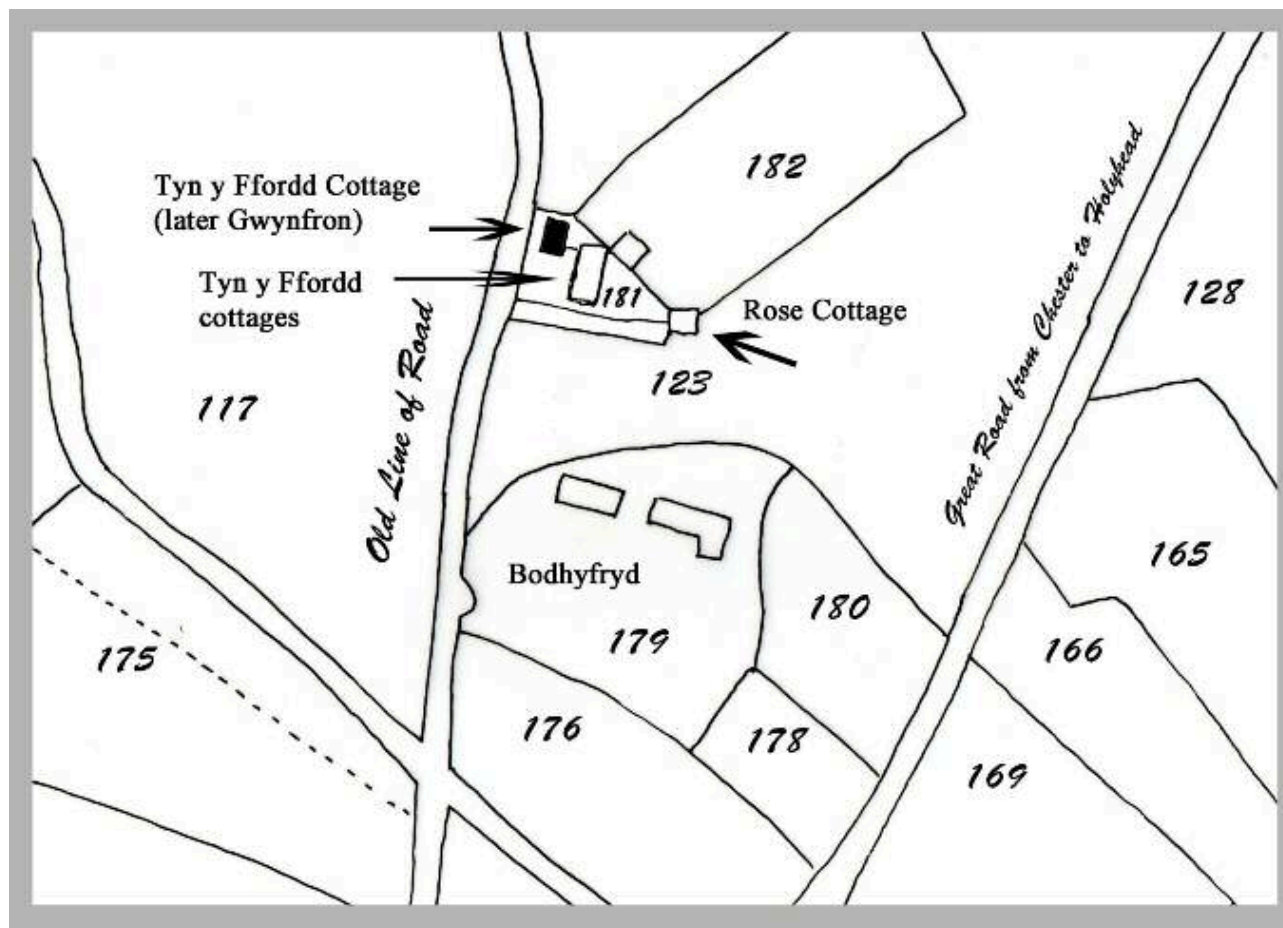
Tithe map 22/2/1843 drawn by **J. John Matthews** (*of Mold 1773-1848*)

Houses & garden 37 perches, Llanddulas

no. 181

owner: **Robert Wynne esq.**

tenant: **John Hughes**



Copy of the Tithe Map 1843

A regular national census has taken place every ten years since 1801. The first four – 1801–1831 - were mainly statistical: that is, mainly headcounts, with virtually no personal information. The 1841 Census was the first to intentionally record names of all individuals in a household or institution. The names of adults were generally rounded down to the nearest five years.

Tyn y fford is recorded as **Tai yn y Ffordd**, but the separate dwellings are not numbered, and so it is difficult to identify which of the houses is Tyn y Ffordd cottage (later known as Gwynfron).

Was Eleanor Hughes related to John Hughes? If so, then this might be the cottage. Tyn y Ffordd cottage was a detached dwelling and therefore of slightly higher status than the other Tyn y Ffordd houses. Eleanor is described as of 'independent means' and she had a servant living with her. The other tenants were tradesmen or labourers.

1841 census⁷**Tai yn y Ffordd**

born in the county

Eleanor Hughes	70	independent	y
Anne Roberts	20	female servant	y
Anne Roberts	50	lodger	n
David Roberts	30	stonemason	n
Elizabeth Roberts	35		y
John Roberts	6		n
Margaret Roberts	3		y
Robert Jones	55	joiner	y
Elizabeth Jones	50		n
William Jones	30	labourer	y
Jane Jones	25		y
Isaac Jones	2		y
William Jones	30	quarryman	y
Sarah Jones	25		y
William Jones	5		y
Mary Jones	4		y
Lewis Jones	1		y
William Williams	50	miller	n
William Owen	45	labourer	y
Jane Owen	35		y
Robert Williams	10	lodger	y
Robert Davies	35	labourer	y
Martha Davies	30		y
John Davies	15		y
William Davies	11		y
Sarah Davies	8		y
Robert Davies	9mths		y
William Jones	55	labourer	y
Robert Jones	25	“	y
Mary Davies	13		y
Seth Roberts	55	labourer	y
Ellin Roberts	55		y

5/6/1841 - Robert William Wynne of Garthewin (d.1842) – he left a Will making his distant relative, **Robert Wynne** of Bron y wendon, the heir to his land and properties in Llanddulas.

7. PRO ref. HO 107/1403/12

1851 census⁸

Was number 1 Tyn y Ffordd the detached cottage? If so, Eleanor Hughes was no longer living there.

Tyn y Ffordd**no.1**

David Jones	H	M	31	quarryman	b. Llanddulas
Anne Jones	W	M	31		b. Llysfaen

No.2

Robert Davies	H	M	45	quarryman	b. Abergele
Martha Davies	W	M	44	former dairymaid	b. Llanasa
William Davies	son	unm	20	quarryman	b. Abergele
David Davies	son		6		b. Llanddulas

No.3

William Edwards	H	M	25	agr. Labourer	b. Llanddulas
Jane Edwards	W	M	29		b. Abergele
Mary Edwards	dau		4		b. “

No.4

James Acton	H	M	37	quarryman	b. St. George
Anne Acton	W	M	35		b. “
John Acton	son		15	quarryman	b. Llanddulas
Elizabeth Acton	dau		12		b. “
William Acton		son	10	scholar	b. “

No.5

Robert Jones	H	M	36	agr. Labourer	b. Llanddulas
Elinor Jones	W	M	33		b. “
Azaniah Jones	son		8	scholar	b. “
Maria Jones	dau		5	“	b. “
Jeremiah Jones	son		2		b. “

No.6

William Acton		H	M	29	agr. Labourer	b. Abergele
Mary Acton	W	M	33		b. Llanfair TH	
Robert Acton	son		8		b. Llanddulas	
John Acton	son		5		b. “	
Ann Acton	dau		2		b. “	

No.7

Thomas Jones	H	M	34	house carpenter	b. Llangerniew
Elizabeth Jones	W	M	32		b. St. George
Thomas Jones	son		2		b. Llanddulas

No.8

David Roberts	H	M	41	mason	b. Anglesey
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8. PRO ref. HO107/2507

Harriet Roberts	W	M	36		b. Llanddulas
John Roberts	son		16		b. “
Margaret Roberts	dau		13	scholar	b. “
Jane Roberts	dau		9	“	b. “
Elizabeth Roberts	dau		6	“	b. “

No.9

Jane Jones	H	M	38	sailor's wife	b. Llanddulas
Mary Jones	dau		11		b. “
Jane Jones	dau		10		b. “
John Jones	son		8		b. “
George Jones	son		3		b. “
Ellis Jones	son		1		b. “

No.10

Catherine Davies	H	M	23	laundress	b. Llanelian
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No.11

Robert Jones	H	M	63	pauper	b. Denbigh
Ann Jones	W	M	40		b. Abergele

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1861 census – records are missing

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The Lifeboat Station

1869 – The Lifeboat Station was transferred from Abergele, one year after it had been opened there. The main reason appears to have been the location in Llanddulas, which was fairly central in the Bay. The new building on the shore was paid for by Robert Bamford Hesketh of Gwrych Castle.

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1871 census⁹

William Williams, aged 8 years, at cottage no.11 later became the Llanddulas Lifeboat coxwain (1923-1930) and he moved into Tyn y Ffordd Cottage after his marriage.

In 1871, was house number 1 or number 11 the Cottage?

No.1

David Davies	H	M	46	gardener	b. Llanddulas
Elizabeth Davies	W	M	39	gardener's wife	b. Anglesey
David Davies	son		13	scholar	b. Llanddulas
Humphrey Davies	son		8	“	b. “

No.3

Martha Davies	H	Wid	67	midwife	b. Llanasa
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9. PRO ref. RG10/5670

No.2

John Day	H	M	35	general servant	b. Llanddulas
Lucy Day	W	M	37		b. Llysfaen
Catherine Day	dau		7	scholar	b. Llanddulas
Ann Day	dau		3	“	b. “
William Henry Day	son		1		b. “

No.4

David Roberts	H	M	59	stonemason	b. Trethdraeth, Denb.
Harriet Roberts	W	M	48	“ wife	b. “
Robert Roberts	son	unm	18	stonemason	b. “
Harriet Roberts	dau		11	scholar	b. “
Catherine Roberts	dau		6	scholar	b. “
David Roberts	son		8	scholar	b. “
Samuel Roberts	boarder		19	labourer	b. Anglesey

No.5

Thomas Jones	H	M	55	joiner	b. Llanddulas
Elizabeth Jones	W	M	50		b. Abergele
Thomas Jones	son	unm	22	joiner	b. Llanddulas

No.6

William Williams	H	M	32	stonemason	b. Llanddulas
Elizabeth Williams	W	M	30		b. Rhyl
Mary Jane Williams	dau		4	scholar	b. Llanddulas
Margaret Hughes Wms	dau		2		b. “
Edward William Wms	son		3mths		b. “

No.7

John Evans	H	M	38	quarryman	b. Denbighshire
Jane Evans	W	M	31		b. “
Miriam Evans	dau		3	scholar	b. “
Ann Evans	dau		1		b. “
Jane Williams	mother-in-law	W	71	former farm servant	b. “

No.8

Azaniah Jones	H	M	28	quarryman	b. Llanddulas
Jane Jones	W	M	29		b. Llandrillo
Robert Jones	son		1		b. “
Elizabeth Williams	sister		30		b. “

No.9

William Jones	H	M	53	quarryman	b. Abergele
Ann Jones	W	M	54		b. Llanddulas
John Jones	son		13	quarryman	b. “
Richard Jones	son		11	scholar	b. “
Mary Ann Jones	grdau		6	“	b. Liverpool

No.10

Jane Williams	H	W	46	charwoman	b. Llanddulas
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Hugh Williams	son	9	scholar	b.	“
Jane Burward	niece	9	“	b.	“
Mary Ann	boarder	48	dressmaker	b.	“

William's parents were not originally from Llanddulas.

No.11

Robert Williams	H	M	33	engine driver	b. Llanfair TH
Alice Williams	W	M	31		b. Llanrhaiadr
Robert Williams	son		10	scholar	b. Abergele
William Williams	son		8	“	b. “
Mary Williams	dau		1		b. “

12/1/1878 - Robert William Wynne of Bron y Wendon (1857-1933) – Deed of Disentailment He was unmarried and had no heir and so this enabled him to release the estate from the requirement for inheritance based on the direct male line.

24/10/1878 - Indenture – between Robert William Wynne (1857-1933) s/o Robert William Wynne & his mother Eugenie Marie Wynne. This provided Robert's mother, Eugenie, with an annuity or yearly rent from the lands and property in Llanddulas.

1/4/1881 - Indenture – between Robert Wm. Wynne (1857-1933) & Eugenie Marie Wynne. It appears that Robert William Wynne had debts and so his mother agreed to postpone her annuity. It is possible that Robert had re-mortgaged his Llanddulas properties including Tyn y Ffordd and had then defaulted on his payments.

In 1881 William Williams and his parents had moved to Railway Cottages. The dwellings previously numbered 1 and 11 Tyn y Ffordd were not listed in the following census. Were they perhaps empty at the time?

1881 census¹⁰

2 Railway Cottages

Robert Williams	H	M	45	engine driver lime works	b. Llanfair TH
Allice Williams	W	M	40		b. Llanrhaiadr
Robert Williams	son	unm	20	quarryman	b. Abergele
William Williams	son	unm	18	“	b. “
Mary Williams	dau		11	scholar	b. “

Tyn y Ffordd

No.2

John Day	H	W	45	general labourer	b. Llanddulas
Catherine Day	dau		16		b. “
Anne Day	dau		13	scholar	b. “
William H. Day	son		11	“	b. “
Sarah E. Day	dau		7	“	b. “

No.3

John Parry	H	M	54	general labourer	b. Rhuddlan
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10. PRO ref. RG11/5530

Margaret Parry W M 53 b. Llanddulas

No.4

Harriet Roberts H W 56 charwoman b. Llanddulas
David Roberts son unnm 19 stonemason b. “

No.5

Elizabeth Jones H W 62 washerwoman b. Abergele
Thomas Jones son unnm 32 joiner b. Llanddulas

No.6

William Williams H M 40 stonemason b. “
Elizabeth Williams W M 40 b.Rhyl

Mary Jane Williams dau 14 scholar b. Llanddulas
Margaret Williams dau 12 “ b. “
Edward Williams son 10 “ b. “
Elizabeth Williams dau 7 “ b. “
Gaynor Williams dau 5 “ b. “
Janet Williams dau 4 “ b. “
Hugh Williams son 2mths b. “

No.7

Jane Evans H W 41 washerwoman b. Llanfair TH
Jane Williams mother W 81 labourer's widow b. Llangerniew
Miriam Evans dau 13 scholar b. Llanddulas
Anne Evans dau 11 “ b. “
Mary Evans dau 9 “ b. “
Jane Evans dau 5 “ b. “
John Evans son 3 “ b. “
Eliza Evans dau 1 “ b. “

No.9

John Owen H M 37 quarryman b. Prestatyn
Margaret Owen W M 33 b. Llansanffraid Glan Conway

No.10

Anne Jones H W 67 quarryman's widow b. Llanddulas
Margaret Jones dau unnm 27 housemaid b. “

25/7/1881 – Indenture - Robert Wm. Wynne, Blanche Maria Wynne (sister) and her husband Henry George Lefroy. Robert wanted to make some provision for his sister as she was about to get married. A principal sum of £3000 was to be invested by the Trustees and added to through rents and profits of land and properties. A dividend was to be paid twice yearly on the 21st January and the 21st July each year.

31/5/1888 - William Williams married Mary Jones.

One of the most spectacular rescues recorded about Llanddulas Lifeboat took place in 1890 when William Williams was one of the crew.

The Wreck of the Ocean Queen

During the great gale of November 7th 1890, the "Ocean Queen", a schooner bound from Padstow to Runcorn, with a crew of four, struck on a rock one hundred and fifty yards from the shore opposite Llanddulas Quarry, Their boat was stove in by the sea, and the Llanddulas lifeboat had been so damaged by recent service as to be unfit for use. But a small cobble was launched from the beach by the quarrymen, and after being beaten back six times succeeded at the seventh in making its way alongside and bringing the crew to safe to land. The names of these gallant men were John Jones, John Roberts, and **William Williams**, quarrymen, and William Williams, shopkeeper.

Ballard of Brave Deeds – 1851-1920

H.D.Rawnsley, M.A.

London, J.M.Dent & Co.

pub. 1896

p.103

The Wreck of the Ocean Queen

To the Heroes of Colwyn Bay – Nov.7, 1890
Men of Cornwall! Men of Devon!

Listen well!

For if ever wind of Heaven
Blew a hurricane from Hell,
It was when November's night
Broke with Colwyn Bay in sight,
And we saw Llandula's Head above the swell.

"Sheer away, boys, sheer away!"

The captain roared -

"God preserve us from the Bay!"

As he spoke, the tempest's sword
Smote our topsail into shreds,
Brought the gear about our heads,
And our foremast went like tinder by the board.

Then the skipper girt a rope

Round his waist.

"While there's life!" he cried, "there's hope!

Lash me fast:- I have outfaced

Fifty storms, but run aground,

With a keel and cargo sound?

Never, men! For death were better to my taste!"

And we three, who through the wreck

Saw the land,

With the quarry yawning black,

Turned our faces from the strand,

Gave up thought of home again,

Though the grey fields glimmered plain,

And cruel seemed our captain's stern command.

But the tide was with the wind,
And the waves
Swept us shoreward, reeling blind,
Dashed our one boat into staves,
As we went round, in a ring,
Like a bird, with broken wing -
Well we knew Llandula's shore should be our graves.

Then we struck, and leapt, and struck,
"Hands aloft!"
so we scrambled to the truck,
Dazed: but never half so soft
Seemed we, dying men, to hear
Our wives' welcome, and the cheer
Of the children's voices calling from the croft.

How the water's fury flew
O'er the mast!
How the wind benumbing blew!
But our girdles held us fast;
How the hail cut like a knife,
As we swung and clung for life,
Almost praying that our time to feel were past!

In a lull we heard the clock
Tolling ten;
And we watched the people flock
From the quarry and the glen,
Like a torrent to the beach
Cheering, calling each to each,
Racing forward to our rescue, gallant men!

Where's the boat? A mile away,
Beached and dry!
Thro' the sea-smoke of the bay
Runners bring it shoulder-high;
Dare they launch that cockle-shell
On the hurly of the swell,
Through this hurricane of hell? Let them try!

Off with clogs! And on with coat!
Fearless four!
See they leap into the boat,
Little trained to use of oar,
But accustomed long to death,
Strong of sinew, full of breath, Trained to nerve in that dark quarry by the shore.

Then we heard a ringing cheer,
Well we knew
Love had triumphed over fear!

And a boat rose full in view, _
But a billow roaring under
Hurled it high ashore with thunder,
While the oars from out their hands like feathers flew.

Again, and once again,
Driven back!
Then they signalled, but in vain,
“Loose a life-buoy let the slack
Whirl a line ashore, or snatch
Help we send you by this match,”
And a rocket screamed out seaward through the wrack.

Soared, and fell far short and sank.
Try the boat!
So they ran it down the bank,
And our Captain waved a coat,
Left his perch upon the mast,
Overboard a ladder cast -
And we watched which way our chance of life would float.
But the malice of the sea
Worked our doom;
For he paid his line out free
But it tangled in a boom,
Then we knew and felt His hand,
That would bring us safe to land,
And we heard a voice not mortal thro' the gloom.

It was easy now to die,
Soon or late,
Sooner best – but hark! A cry!
For the seventh time they wait
Till the huge sea backward coil,
Then with courage nought can foil,
Forth the landmen push to rescue us from fate.

And the boat rode forward brave,
Rose and sank;
Till an overwhelming wave
Dashed it back with gride of plank
On a rock – God help the lost!
Half the awful passage crossed!
And our eyes met one another's – hopeless – blank.
But from out the cloud of foam
Straight the four,
Never looking once for home,
Lifted keel, and bent the oar;
Clomb up wearily the crest,
Swept down cheerily the breast,
Dropped alongside – and I scarce remember more.

But I know I left the mast,
Felt a hand;
Heard a hoarse voice bid them cast
Wreckage clear, then give command -
“Home. Boys, home!” and then the rush
Of a breaker, and the crush,
And the cheer of hearts that welcomed us to land.

Wake again, the harp of Wales,
As of yore!
Long as storm shall rend the sails,
And Atlantic billows roar, -
Long as wrecks ashore are rolled,
Shall your dauntless deed be told,
Gallant heroes of the quarry by the shore.

Medals were awarded to the Llanddulas men by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION, silver medal (VR),



A Local Newspaper later described the rescue in great detail.
15th November 1890 - Rhyl Record and Advertiser

**GALLANT RESCUE BY THE LLANDDULAS QUARRYMEN AND SHOPKEEPERS.
GENEROSITY OF MR SAMUEL SMITH, M P.** About a quarter to eleven on Friday morning a

vessel which had for some time previously laboured heavily in the mountainous sea, struck on the rocky beach opposite the Llanddulas Limestone Quarry where she remained fast. Here enormous breakers enveloped her, breaking clean over her from stem to stern. Her crew at once made for the riggings, where they remained for close upon two hours. The bulwarks of the vessel, which proved to be the Ocean Queen," owned by A. B. Hutchins, Padstow, were speedily dashed to pieces, as was her rudder. She at last settled down about 150 yards from shore (where a large crowd stood) but in one mass of seething water, 12 feet deep and studded with rocks. About half a mile away was stationed the Llanddulas life-boat, but the crew made no apparent efforts to go out to the rescue of the drowning men. The sturdy quarrymen who stood by could not however endure the sight of four human beings perishing before their eyes, and they rushed for a broad beamed sailing boat, which lay about three quarters of a mile distance and shortly reappeared bearing the heavy boat on their shoulders. As soon as the boat arrived on the spot, Harry Davies (boatman, Colwyn), David Roberts (boatman, Colwyn Bay), John Williams (quarryman, Rhyd y foel), and John Jones (quarryman, Merllyn), volunteered the short but dangerous trip, but ere the boat had gone half the distance a gigantic wave hurled it ashore again. A second and a third attempt was made, but with no more success. An effort to reach the schooner by means of a rocket also failed. It being stated that one of those on the rigging was a woman with a child in her arms, a fourth attempt was made to get at the vessel with a boat, but with the same result, and a fifth and sixth attempt was attended with the same result: About one o'clock John Jones (quarryman, Merllyn), William Williams (shopkeeper, Llanddulas), John Roberts (quarryman, Caellun), and **William Williams** (quarryman, Llanddulas), made a seventh effort. Launching the boat at the moment that a huge roller broke around them, they were at once dragged into the sea by the retiring waters, and stranded on some rocks about twenty yards from where they started. Two of the four men jumped into the water, and proceeded to push the boat seaward. Another breaker dashed over them completely burying them for the moment, and then they climbed into the boat, and all pulled lustily to the ship. All on shore watched breathlessly the desperate efforts of the four men. The boat was like a cockle shell upon the furious waters: A huge wave dashed them from the ship's side as they were on the point of succeeding: Again the brave fellows bent to their oars, and a long hard pull cleared the crest of yet another wave, and dropped them close alongside. The bowman dropped his oar, and clutched a line hanging over the ship's side. The receding waves pulled him off his legs, but he stuck to his line. Another of the four got hold, and between them they conquered the current, and the crew of the Ocean Queen were practically saved. A loud screaming cheer broke from the rocky coast as the crew hastily tumbled into John Jones's little boat. But the danger was not over; As they pushed off from the ship's side, a vast mass of water, curling over the stern, broke in torrents above the boat, half filling it, and, worst of all, entangling it in some wreckage astern. An anxious moment ensued, during which all hands worked hard to clear. Then, taking advantage of an in-coming wave, they pulled for the shore, and long before the boat touched ground fifty-eager young fellows rushed breast deep into the boiling surf, and made assurance doubly sore by fairly hauling the boat high and dry on firm ground. Then another wild cheer broke out, which was repeated over and over again. The four men - for there was no woman after all - were tenderly supported up the rough hillside to the Railway Hotel, where Dr. Williams, of Old Colwyn, attended to them. Mr Samuel Smith, M.P., has very generously sent us a cheque for £5, to be distributed among the brave men who took so noble a part in the rescue of life narrated above. It is to be hoped that others will follow his example, and we shall be glad to receive the subscriptions of anyone who desires to recognise so brave a deed.

Mrs Gladstone writes as follows: Hawarden Castle, November 10.

Dear Sir, It is impossible to express what we felt on reading the account of that magnificent rescue in Colwyn Bay. In case you come across some of these gallant men, I should like them to know of the intense admiration felt by us. I noticed one from Penmaenmawr, a spot which is like a home to us. Is any testimonial to be given? If so, I should wish to subscribe. I do not speak of the actual rescuers, but of each and every one who imperilled their lives. I am sure you will excuse me for

troubling you with this letter.
 I remain, dear sir,
 yours sincerely,
 Catherine Gladstone.

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By 1891 **William Williams** and his wife, **Mary**, were living in Tyn y Ffordd Cottage.

1891 census¹¹

Tyn y Ffordd

Sarah Hughes	H	W	71		b. Llanddulas	Welsh
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Tyn y Ffordd Cottage

William Williams	H	M	28	limestone quarryman	b. Llanddulas lang.	Welsh
Mary Williams	W	M	25		b. “	
Alice A. Williams	dau		4		b. “	
Mary Williams	dau		1		b. “	

Tyn y Ffordd

No.1

John Parry	H	W	64	general labourer	b. Rhuddlan	both
Gaynor Bullock	dau	M	22		b. Llanddulas	“
Richard Bullock	son-in-law	M	23	coachman	b. Langdon Heath, Worc.	Welsh
Hugh Williams	grson		2		b. Penmaenmawr	English
Martha Williams	grdau		11mths		b. Liverpool	“
Maggie Williams	grdau		10	scholar	b. Garn, Caerns.	both

No.2

Harriet Roberts	H	W	56	washerwoman	b. Llanddulas	Welsh
John Lewis Roberts	grson	M	11		b. “	“

No.3

Elizabeth Jones	H	W	69		b. Abergele	Welsh
Thomas Jones	son in law		47	limestone quarryman	b. Llysfaen	Welsh
Anne Jones	dau		36		b. Llanddulas	Welsh

No.4

William Williams	H	M	49	stonemason	b. Llanddulas	W
Elizabeth Williams	W	M	48		b. Rhyl	W
Mary Jane Williams	dau	unm	22	dressmaker	b. Llanddulas	W
Edward Williams	son	unm	19	joiner	b. “	W
Jannet Williams	dau		13	scholar	b. “	W

No.5. no entry

No.6

David Jones	H	M	38	limestone quarryman	b. Llanddulas	W
Margaret Jones	W	M	33		b. Penmaenmawr	W

11. PRO ref. RG12/4628

David R. Jones	son		11	scholar	b. Llanddulas	W
Owen Jones	son		9	“	b. “	W
Elizabeth Jones	dau		8	“	b. “	W
John Jones	son		6	“	b. “	W
Ann Jones	dau		2		b. “	W
Margaret Jones	dau		8mths		b. “	W
No.7						
Anne Jones	H	W	77		b. Llanddulas	W
Margaret Jones	dau		32	charwoman	b. “	W
No.8						
Susannah Hughes	H	S	40	washerwoman	b. “	W

20th Century

1901 census¹²

Tyn y Ffordd Cottage

William Williams	H	M	38	limest.quarryman	b. Bettws yn Rhos	W
Mary Williams	W	M	35		b. Llanddulas	W
Mary Williams	dau		11	scholar	b. “	W
David Williams	son		6	“	b. “	W
Robert E. Williams	son		2		b. “	
David Davies	br-in-law	W	23	limest.quarryman	b. Llanddulas	W
Annie Davies	niece		9	scholar	b. “	W

Tyn Y Ffordd

No.1

John Parry	H	W	76		b. Rhuddlan	B
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No.2

Harriet Roberts	H	W	74		b. Llanddulas	B
John Roberts	grson		14	milkboy agr. Cattle	b. “	B

No.3

William Williams	H	M	58	stonemason	b. “	B
Elizabeth Williams	W	M	56		b. “	B
Mary J. Williams	dau	unm	30		b. “	B
Edward H. Williams	son	unm	27	joiner	b. “	B

No.4

John Griffiths	H	M	42	labourer in quarry	b. “	W
Maggie Griffiths	W	M	32		b. Eglwsbach	B

No.5

David Davies	H	M	42	limest.quarryman	b. Llanfair TH	B
Margaret Davies	W	M	42		b. Llanddulas	B
David R. Davies	son	unm	21	weigher in quarry	b. “	B
Owen Davies	son	unm	19	limest.quarryman	b. “	B
Elizabeth Davies	dau	unm	18	gen. Servant	b. “	B
John Davies	son		15	butcher	b. “	B
Annie Davies	dau		12		b. “	B
Margaret Davies	dau		10		b. “	B
Martha Davies	dau		8		b. “	B
Humphrey Davies	son		6		b. “	B
Moses Davies	son		11		b. “	B
Rhoda B. Davies	dau		1		b.	

No.6

Margaret Jones	H	unm	43	laundress	b. “	
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12. PRO ref. RG13/5237

No.7

Anne Roberts	H	W	95		b. Llangerniew	
Anne Edwards	niece		50		b. Llanfair TH	

1911 Census¹³**Tyn y Ffordd Cottage**

William Williams	H	M	48	limest.quarryman	b. Llanddulas	B
Susannah Williams	W	M	48		b. “	B
Robert Edwin Williams	son		12	scholar	b. “	B
Robert Williams	father	W	78	engine driver crushing lime	b. Llanfair TH	E

William's first wife must have died as his wife was recorded as Susannah. She had no children. Robert Edwin Williams was the son of William and his first wife, Mary. His father, Robert, had also moved in with them.

No.1

John Jones	H	M	34	limest.quarryman	b. Llysfaen	
Mary Jones	W	M	35		b. “	
Thomas Jones	son		8		b. Llanddulas	
William Jones	son		7		b. “	
Edith Mary Jones	dau		6		b. “	
Maggie Jones	dau		4		b. “	
Robert John Jones	son		1		b. “	

No.2

John Jones	H	M	42	jobbing gardener	b. “	B
Elizabeth Jones	W	M	24		b. “	B
Eliza Jones	dau		4		b. “	

No.3

David Davies	H	M	48	quarryman	b. “	B
Mary Jane Davies	W	M	38		b. Liverpool	E
Rosena Davies	dau		6		b. Llanddulas	B
Evelyn Davies	dau		4		b. “	
Samuel Edwin Davies	son		2		b. “	
Daniel Davies	son		1		b. “	

No.4

William Saunderson	H	M	35	rockdrill driver	b. Ireland	E
Nellie Saunderson	W	M	30		b. Llanddulas	B
Richard William Saunderson	son		9		b. “	B
Ellen Jane Saunderson	dau		5		b. “	B

No.5

William Thomas	H	W	41	platelayer quarry	b. Eglwsbach	B
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No.6 Ty Cefn, Tyn y Ffordd

David Davies	H	W	53	quarryman	b. Llanddulas	B
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13. PRO ref. 623/2/7

Owen Davies	son	unm	28	“	b.	“	B
Martha Davies	dau	unm	18	housekeeper	b.	“	B
Humphrey Davies	son		16	postman	b.	“	B
Moses Jones Davies	son		14	scholar	b.	“	B
Rhoda Blodwen Davies	dau		11	“	b.	“	B

Ty Cefn, Tyn y Ffordd

Margaret Davies	H	W	79		b.	Llangerniew	B
Richard Lewis	H	M	42	jobbing gardener	b.	Montgomery	E
Elizabeth Ann Lewis	W	M	38		b.	Radnorshire	E
Ruth Lewis	dau		16	scholar	b.	Rhyl	E
Alice Mary Lewis	dau		14	“	b.	“	E
Richard Frank Lewis	son		11	“	b.	“	E
Jane Elizabeth Lewis	dau		9	“	b.	Welshpool	E

10/1/1934 – Will, Deed of Appropriation, and Letters of Administration – following the death of Robert William Wynne in 1933. He had originally named his brother as his sole executor but Richard had predeceased him. His eldest sister, Eugenie Marie Wynne and his nephew, Robert Oliver Francis Wynne were granted probate and named as the administrators. In Robert's will Richard was to inherit the real estate and personal estate and their sister Eugenie was to have an annuity of £200 a year from a principal sum and from the rents from the lands and properties listed in the schedule.

Amongst the properties listed is the - Group of Cottages buildings and premises let on weekly rentals and Chapel situate at Llanddulas, and known as Tyn y Ffordd. (*This included Tyn y Ffordd Cottage.*) Three fields of grazing land at Llanddulas situate opposite Fairview and Under Minffordd one field used for grazing and also for football ground and children's playground.

Eugenie and Robert O.F. Wynne were entitled to one equal third share of Robert William's estate (*it's not clear whether this referred to his estate specifically in Llanddulas or just to the land and properties mentioned*) and Robert William's nieces, Majorie Emily Knyvett and Aline Emily Edgcome were entitled to equal shares of the final third - subject to marriage settlements.

27/5/1935 - In the event, Eugenie released her one third share in return for £5,714.6.0 of War stock and the two nieces, who were both married, and who had presumably already received some marriage settlement also released their shares.

Robert Oliver Francis Wynne inherited the Garthewin estate by means of the Deed of Appropriation as his father, who should have inherited it, had already died. It included the land and properties described above but it came with very little actual money. Consequently he had to gradually sell off parcels of land and cottages in order to pay debts. **Tyn y Fford Cottage** was one of the properties which was sold.

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Shortly before Tyn y Ffordd Cottage was sold, Aneurin and Annie Hughes were living there. He had been a prisoner of the Japanese during the Second World War.¹⁴

¹⁴. Heritage of a Village - p.239

1948 – Electoral Rolls – Tyn y Ffordd Cottage¹⁵

62 Aneurin Hughes
65 Mary L. Hughes

4/1/1949 - Sale document - **Robert Oliver Francis Wynne** vendor, **Annie Morris** purchaser. - £400.

By 1950, there were new tenants in the cottage.

1950 - Electoral Rolls – Tyn y Ffordd Cottage¹⁶

5086 Florence M. Hirst
5087 Herbert Hirst

Annie and Arthur Morris, the owners of the property, eventually moved in.

1957 – Electoral Rolls – Tyn y Ffordd Cottage¹⁷

636 Annie Morris
637 Arthur N. Morris

1960 – Electoral Rolls – Tyn y Ffordd Cottage¹⁸

675 Annie Morris
676 Arthur N. Morris

1963 – Electoral Rolls – Tyn y Ffordd Cottage¹⁹

648 Annie Morris
649 Arthur N. Morris

By 1965, Annie Morris seems to have rented the property again to tenants.

1965 – Electoral Rolls – Tyn y Ffordd Cottage²⁰

667 Joseph Day
668 Mary Day

1967 – Electoral Rolls – Tyn y Ffordd Cottage²¹

667 Joseph Day
668 Mary Day

6/2/1968 - **Annie Morris** vendor, **Ronald Asquith Butterill**, GPO telephonist, purchaser - £2,250.

8/10/1976 - **Gwyneth Vaughan Buttterill** widow vendor, **William Thomas Jones** purchaser - £7,650.

*It was at this point that the cottage had a change of name – **Gwynfron**.*

15. Ruthin Archives – ref. QSD/DK/2/296

16. *ibid.* - ref. QSD/DK/2/299

17. *ibid.* – ref. QSD/DK/2/307

18. *ibid.* – ref. QSD/DK/2/312

19. *ibid.* – ref. QSD/DK/2/318

20. *ibid.* – ref. QSD/DK/2/322

21. *ibid.* – ref. QSD/DK/2/326

1969 – Electoral Rolls – Gwynfron²²

279 Gwyneth V. Butterill

280 Ronald A. Butterill

7/1/1980 - Mrs Elsie Jones widow vendor, **Elizabeth Tyndale Brown** purchaser - £15,950.

8/10/1981 - Elizabeth Tyndale Brown vendor, **Donald & Ann Massey** purchasers - £14,000.
There was a sudden drop in house prices about this time and so Elizabeth sold at a lower price than she had paid for the property.

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2003 - Ann Massey, widow - vendor, **Dewi Clwyd Roberts & Elan Mai Roberts** purchasers.

6/4/2009 - Dewi & Elan Roberts vendors, **Pamela Jenkins** purchaser.

Current owner: Pamela Jenkins

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Gill. Jones

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22. *ibid.* - ref. QSD/DK/2/330

Appendix 1

**The Wynne Family of Garthewin
& Bron y Wendon**

Robert Wynne m. Margred Pryse hrs of Garthewin
of Melai, Llanfairtalhaearn
d.14/4/1682

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.....
Rev. Robert Wynne d.25/1/1679
m.
William Catrin Madryn
John of Y Llannerch Fawr, Llannor, Caerns.
Huw
Dorothy
Margred
Catrin
I

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(Dr.)Rev. Robert Wynne d.26/6/1743
m.
Richard Sarah William Owain John Catrin
1. **Margred Lloyd** Rosindale of Segrwyd, Llanrhaeadr yng Nghinmeirch
I 2. Margred Owen of Penrhôs Issa, Caergybi, Anglesey
no issue
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I

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Mary b. 1695 d. 11/9/1771
m.
Robert 1698
1. **Diana Gosling** of London, Middlesex
I
I
2. Elsbeth Eytun of Coed-llai, Yr Wyddgrug, Flints
no issue
John Wynne 1693-1739
m.
Mary Gamon
I
I

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Margaret Diana **Robert** Elizabeth
b.1738 d. 25/7/1798
m. 7/5/1747
Piers Wynne **Elizabeth Dymock** of Acton, Wrecsam, Denb.
I I
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Diane **Robert William Wynne** d.30/11/1842
m. m.
1. Ridgeway Owen Merick
2. Philip Yorke of Erddig **Laetitia Stanley** of Court, Wrexham
I b.1775 d.24/6/1831
no issue
I

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Lucy Margred **Robert Wynne**
of Bronywendon, Llanddulas

m. 17/5/1814
George Cummings
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Brownlow Wynne Cummings of Garthewin
b. 23/3/1815
d.1/5/1882
m. 8/12/1836
Mary Anne Waring
no issue

b.28/6/1786
d. 6/2/1858
m.
Frances Smith
I

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Dr. Robert William Wynne
1822-1869

m. 30/10/1850
Eugenie Marie Crowe
1827-1899
I

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Robert William Wynne
of Garthewin & Bron y wendon
1857-1933
no issue

Richard Wynne
1858-1932
m.
Frances Anna McCrory
1878-1962
I

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Robert Oliver Francis Wynne
1907-1993

m.
Nina More O'Ferral