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Building Description

NPRN: 307213

Map Reference: SH86NE

Unitary (Local) Authority: Conwy

Community: Llangernyw

Grid Reference: SH89426530

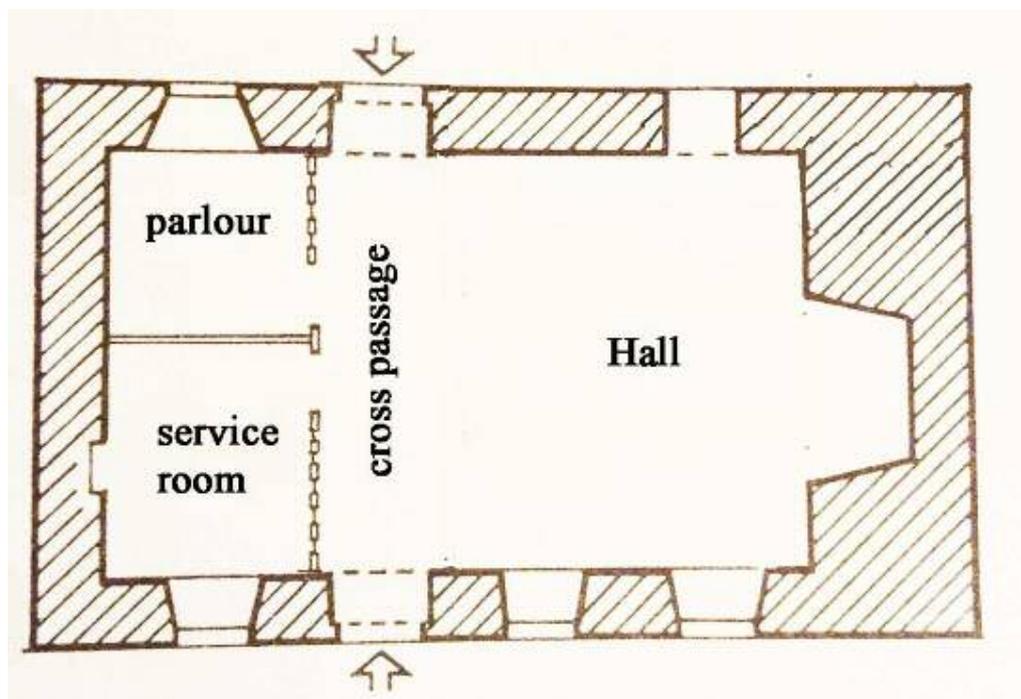
Old County: Denbighshire

Period: Post Medieval

A date inscription records that the house was built by **John Salusbury** in 1733. However the discovery of a cruck-truss during recent extensive renovation work shows that the house has a late-medieval origin and was updated in 1733. Information from Mr Tecwyn Evans, Plas-Mattw.¹

N.B. The following description may not be totally accurate because it is a difficult house to interpret, but it clearly had a medieval origin.

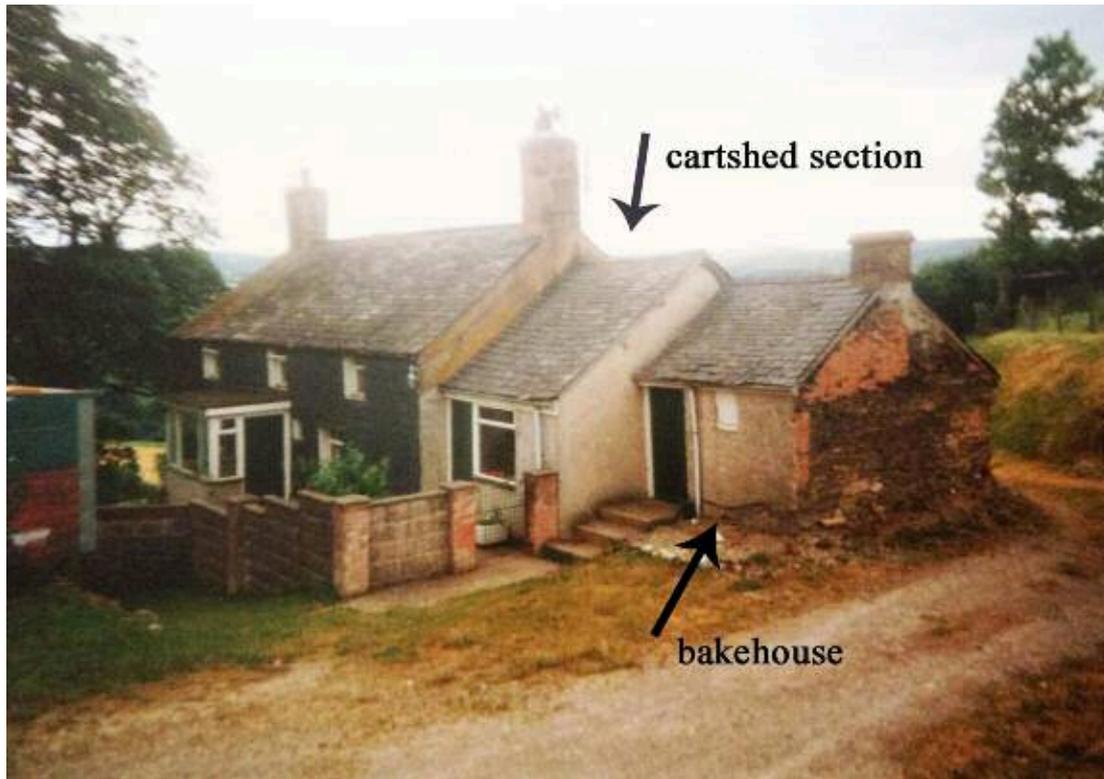
Plas Onn is a down-hill sited platform house with huge boulder footings. The attic space originally had no windows and so the house probably started life as a single storey cottage. The later arrangement of rooms suggests a Type A, two unit house²; with gable end chimneys; a cross passage with a 'hall' on one side of the entry, which would have been open to the roof, and a small service room and an unheated parlour on the other side. There may also have been a crog-lofft over the service room and parlour, accessed by a ladder. The cross passage would probably have been open to the 'hall'. This single range also had a cart shed at the upper end, which may have been added at a later date, and a much later bakehouse. At the lower end there is a cellar which extends under both the parlour and service room. There are steps in the parlour which lead down into this it. It could, at one time, have had outside access and been used for housing animals, storing fodder or produce.



Suggested floor plan

1. 2002.11.29/RCAHMW/RFS

2. Houses of the Welsh Countryside – Peter Smith 1975 pp. 157-158



Front view showing the cart shed and bakehouse

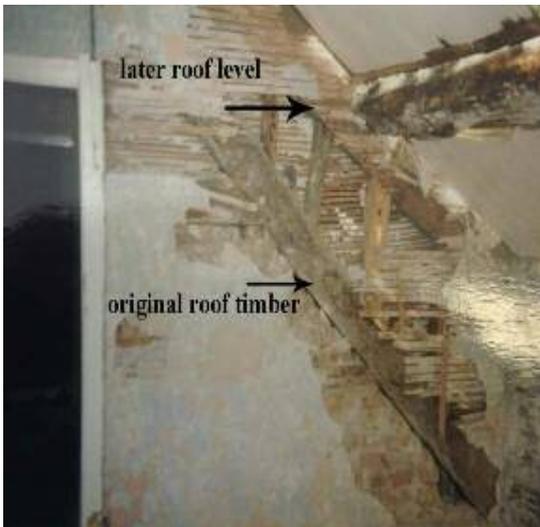


Lower end with cellar

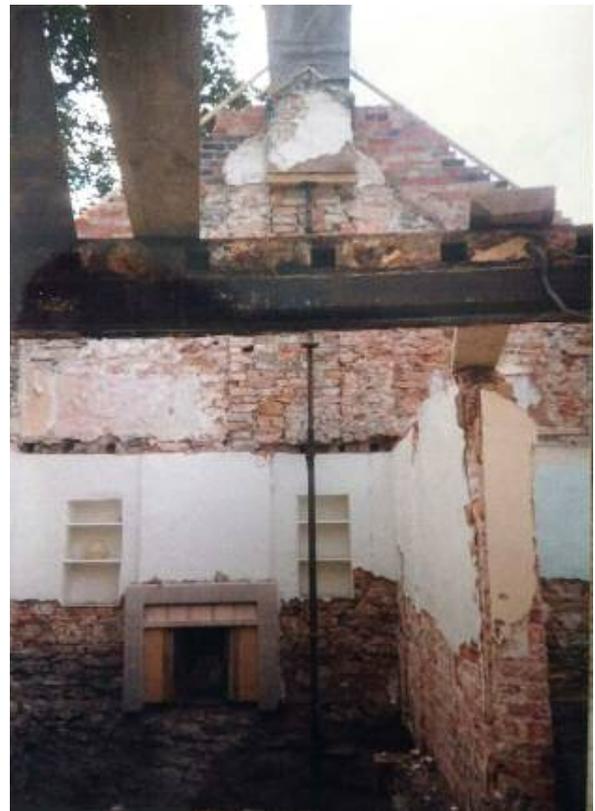
When the house was renovated in 1996, a cruck truss was discovered and evidence that the roof had been raised. Timber framed, square panelled walls with brick nogging, were also uncovered. This infill may have replaced earlier wattle and daub.



lower end gable showing raised roof levels



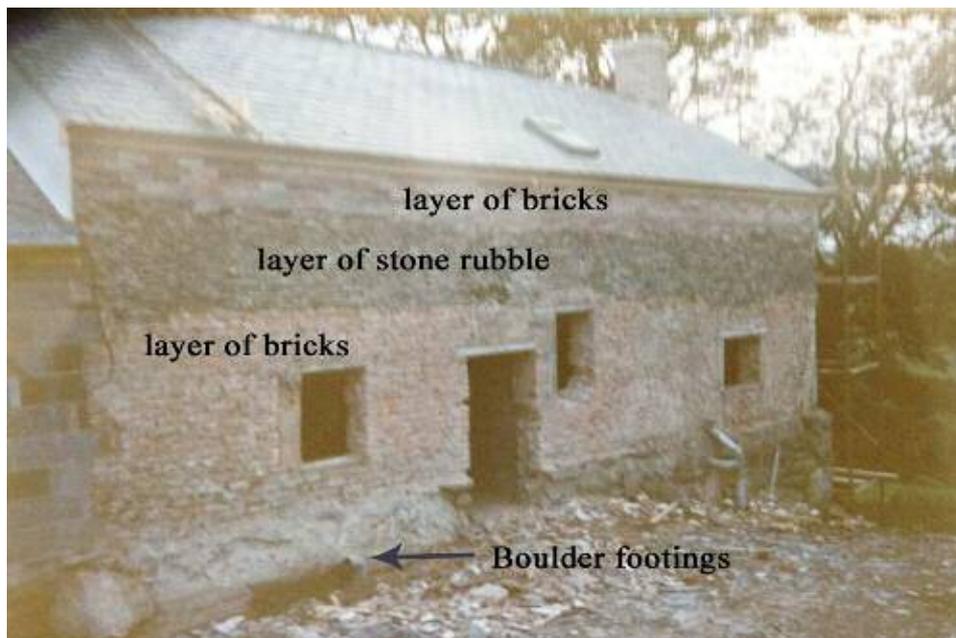
interior of roof structure showing raised level and lath & plaster covering



lower end gable and service room



timber framing infilled with bricks



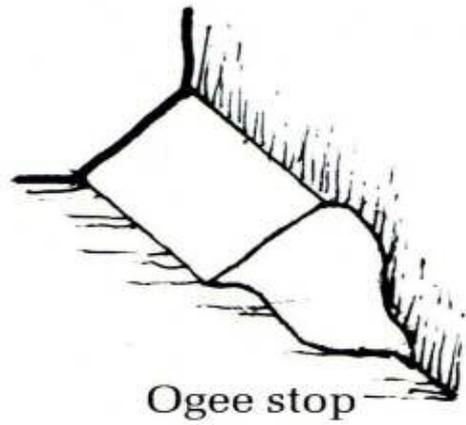
rear of the building showing the different layers of building materials

There is a large timber bressummer above the fireplace in the 'hall', (now the living room), which has chamfered ogee stops at each end.





Chamfered stop on the bressummer



In the same room, there is a chamfered beam which also has ogee stops. This beam has been re-sited.



chamfered beam with ogee stop

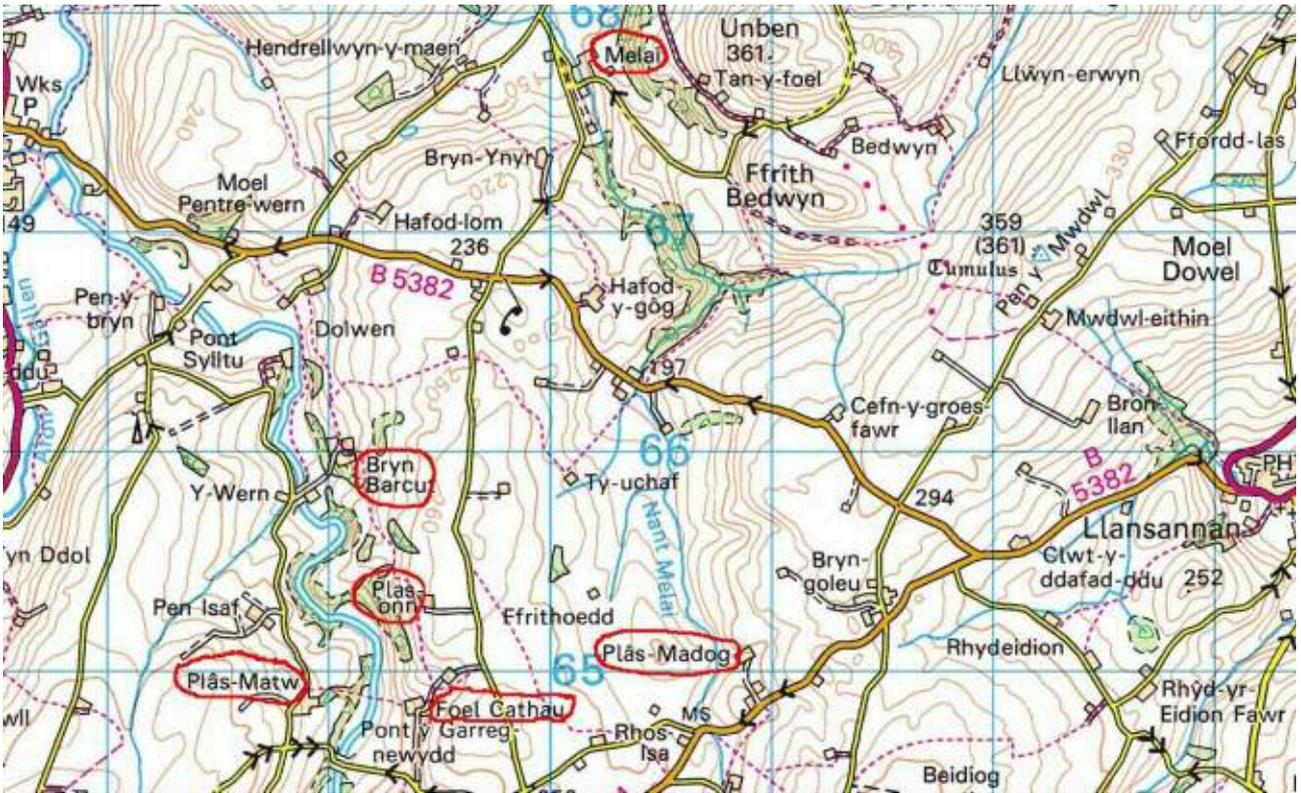


The front facade showing the timber framing uncovered during the renovation work.



The service room and parlour and the steps leading into the cellar

The house was possibly first constructed sometime in the latter half of the 16th century.



map showing the location of six of the houses mentioned in this history

Early Background History

Llanfairtalhaearn is distinguished as having been the residence of Hedd Molwynog, chief of the ninth noble tribe of North Wales who was a descendant of Roderick the Great, sovereign of all Wales³. He joined the standard of Dafydd ab Owain Gwynedd, and assisted the prince in driving the English from his territories. The only vestige of his abode is the moat that surrounded it, known as Yr Hen Llys. This is said to be about one mile and a half westward from the village, although this may not now be discernible.

1254 - the village of Llanfairtalhaiarn was recorded as *Llanber*.

1291-92 - in different copies of Pope Nicholas' Taxation, as *Lanveyr'dalhaearn* and *Lanveyr' Dalhaeyn*.

1632 - as *Llanvair Talhayarne*.

1535 – in the Valor Ecclesiasticus as *Llanwair Dathayrne* and valued at £20.

1642 - as *Llanvairdolhaiorne*. and *Llanverdole Hayorne* in 1694.

? as Lh:Vair Dal-hayarn

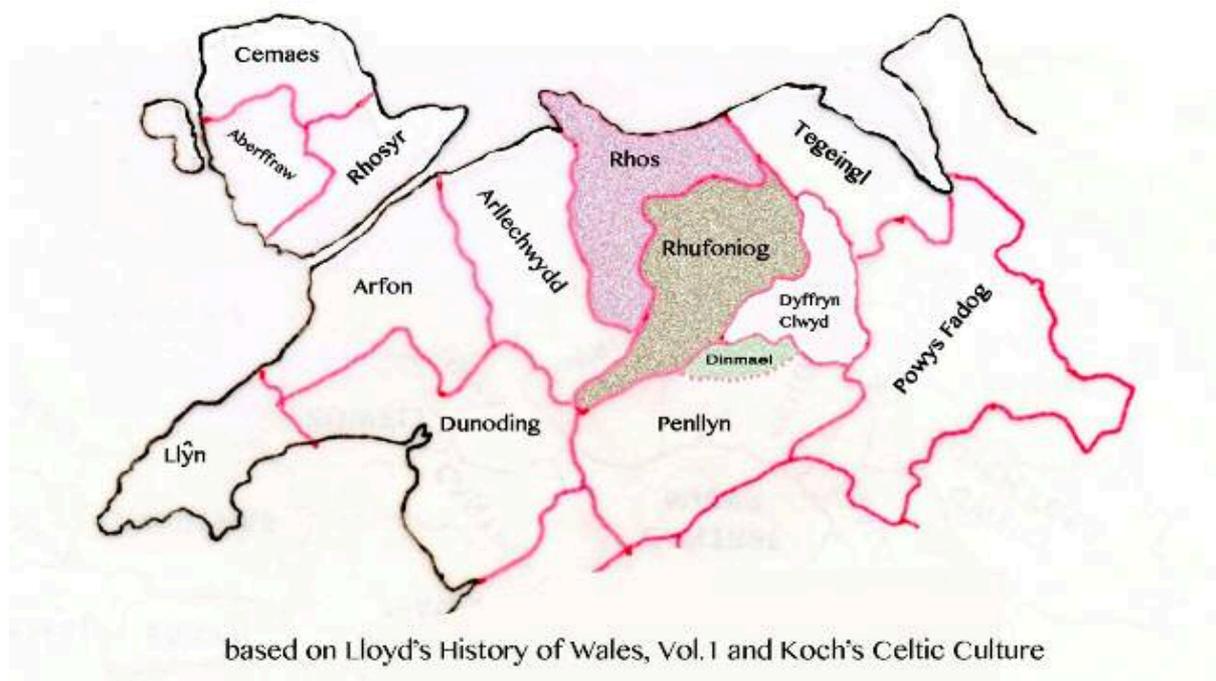
1839 - The first use of the modern name.^{4 5}

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Medieval Land Division in Wales

For administrative purposes, the land in Wales was divided up into Cantrefi and Commotes.

Medieval Cantrefi of North Wales



3. Appendix 1 – Pedigrees of the descendants of Hedd Molwynog

4. Historic Settlements in Denbighshire – CPAT report no. 1266 – R.J.Silvester, C.H.R.Martin, S.E.Watson – 2014 p.30

5. History of the Diocese of St.Asaph - David Richard Thomas - 1874 p.386

Plas Onn was originally situated in the parish of **Llanfairtalhaiarn**. This ancient parish was extensive and was divided into twelve townships - Barog, Bodrychwyn, Bont, Cynnant, Ciliau, Cornwall, Dolganner, Garthewin, Melai, Petrual, Pryslygoed, and Talhaearn, and covering approximately 20,000 acres.

Plas Onn was in the township of **Petrual**.

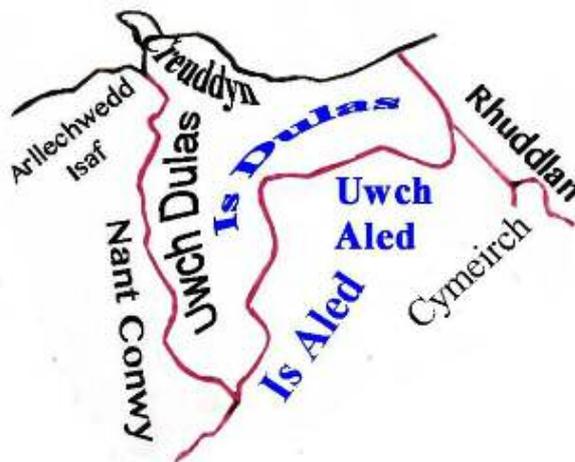
Llanfairtalhaiarn was partly in the commote of **Isdulias** within the cantref of **Rhos**, partly in the commote of **Isaled** in the cantref of Rhufoniog, and **Petrual** was located in the commote of **Uwch Aled**, also in the cantref of Rhufoniog.

Sometimes the two cantrefi were linked together as "Rhos and Rhufoniog", which roughly corresponds to the territory of the old county of Denbighshire.

The cantrefi of Rhos, Rhufoniog, Dyffryn Clwyd and Tegeingl formed an area known as 'Perfeddwlad/Y Berfeddwlad' or 'the Middle Country'. This was owned in the 13th century by **Owain Goch** and his brother, **Llewelyn ab Gruffydd**, after jointly succeeding their uncle **Dafydd ap Llewelyn** in the region in the year 1246.⁶ In the following year, by the terms of an agreement dated 30th April, they granted these lands to **Henry III** in order to establish 'perpetual peace' between themselves and the King.⁷

These lands were ceded to the English and re-granted or re-captured by the Welsh on numerous occasions.

The Medieval Commotes of Rhos & Rhufoniog



By **1282**, complaints had risen because of injustices perpetrated by the English and because of their contempt for native law and custom. As a result, Dafydd and his brother Llewelyn took up arms against Edward I. Edward responded very quickly and soon defeated the Welsh. **Llewelyn** was eventually killed on the 10th December 1282 in a battle at Builth Wells, and **Dafydd** was executed for treason on the 3rd October 1283 in Shrewsbury.

6. Appendix 2 – Pedigree of Llewelyn ap Gruffydd and Dafydd ap Gruffydd

7. Cymmrodorian Record Series No.2 1893 - Ruthin Court Rolls in the time of Edward I – translated by Richard Arthur Roberts; Introduction p.iii

The Lordship of Denbigh

On the **16th October 1282**, Edward I granted the cantrefs of **Rhos** and **Rhufoniog**, and the commote of **Dinmael** in the cantref of Penllyn to **Henry de Lacy, 3rd Earl of Lincoln**, as a reward for his loyalty in helping to defeat the Welsh. This area of land became known as the **Lordship of Denbigh**. In return, De Lacy was to render six knights' fees.

Henry de Lacy died on the 5th February **1311**. His eldest son, Edmund, is said to have fallen into the great well at Denbigh Castle and drowned. A second son, John, is also believed to have died in a tragic accident. Henry's sole surviving child at his death was his daughter Alice. As Henry was a direct tenant of the Crown, an Inquisition Post Mortem was held in order to determine the extent of his lands etc and who should inherit them. This survey is the earliest known valuation of the Lordship of Denbigh.

1334 - another survey was undertaken by Hugh de Becele⁸. "He was an Englishman, and no doubt the same personage as Hugh de Bockele, who is mentioned as a landowner in the township of "Arquedelok" (Archwedlog), in the parish of Llansannan."

These surveys give a good picture of the tenurial system in this area prior to the conquest by Edward I and how many of the priodarii (free Welshmen) were replaced by English tenants.^{9 10}

The townships of Deunant, Grugor, Penglogor, and Hendrennyth in Llansannan, Prestelegot in Llanfairtalhaearn, and Gwytherin are mentioned in the survey. They were held by descendants of **Rand Vaghan ap Asser**, a free Welshman¹¹. He was the son of **Gwrgi**, one of the three sons of **Hedd Molywynog**. The clan is sometimes called 'Wyrion Rand' in the survey. This clan also held one thirteenth part of the villata (township) of **Petrual**. Rand had four sons – Ruathlon, Idernerth, Daniel and Kewret.

The priodarii (freemen) of this gwele (clan) did all their services in the villata of Deunant, and paid their proper proportions of tunc in every villata in which they had rights. They paid 4½d per tenement in tunc.

N.B. tunc - originally payment in kind – relating to bread and liquor given to the Prince's court. In the time of the Lordship this was commuted to payments in money.

Others who held land in **Petrual** were:-

The clan of **Rhys Goch**, (sometimes called the clan of **Idernerth**). This was a another branch of the older clan of **Hedd Molwynog** whose original home was in **Melai**. It had expanded into Garllwyd and **Petrual**. Rhys Goch (Idernerth) had five sons – Gwyther, Madoc, Heilyn, Guyor and Runon. **Gwther**, **Guyor** and **Madoc** all held land in **Petrual**.

Another small clan, that of **Cyneferth ap Maer**, also held land in **Petrual**. So too did other offshoots of the clan of **Hedd Molwynog** – **Bletherus ap Mentour**, **Gethlan**, **Ithok** and **Eylene**. Some of them may have been descendants of Rhys Goch/Idernerth.

There was also a gwely (clan) **Rhingyll Llwyd** in **Petrual** and Talhaearn, and a monastic wele called Arthur Menanglwyan, held by persons also apparently of the clan of **Hedd Molwynog**.

8. The Records of Denbigh and its Lordship – John Williams 1860 p.1

9. Welsh Tribal Laws – Thomas Peter Ellis 1926 pp.132- 139

10. The English Element in the Perfeddwlad – T.P.Ellis Y Commrodor Vol.XXXV 1925 pp.187-199

11. Appendix 1 – Descendants of Hedd Molwynog

In the complete township of **Petruel**, 248 acres out of 312 were used as pasture and the remainder for arable. 26s 8d was paid in total by the tenants for 'herbage' (*right of pasture on the land owned by the Lord of Denbigh*).

After the conquest by Edward I in 1283, six of the grandsons of Rand Vaghan ap Asser had land removed (escheated) from them. Escheat may have happened because of participation in the rebellion or through inability to render services. In some areas, tenants were simply re-located in order to create consolidated English settlements. Some of the land in Llansannan, Llanfairtalhaearn and Gwytherin was reallocated to Welshmen moved from the Clwyd Valley – e.g. Ieuan ap Llywarch, a freeman from Lleweni who was granted 7 acres in Deunant. Other dispossessed clansmen from Lleweni were granted land in Gwytherin. The area of Archwedlog in Gwytherin was granted to 10 Englishmen.



The Honour of Denbigh

16th - 17th Centuries

It is not known exactly when Plas Onn was built as few records have been found which refer directly to it. Its history is clearly linked with that of a neighbouring property – Bryn y Barcutt. This house and its lands was owned by a cadet branch of the Salusbury family of Lleweni.¹²

The branch of the Salusbury family which settled in this area began with **Robert Salusbury**, son of Sir Thomas Salusbury (Hen) of Lleweni and his wife Elizabeth Done. Robert married Gwenhwyfer daughter & heiress of Rhys ap Einion Vychan ap Ieuan of Plas Issa, Llanrwst. They had at least 11 children. Their youngest son, Thomas 'Fychan' Salusbury (of Plas Madoc, Llansannan) and his wife Catherine had a grandson, also called **Thomas Salusbury**. His name seems to be the first to be associated with Bryn y Barcutt, but it is not known whether he was responsible for building it.

Thomas Salusbury and his wife Ales had a son and a daughter – John and Margaret. **John Salusbury** married **Catherine**, daughter of Owen Wynne ap John of Disserth in Eglwysbach.¹³

Plas Onn was possibly built as a residence for the eldest son to live in until he inherited the main family property. It may at times have also been used as a dower house.

The most likely person to have built it was Thomas Salusbury of Bryn y Barcutt for his son, John Salusbury, who married Catherine d/o Owen Wynne.

John Salusbury eventually inherited Bryn y Barcutt, but it is assumed that there was no issue from this marriage or no surviving children as the next person associated with it was John's brother-in-law, **Robert Powell**, who had married John's sister **Margaret Salusbury** in 1574. **Robert Powell** was the second son of Richard & Elizabeth Powell of Llanfairfechan. At this point it looked as if the days of the Salusburies of Bryn y Barcutt had come to an end.

The Powell family are reputed to have descended from the 1st Noble Tribe – of Hwfa ap Cynddelw of Anglesey, descended from Cunedda. He was said to have been a steward of that prince.

Robert and **Margaret** had a son named, **Thomas Powell** of Petruel. He married **Lillie Gethin** d/o Edward Gethin of Gorfedwen, Llandrynog.

They had a son named **John Powell** of Petruel who married **Dorothy Llwyd** daughter of Edward Llwyd of Plas Langwynfen, Dyffryn Clwyd. This particular Powell decided to resurrect the name 'Salusbury' by naming his eldest son **Salusbury Powell**. John named his other son, Hedd Powell, after Hedd Molywynog (see p.6)

1686 – Parochial Notitiae for St. Asaph. In 1686 William Lloyd Bishop of St.Asaph instructed his clergy to carry out a census of the population of his diocese. ¹⁴

'To desire everyone of them to consider maturely beforehand what things are amiss in the Church, and how every fault may be mended, and what as well may be improved; and everyone to bring what he has to suggest, and withall to give me a notitia of his own parish, I mean a roll of the names of all housekeepers, which may be easily made by transcribing the poor's rate, and adding to it the

12. Appendix 3 - The Salusbury family pedigree

13. Appendix 4 - The Family of Cefn Garlegg

14. Parochial Notitiae for St.Asaph Diocese 1681-1687 pub. Clwyd Family History Society

names of them that take alms, and the names of those few that neither pay nor receive. It will be no great trouble for each of them to make me such a roll.'

The directions initially issued in 1681, gave details of the form in which the information was to be entered: in three columns, the names of 'housekeepers' (heads of household), the number of souls in each family, and the ages of all those in the household under the age of 18. The houses in which the people lived, are not named.

There is a John Powell recorded in Petruel with a family of 12. This could be the family of John & Dorothy Powell living at Bryn y Barcutt. Their eldest son, Salusbury Powell would have been about 19 years of age at the time. The dates of births of his siblings are not known, but he may have had four older sisters. Only the names of his younger brother, Hedd, and two younger sisters, Jane and Mary, have been discovered during this research.

Petruel township

John Powell gent. 12 souls in the family; 5 under the age of 18 years; 17,14,12,11,7.

John Powell is the only 'gent' recorded in Petruel. There are 14 other families listed in the township. Had Plas Onn been leased to one of these families at this point in time? There is a Jon. Salusbury gent. recorded in the township of Talhaearn with a family of 13 souls, but there are no other men with the surname Salusbury or Powell in the parish of Llanvair Tal hayarn.

Salusbury Powell had been born on the 18/4/1668 in Llanfairtalhaearn, and was a well known local and character. He was a poet and also very litigious. Cledwyn Fychan wrote an article entitled Tri Chymydog Llengar¹⁵ (Three Literary Figures in which he features). In it he recounts that:-

Salusbury was probably educated at Llanrwst School or possibly Ruthin School. He married **Elspeth** (*Elizabeth*) d/o Sion Owen of Marchwel, Llanbedyr y cennin. She had been left an orphan when both her parents died. The marriage took place in Llanfairtalhaearn on the 17/11/1702. Elspeth was the cousin of Robert Wynn (b.1698) of Garthewin¹⁶. Her mother, Catrin, was Dr. Robert Wynne's sister.

Salusbury and Elspeth had five sons and two daughters. They chose to use the Welsh patronymic custom of using the father's name as a surname for all of the children. Presumably Salusbury Powell thought that the name 'Salusbury' was more prestigious than the surname 'Powell'.

15. published in Welsh in the NLW Journals – 1981 Winter Vol.XXII/2

16. Appendix 5 - Pedigree of the Wynnes of Garthewin

18th Century

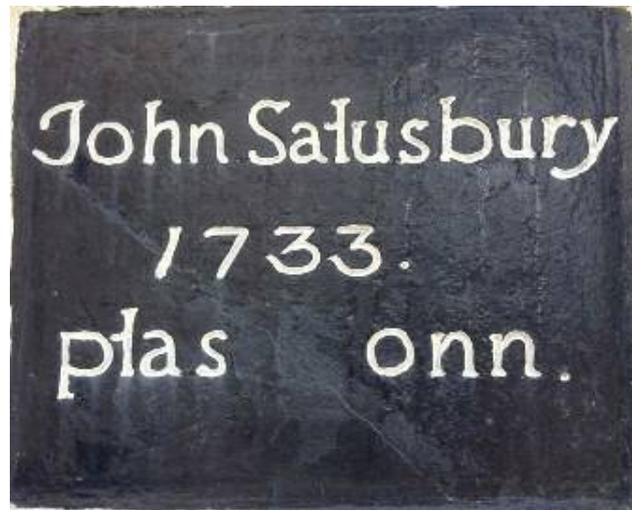
When Elspeth's aunt, Margaret Wynne died in 1701, there was a dispute over her Will between the Bryn y Barcutt and Garthewin families. One of the Bryn y Barcutt maids was heard to comment:-

“Margaret Wynn had a great esteem for the defendant Elizabeth (Elspeth), the wife of Salusbury Powell and she was sorry for the low condition her said husband had brought her to by his lawsuits and crossness.”

The case went to Chancery but Salusbury Powell did not live to hear the result. He died in 1734.

Salusbury Powell left a Will¹⁷ in which he mentions his wife and surviving children.

Their eldest son, **John Salusbury**, was born on the 5/5/1705. He was an Attorney at Law. He must have moved to **Plas Onn** at some point prior to his father's death, as the house was remodelled in 1733 and a plaque inscribed with his name was placed on the front of the house.



After John Salusbury had inherited Bryn y Barcutt, Plas Onn may have been sub-leased or tenanted.

Two years after the death of his father, John was married.

1736 2nd August - John married **Dorothy Wynne**, widow of Sir Thomas Bond (bur. 17/8/1734) and daughter of John Wynne of Gorddinog, Llanfairfechan and Dorothy daughter and co heiress of John Owen of Farchwell. John & Dorothy Salusbury had two children, neither of whom survived infancy. Dorothy herself died soon afterwards. She was buried on the 15/8/1738 in Llangernyw.

Elizabeth	b. 1736	d.1736
John	b.1737	d.1737

N.B. Farchwel in Llanbedr y cennin, Caerhun had 4 hearths in 1662 and was owned by a branch of the Gwydir family in the 17th and 18th centuries.

17. Appendix 6 - Will of Salusbury Powell dated 1735

1741 11th September - John Salusbury remarried to **Mary Wynne**, daughter and co-heiress of Eubule Wynne of Maes y Coed, Flints.

John and Mary had four children.

Elizabeth	b.20/6/1742	d.1817
Mary	b.27/1/1743/4	
John	b.19/6/1745	bur.24/10/1745
Lettice	b.27/7/1748	d.1748

1764 20th August – **Thomas Davies**, a tenant at Plas Onn, died and left a Will¹⁸. He mentions his father David Roberts and his brothers Robert Davies, David Davies, John Davies and Abraham Davies; his sister Mary Davies and his wife Ellinor.

The family were still using the patronymic naming system. i.e. Thomas ap David hence Thomas Davies - the Anglicised form.

John Salusbury died on the 10/11/1768 and was buried in Llanfairtalhaearn on the 15/11/1768. Robert Wynne of Garthewin wrote in his diary:-

November 10th 1768 – ‘*Heard Mr. Salusbury of Bryn-y-Barkitt died of dropsy.*’

N.B. Dropsy – the swelling of soft tissue due to the accumulation of excess water, probably caused by heart failure. The following description seems to suggest that John Salusbury was probably overweight.

November 15th 1768 – ‘*Mr. Salusbury’s funeral; 12 Bearers, 4 Mourners, 4 Clergy and Tenants. It was the largest coffin I ever saw, 3ft 4ins over 2ft deep, and very long. Said to weigh 1,200lbs.*’

Elizabeth Salusbury - John Salusbury's eldest daughter and co-heiress, moved to Bath.

1770 – She granted a lease for Bryn y Barcutt to John Humphreys of Ruthin.

LEASE for 1 year of a capital messuage called Bryn y Barcutt and a messuage and a fulling mill in Llanfairtalhaearn; another property in Gwytherin and another in Llansannan. 3rd March 1770.

It is clear from this that the family had acquired other properties in the area.

Elizabeth married in Bath on the 13/4/1776. A marriage settlement was drawn up prior to the event.

1776 – Marriage settlement

1. Robert Jocelyn late of Sawbridgeworth, Herts but now of Bath, Somerset.
2. Elizabeth Salusbury late of Bryn y Barcutt, Denb. but now of the city of Bath.

18. Appendix 7 - The Will of Thomas Davies 1765

Included in the lengthy settlement was:-

'A Capital messuage with appurtenances called Bryn y Barcutt and the demesne lands and several fields lying in the township of Petruall in the parish of Llanvair Talhaiarn, Denb. and formerly in the holding of John Salusbury deceased late father of 2.'

It also lists numerous other cottages (mostly unnamed), gardens and fields in Llanfairtalhaearn, Llansannan and Gwytherin, but it does not specifically name Plas Onn. Two of the fields listed – Y Ddole Bach Issa and Y Ddole Bach Ucha could perhaps refer to two fields similarly named in the Tithe schedule of 1845 for Plas Onn – Dol bach and Dol isa. These two fields are not included in the Tithe Schedule for Bryn y Barcutt.

The entry about the marriage in Robert Wynne's Diary was as follows:-

1776 November 13th – 'This day was married at Bath, Miss Salusbury of Bryn y Barcutt to Mr. Jocelyn, an officer in the Navy. She was a very fine woman.'

Robert and Elizabeth moved to the Jocelyn family seat of Stanstead Bury in Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire soon after their marriage. They had four children, all of whom were born there, and grew up there.

Sophia Jocelyn	b.1777	
Caroline Mary Jocelyn	b.3/4/1854	
Capt. Robert Salusbury Jocelyn	b.1780	died in his 32 nd year 58 th Foot reg.
Lieut. John Strange Jocelyn	b.	fell 21/3/1801 Battle of Alexandria 58 th Foot reg.

Elizabeth Salusbury's sister and co-heiress, Mary, married John Morris of Conway. They had a daughter who died soon after her birth. Her death was recorded by Robert Wynne.

July 27th 1783 – 'J.M.Conway's daughter was born about 7 in the morning and baptised the same day by the name of Mary. She died Aug. 13th. His wife was Mary Salusbury, daughter of John Salusbury, esq. of Bryn-y-Barcut, and younger sister to Elizabeth, who married Captain Jocelyn, R.N. Of Stanstead Bury, Co.Herts.'

Mary's husband died in 1783.

1783 3rd March – J.Maurice Conway died at Astrad near Denbigh aged 51.¹⁹

John Salusbury's widow, Dorothy, died in 1790. She was described as 'of Bryn y Barcutt' but may not have been living there at the time of her death.

May 24th 1790 – 'Died, Mrs. Salusbury of Bryn-y-Barcut, widow to John Salusbury, aged 86.'²⁰

19. Diary of Robert Wynne of Garthewin

20. Ibid.

Another tenant is recorded in Plas Onn in 1794.

1794 September 26th – baptism of Elinor d/o **David Charles** and his wife Jane Jones. Plas Onn.²¹

A possible leaseholder of Plas Onn died intestate in 1796. An Administration Bond records the names of his administrators. He may not have been living in the house at the time as the Charles family are still recorded there in 1800. He could have sub-let the property. Or he was living there and the Charles family were working for him and living in one of the outbuildings on the site.

1796 – John Ellis of Plas Onn, Llanfairtalhaearn – yeoman - died intestate – The men named to be responsible for administering John's estate were:- Ellis Jones of Pygwyn in the parish of Llanrug, Caernarvonshire, farmer, John Wynne of Llansannan, Denbighshire innkeeper and John Doe.

John Ellis may have been the same person who was mentioned in a document dated 4th June 1751 re. The intended marriage of Robert Anwyll and Jane Lloyd.

John Salusbury of Bryn y Barcutt co. Denbigh gent and **John Ellis** of Kyffin co. Denbigh gent were named as participants in a transaction involving lands in Llangernyw.

Yeomen

In the late 14th to 18th centuries, yeomen were farmers who owned land (freehold, leasehold or copyhold). Their wealth and the size of their landholding varied. Many yeomen were prosperous, and wealthy enough to employ servants and farm labourers. Some were as wealthy as the minor county or regional landed gentry and some even leased land to gentleman landowners. Some could be classed as gentlemen but did not aspire to this status: it was cheaper to remain a yeoman. Often it was hard to distinguish minor landed gentry from the wealthier yeomen, and wealthier husbandmen from the poorer yeomen. A yeoman could be equally comfortable working on his farm, educating himself from books, or enjoying country sports such as shooting and hunting. By contrast members of the landed gentry and the aristocracy did not farm their land themselves, but let it to tenant farmers.

21. Gwytherin Parish records

19th Century

1800 26th October – baptism of Sidney d/o David Charles and his wife Jane Jones, **Plas Onn**²².

N.B. The name Sidney was a common girl's name at the time.

1805 11th May – May Ann d/o David Charles and his wife Jane Jones, **Plas Onn**²³.

1806 7th June – Capt. Robert Jocelyn died aged 81 years. He left a Will²⁴ Probate was granted 2/8/1806. He makes no mention at all of Plas Onn or any other property in Denbighshire. It is assumed that he or his wife had already transferred these properties to his eldest unmarried daughter, **Sophia**, as a source of income. She is named as the owner in 1845.

1810 - Sophia's younger sister, **Caroline Mary Jocelyn**, married John Powell Ffoulkes of Eriviatt²⁵ in Henllan.

11/4/1817 – **Elizabeth Jocelyn** (nee Salusbury) died. She was buried at Stanstead Bury in Hertfordshire.

Robert and Elizabeth's eldest daughter, **Sophia**, did not marry and lived in Bath.

1826 – Caroline's husband John Powell Ffoulkes died and left a Will²⁶ in which he speaks very kindly of his wife. His children were all very young when he died.

“ the truest, the best and most amiable of wives I also constitute and appoint my dear wife sole executrix with full and absolute power to act in every particular, as she sees best, and in an additional proof (if further proof were wanting) of the boundless confidence I have in her sense, conduct and discretion I appoint her sole Guardian to our dear children.”

1829 10th June – Another tenant, **Moses Davies of Plas Onn**, died and left a Will²⁷ which was written in Welsh. He mentions his sons Moses, William and David and daughters Dorothy Roberts and Ellinor Davies. Moses had married Catherine Williams on the 8/2/1794 in Llanfairtalhaearn. Presumably, Catherine had predeceased Moses as she is not mentioned in the Will.

1836 – the Tithe Commutation Act

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.

1845 – When the map and schedule were drawn up in 1845 for Plas Onn, Sophia Jocelyn, eldest daughter of Elizabeth and Robert Jocelyn, was named as the owner and David Roberts and his wife were the tenants.

22. op. cit. PRs

23. *ibid.*

24. Appendix 8 – Will of Robert Jocelyn

25. Appendix 9 – The Ffoulkes family of Eriviatt

26. NLW ref. SA/1827/58 W

27. Appendix 10 - Will of Moses Davies 1829

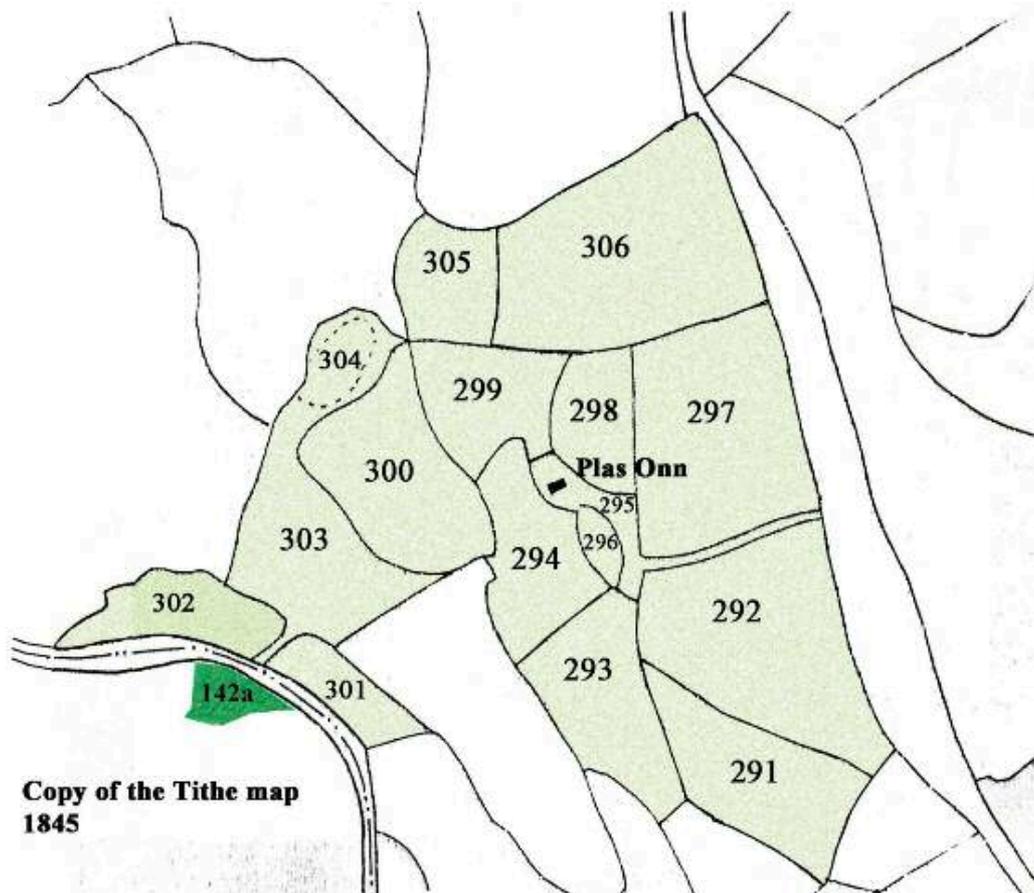
Tithe Map & Schedule

dated: 18th June 1845

Plas Onn,

owner: Sophia Jocelyn

tenant: David Roberts



		Acres	roods	perches	£	s	d
291	arable	3	-	12	-	3	10
292	pasture	5	3	20	4	-	10
293	Fron	2	2	32	-	3	0
294	Cae tan ty	3	-	10	-	5	4
295	Homestead	-	3	10	-	1	4
296	Clwt	arable	-	1	8	-	6
297	Ffridd	pasture	5	2	28	-	5
298	Cae Gwyrch	arable	1	2	8	-	2
299	Cae bryn	pasture	2	1	32	-	2
300	Caer derwas	arable	3	2	38	-	6
301	Dol bach	meadow	1	-	8	-	2
302	Dol isa	"	1	3	26	-	5
303	Coed plason	wood	3	2	36	-	-
304	Cae coed	arable	-	2	2	-	6
305	Cae garreg	arable	2	-	16	-	3
306	Cae ffynon	pasture	6	1	-	-	5

	total	44	3	6	2	12	4
142a	wood & pasture in Gwytherin	-	1	23	-	-	3

*N.B. 40 perches = 1 rood
4 roods = 1 acre*

Sophia is also recorded in the Tithe records as the owner of Hafod, Llwer(*Llawr*) Cwm, Foel Cathau, Bryn Barcutt, Pandy, Wern bach and Tyn y Gyll in Llanfairtalhaearn; Hendre in Llansannan; Bryn y Tan, Hafod Gwytherin, Ddol Geiri and Ty Isaf in Gwytherin.

Census Records

The first census of the population which named individual householders was recorded in 1841.

1841 census

Plas Onn, Llanfairtalhaiarn, Denbighshire (PRO ref. HO 107/ 1402/6)

David Roberts	50	farmer	born in Denbighshire	yes
Catherine Roberts	50			yes
Elinor Davies	18			yes
David Davies	21			yes
Evan Wynne	9	Ag.lab		yes

Catherine must have been married before because her two children both have the surname 'Davies'.

The owner of Plas Onn, Sophia Jocelyn was still living in Bath at the time of the census.

1841 census

Walcot, Bath

Sophia Jocelyn	60	Ind.	born in county	no
Edward Folkes	24	Ind.		No
Amelia Bradley	20	F.S.		Yes
Francis Cullin	25	M.S.		Yes
Lydia Cook	20	F.S.		Ye
Amelia O'borne	25	F.S.		No

Sophia was still in Bath in 1851.

1851 census

7 Church street, Walcot, Bath

Sophia Jocelyne	H	unm	73	gentlewoman	b. Sawbridgeworth, Herts
Caroline Ffoulkes	visitor	unm	71	"	b. "
Caroline Croker	"	unm	30	"	b. Wilts., Westwood
Ellen Williams	serv.	unm	21	lady's maid	b. Mould, Flints.
Ann Stevens	"	unm	20	"	b. Pillon, Somerset

Clarissa Richards	“	unm	30	parlor maid	b.	“
Ann Barratt	“	unm	40	cook	b.	Brockley, Gloucs.
Harriet Galloway	“	unm	12	messenger	b.	Bath, Somerset

David Roberts of Plas Onn must have died by 1851 as his wife, Catherine, was recorded as a widow.

1851 census (PRO ref. HO 107/2507)

Plas Onn, Betrail (Petrual), Llanfairtalhaiarn, Denb.

Catherine Roberts	H	Wid.	62	farming 20 acr. empl. 2 lab.	b.	Llangerniw, Denb.
David Davies	son	M	30	Ag. lab.	b.	Llanfairtalhaiarn, Den.
Elinor Davies	dau	wife	27	general servant	b.	“
Evan Wynne	serv.	unm	18	Ag. lab.	b.	Llansannan, Denb.

Sophia Jocelyn died on the 23/3/1853 in Bath and left a Will, which is very difficult to read. She appears to leave all her property to her nephew, **John Jocelyn Ffoulkes** of Eriviatt.

1861 census is missing.

By 1871 the tenancy had changed.

1871 census

Plas Onn, Llanfairtalhaiarn, Denb. (PRO ref. RG 10/5663)

Samuel Jones	H	M	44	farmer of 15 acres	b.	Llanfairtalhaiarn, Den.
Elizabeth Jones	W	M	43		b.	Llangynhafal, Denb.

The tenancy had changed again by 1881.

1881 census

Plas Onn, Llanfairtalhaiarn (PRO ref. RG 11/5530)

Evan Evans	H	M	40	farmer of 100 acres	b.	Gwytherin, Denb.
Ann Evans	W	M	36	farmer's wife	b.	Llanfairtalhaiarn, Den.
Jane Evans	dau		4		b.	“
Elin E. Evans	dau		2		b.	“
Margaret Evans	dau	unm	19	dressmaker	b.	Gwytherin, Denb.
Henry Owens	serv.	unm	15	farm servant indoors	b.	Llangerniw, Denb.

1891 census

Plas Onn, Llanfairtalhaiarn (PRO ref. RG 12/4628)

Evan Evans	H	M	54	farmer	b.	Llanfairtalhaiarn, Den.
Ann Evans	W	M	46		b.	“
Jane Evans	dau		13		b.	“
Elizabeth S. Evans	dau		11		b.	“
Ann Evans	dau		8		b.	“
Robert Evans	son		3		b.	“
John Jones	serv.	unm	16	farm servant	b.	“

1898 17th June – John Jocelyn Ffoulkes of Eriviatt, the owner of Plas Onn, died as the result of an accident, aged 84 years ²⁸

It appeared that about seven o'clock on Friday morning Major Ffoulkes was found by one of the maid servants lying on the lawn, nearly underneath his bedroom window, through which he had evidently fallen. He was carried into the house and the family doctor was sent for. He was conscious and recognised the doctor when he arrived. He died soon after noon from failure of the heart due to the shock. An Inquest was held. The conclusion being that he had become disorientated during the night whilst making his way to the closet and had lost his balance and had fallen out of the window.

As he and his wife had 7 daughters and no sons, the Eriviatt Estate, which still owned **Plas Onn**, was left to **Edmund Andrew Ffoulkes** (1867-1949), the son of his younger brother, Rev. Edmund Salusbury Ffoulkes (1819-1860).

28. Denbighshire Free Press 25th June 1898

20th Century

1901 census

Plas Onn, Llanfairtalhaiarn, Denbighshire (PRO ref. RG 13/5237)						lang.	sp.
Evan Evans	H	M	60	farmer employer	b. Gwytherin, Denb.	Welsh	
Ann Evans	W	M	50		b. Llanfairtalhaiarn, Denb.	“	
Ann Evans	dau	unm	18		b. “	“	
Robert Evans	son	unm	16		b. “	“	
Thomas J. Williams	boarder	unm	40	thrashing engine driver	b. Gwytherin, Denb.	“	

1911 census

Plas Onn, Llangerniew, Denbighshire (PRO ref. p.26 district 13 – 623/2/3)						lang.	sp.
Evan Evans	H	M	78	farmer	b. Gwytherin, Denbighshire	Welsh	
Ann Evans	W	M	64		b. Llanfairtalhaiarn, Denb.	“	
Annie Evans	dau	unm	28	farmer's daughter, dairymaid	b. “	Both	
Robert Evans	son	unm	25	farmer's son wkr on farm	b. Llangerniew, Denb.	“	
Evan Jones	serv.	unm	15	cowman	b. “	“	

Evan Evans died in 1913 and was buried at Capel Garnedd on the 23/1/1913 aged 78 years. Their son, Robert Evans, also died in 1911 and was buried at Capel Garnedd on the 10/5/1911 aged 31 years. Ann Evans died in 1937 and was also buried at Capel Garnedd on the 29/8/1937 aged 92 years.



Robert Evans



Evan Evans and Ann Evans

Capel Garnedd cemetery

Robert Evans

Plas Onn Llangerniew
Yr hwn a hunodd yn yr Iesu Mai 10 1917
Yn 31 mlwydd oed
“Ei haul a fachludodd tra yr oedd hi yn ddydd.”

Evan Evans

Plas Onn Llangerniew
Yr hwn a hunodd Ionawr 23 1913
yn 78 mlwydd oed
Hefyd Ann
anwyl briod yr uchod
yr hon a hunodd Awst 29 1937
yn 92 mlwydd oed

1927 – **Edward Williams** and **Elizabeth Williams** were recorded in the Electors Roll²⁹ as living at Plas Onn.

John Edward Hughes and his wife **Jane Roberts** were tenants from about 1930. They are recorded in the Electoral Rolls at Plas Onn in 1933.³⁰

John had come from Llidiart Mynydd and Jane was from Cefn Groes Fawr in Llansannan. They married in the June qtr. 1930 and their marriage was registered in Llanrwst. They lived in the house for about 40 years and eventually purchased it from the Eriwiatt Estate in Henllan. This would probably have come about after the death of the owner – **Edmund Andrew Ffoulkes** in 1949.

Edmund Andrew Ffoulkes of 60 Woodstock Road in the city of Oxford and of **Eriwiatt Hall** died on the **9th March 1949**. He was unmarried. After a few personal bequests, he left the residuary estate including Eriwiatt Hall to his Trustees to manage³¹.

John Hughes and his wife sold the Plas Onn to **Dafydd Evans** and his wife **Florie Davies** in 1968 for £8000. At the time, the land belonging to the farm amounted to 60.650 acres. John & Jane moved to Llanrwst. Dafydd and Florie had married in the December qtr. 1930. Their marriage was registered in Llanrwst.

Dafydd and Florie had two sons, **Tecwyn** and **Gareth**. Their names were added to the Deeds a short time later. The family also owned Plas Matw, Llawr Cwm and Foel Cathau.

1983 the properties were split so that Tecwyn had Plas Matw and Llawr Cwm and Gareth had Plas Onn and Foel Cathau.

Tecwyn married Anne Jones in the June qtr. 1957. Their marriage was registered in Ruthin. They had four children – Carys, Eirian, Eleri and Medwyn.

1979 – Eirian and her husband Euros Griffith Morris rented Plas Onn from Gareth Evans.

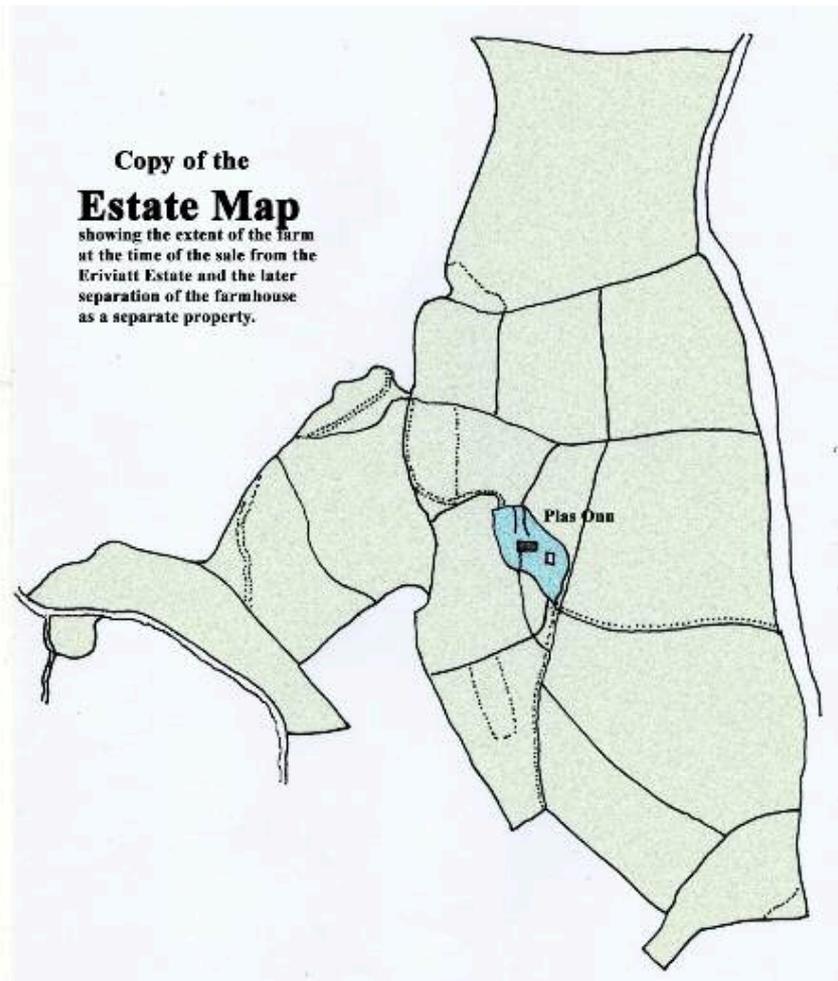
1986 – Euros and Eirian purchased the property from Gareth Evans.

1996 – the house was completely renovated.

29. Ruthin Archives – QSD/DK/2/266

30. “ QSD/DK/2/277

31. Ruthin Archives – DD/SJ Will Book 6 pp.124-131



21st Century

Current owners: Euros Griffith Morris and Eirian Morris.

Gill. Jones
Ann Morgan
September 2017

Descendants of Hedd Molwynog

820 **Rhodri Mawr** ob.878
 I
 865 Tuwall Goff
 I
 895 Alser
 I
 930 Aelan
 I
 960 Llawr llawfrydedd
 I
 990 Greddf Tymen
 I
 1020 Alunog
 I
 1050 **Hedd Molwynog** m. Haer vch Iarddur
 I

.....
 Menter Gwilllonon Gwrgi
 I
 Asser (Alser) m. Rhahawd
 I

Progenies of **Rand Vaghan ap Asser** m. Nest vch Y Gwion
 I

Wele or lecta **Ruathlon** **Idenerth** **Daniel** (Deiniol) **Kewret** (Carwed)
 I I I... I

.....
 Gavels Guyon Bleth' Kewret Madok Ior' Madok Allet Tegwared Eignon Cadwgan Griffri Cynewric
 I (Carwed)
 I

.....
 Holders Ken' Lewelyn
 I

.....
 Ior' Ken'

Rand Vaghan ap Asser

I

Ruathlon

I

Idernerth

I

Daniel

I

Kewret

I

.....

Guyon	Bleth'	Kewret	Madok	Iorwerth	Madok	Allot	Tegwaret	Eignon	Cadugan	Grifo	Kenewrek
.. 5 holders ..		1 holder	5 holders	3 holders	4 holders	4 holders	1 holder	12 holders	8 holders	escheat	3 holders
					1/6 escheat	3/4 escheat	1/3 escheat	7/64 escheat	5/8 escheat		1/6 escheat

.....

Rhys Goch (clan of Idernerth)

I

Gwyther

Madoc

Heilyn

Guyor

Runon

The Royal House of Cunedda

Rhodri Mawr

b.abt.789 d.abt.878 killed in battle with the English

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.
.

Gruffydd ap Cynan m. Angharad (of Flint) vch Owain

b.abt.1055 d.1136 aged 82 yrs

bur. Bangor Cathedral

I

Owain Gruffydd (Fawr) Gwynedd ap Gruffydd m. Gwladys vch Llywarch (of North Wales)

b.abt. 1100 d.1169 bur. Bangor

I

Iorwerth 'Drwyndwn' ap Owain m. Margred vch Madog of Powys

Prince of Gwynedd

b.abt.1135 d.abt.1177

I

Llewelyn Fawr Prince of Gwynedd

b.abt.1173 Dolwydellan m. 1. Tanglwystl vch Llywarch

d.1240 Caernarvon

.....I

I

m. 2. Joan of North Wales

I

Gruffydd

b.abt.1205 d.1244

m.

Senena vch Man

I

Dafydd Prince of Gwynedd

b.1209 d.1246

Owain Goch

Llewelyn Prince of Gwynedd

the Last

b.? d.1282

m.

Eleanor de Montford

I

.....
Gwenllian

1282-1337

Dafydd

Sir

b.1227 d.1284

m.

Elizabeth de Ferrers

I

.....
Llewelyn Owain Gladys

Rhodri

1230-1315

m.

Beatrice de Malpas

I

.....
Tomos

I

.....
Owain

1330-1378

The Salusbury Family

Sir Adam de Salzburg m. Joyce Damfret d/o Sir William Damfret

b.abt.1089 captain of the garrison at Denbigh

Some sources say that he was descended from the Royal House of Bavaria; and he was awarded Lleweni for services to William the Conqueror;

Other sources say the family came from Lancashire or Herefordshire, which is probably more likely.

I

.....
Sir Alexander Salusbury m. 1. Jillian

2. Maria de Warren

I

.....
Sir Thomas Salusbury m. Janette de Mandeville d & co hrs of Sir William de Mandeville
of Cheshire

I

.....
Sir John Salusbury of Lleweni

m.

Katherine Seymour d/o Lord Seymor

I

.....
Sir Henry (Ddu) Salisberry of Lleweni

1228-1264 (he wore black armour)

m.

Nest d & hrs of Cynwrig Sais ap Ithel Vychan, Lord of Mostyn

I

.....
William Salusbury of Lleweni

b.abt.1286 Denbighshire

m.

Margaret d & hrs of David ap Kynwrig

1305-1336

I

.....
(Rouling) Ralph Salusbury

b.abt. 1336 Lleweni, Henllan

m.

(Margred)Margaret Cadwgan ap Llowarch

I

.....
Henry Salusbury of Lleweni

b.abt. 1365

buried White Friars, Denbigh

m.

(Anne)Agnes Curteis d/o Sir John Curteis

1378 -1409

I

I

I

.....
 Sir Thomas Salusbury (Hen) Henry Robert Elspeth Ffoulke John Jonet Elizabeth Catherine Constance
 b.abt. 1409 Lleweni
 d. 14/4/1471 London died at the Battle of Barnet
 m.
 Elizabeth/Ellen Done d/o Sir John Donne of Utkinton
 b.abt. 1442 Utkington, Cheshire

I

.....
 Sir Thomas Ffoulke Henry **Robert** John Jonet Elizabeth Catherin Alice Constance
 of Lleweni Dean of St. of Llanrhaiadr of Henblas of Bachymbyd
 b. 1459 Asaph yng Nghinmeirch & Plas Issa
 d. 1505 1511-1542/3 Llanrwst
 Rector of Llansannan
 lived at Plas Madoc
 m. m. m. m. m. m. m. m. m.
 Janet Griffith Elin Margaret **Gwenhwyfer** Lowry John Hugh Thomas John Piers
 vch vch vch vch Rhys ap vch Robert Conway Hugh Thomas John Piers
 William Griffith John Gruffydd Einion Vychan of of of of of
 of Penrhyn Puleston of ap Ieuan of Bodrhyddan Bryn Mostyn Hafod y Ewlo
 of of Plas Issa Euryn Wern Castle
 Hafod y Wern, Denb. I

.....
 Elin Fulke Catherine Rhys David John Edward Ralph Margaret Mary **Thomas**
 of Catherine Robert mort Hugh Henry Pryse John (Thomas Vychan)
 Plas Issa of Plas Madoc
 m. m.
 Annes/Agnes Catherine vch
 d/o Wm. Ap Gruffydd ap Robin of Cochwillan Rhys ap Howell of Bron y Foel
 I

Howell Wynn
 Possibly descended from Hwylfa of the
 1st noble tribe of North Wales

m.
 Gwen
 I

Robert Salusbury Catherine

m.
 Alas vch William
 I

.....
 Richard Powell of Llanfairfechan
 m. 1574

Elizabeth
 I

.....
Thomas Salusbury of Bryn y Barkitt

m.
 Ales
 I

I
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John Salusbury
 of Bryn y Barkitt

Margaret Salusbury of Plas Madoc
 d. 1637 Llangernyw
 m.12/9/1614

m.
 Catherine d/o Owen Wynne
 ap John of Disserth, Eglwysfach
 * see Cefn Garlleg family pedigree

.....
Robert Powell 2nd son
 I

.....
Thomas Powell of Petrual

m. 18/2/1635

Lillie Gethin d/o Edward Gethin of
Carvedrum, Denb.

I

.....
John Powell Jane

of Petrual
Will dated 26/6/1697

m.

Dorothy Lloyd of Berth Ddu
d/o Edward Llwyd of Plas Langwyfen,
Dyffryn Clwyd

bur.28/7/1664

I

.....
Salusbury Powell Jane Mary Hedd
of Bryn y Barcut, Llangernyw of Hwlcyn, Bodfari
b.18/4/1668 d.1752
Llanfairtalhaiarn will 1753
d. 6/7/1734 Bryn y Barcut (Bryn y Barkitt) will 1734

m. 17/11/1702 Llanfairtalhaiarn

* Elizabeth/Elspeth Owen d/o John Owen d.1712 of Farchwel,
b.1676 & Catrin Llanbedin yr Cenin
d.23/2/1736 aged 60

I

I

.....
John Salusbury Thomas Robert Margaret Catherine Dorothy Ambrose Richard
of Bryn y Barcut of Plas Madoc
attorney at law
b.5/5/1705 b.27/1/1708/9 b.22/2/1710/11 b.1/11/1714 b. 21/8/1718 b.15/8/1721
Llanfairtalhaiarn Llanfairtalhaiarn
d. 10/11/1768 d.1780 d.20/4/1713 d.1781 bur.3/9/1718 d.1777 Will
..... Llangernyw

m. 1. 2/8/1736 Dorothy Wynne widow of Sir Thos. Bond (bur.17/8/1734) 7 d/o John Wynne of
bur.15/8/1738 Llangernyw of Gorddinog, Llanfairfechan
& Dorothy d&co.hrs
of John Owen of Farchwell

I
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I
2. m. 11/9/1741 Mary Wynne Caerwys or Nannerch, Flints.
I d & co.hrs of Eubule Wynne of Maes y Coed, Flint

.....
Elizabeth John **Elizabeth** hrs. Mary hrs. John Lettice
1736-1736 1737-1737 b.20/6/1742 b.27/1/1743/4 b.19/6/1745 b.27/7/1748
..... Llangernyw
d.11/4/1817 bur.24/10/1745 d.1748
Stansteadbury

m.13/4/1776 Bath m.
Capt. Robert Jocelyn R.N. John Morris Conway
of Stansteadbury, Herts & Bryn y Barcut I
b.1724 Stansteadbury I

Cefn Garleg near Llanrwst

John ap Robert ap Gruffydd Goch 2nd son

m.

Nest d/o Howell Coetmor

I

.....
Owen ap John

m.

Gwenhwyfer d/o Howell ap Rhys of Anglesey

I

.....
Owen Wynn ap John of Disserth in Eglwysfach

m.

Gwen sister of Richard Wynn ap Dafydd ap Rhys of Trovath

I

.....
Ann

Mary

Catherine

m.

John ap Thomas Salesbury of Brynbarcut

The Wynne Family of Garthewin & Bron y Wendon

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

I

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

.....
(Dr.)Rev. Robert Wynne d.26/6/1743
m.
1. Margred Lloyd Rosindale
of Segrwyd, Llanrhaeadr yng Nghinmeirch
I

Richard Sarah William Owain John Catrin
d.1706
m.
Jane Docksey Sion Owen
of Farchwel
I I

2. Margred Owen of Penrhôs Issa, Caergybi, Anglesey
no issue

.....
Mary b. 1695 d.
m.
1. Diana Gosling of London, Middlesex
I

Robert 1698
11/9/1771
m.
2. Elsbeth Eytun
of Coed-llai, Yr Wyddgrug, Flints
no issue

John Wynne 1693-1739
m.
Mary Gamon
I

Elsbeth*
see Salusbury pedigree

.....
Margaret Diana **Robert** Elizabeth
b.1738 d. 25/7/1798
m.
Piers Wynne Elizabeth Dymock of Acton, Wrecsam, Denb.
I I

John Wynne b. 1717
m.
Sarah Pointon
I

.....
Diane **Robert William Wynne**
d.30/11/1842
m. marriage settlement 1804
1. Ridgeway Owen Merick
2. Philip Yorke of Erddig
I

Laetitia Stanley of Court, Wrexham
b.1775 d.24/6/1831
no issue

Robert Wynne 1748 -
m.
Ann Timon
I

.....
Lucy Margred
Robert Wynne of Bronywendon, Llanddulas
b.28/6/1786 d. 6/2/1858

m. 17/5/1814
George Cummings
I

.....
Brownlow Wynne Cummings

b. 23/3/1815
d. 1/5/1882

m. 8/12/1836
Mary Anne Waring
no issue

m.
Frances Smith
I

.....
Dr. Robert William Wynne
1822-1869

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

I

.....
Robert William Wynne
1857-1933
no issue

Richard Wynne
1858-1932

m.
Frances Anna McCrory
1878-1962

I

.....
Robert Oliver Francis Wynne
1907-1993

m.
Nina More O'Ferral

Appendix 6

Salusbury Powell – 1735 Will (NLW ref.SA/1735/78 W)

In the Name of God Amen. I Salusbury Powell of Bryn y Barkitt in the County of Denbigh gentleman being sick and weak in body but of sound mind and memory)prayed be God) Doo this seventeenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty four make publish and declare this my last will and testament in manner following (that is to say) First I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to be decently interred att the discretion of my Executrix herein named. And as to my worldly estate I dispose of in manner following. First I give and bequeath unto my son John Salusbury the summe of one and twenty shillings. Also I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Salusbury the summe of one and twenty shillings. Also I give and bequeath unto my son Robert Salusbury the sume of one and twenty shillings Richard Salusbury the sume of one and twenty shillings. Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter Katherine Salusbury the sume of one and twenty shillings. Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter Dorothy Salusbury the sume of one and twenty shillings. Also all the rest and residue of my goods chattels and personal estate whatsoever I give and bequeath unto my dear wife Elizabeth Powell whom I make appoint and ordain sole Executrix of this my last will and testament and I doo hereby revoke and make void all former wills and testaments by me heretofore made And declare this to be my last will and testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day and year first above written.

Signed sealed published
and declared by the said
testator in the presence of us
John Kenrick Clerk
David Jones

A photograph of a document showing two handwritten signatures in cursive script. The signature on the left is 'Salusbury' and the one on the right is 'Powell'. Between the two signatures is a dark, circular seal or stamp. Below the 'Powell' signature, the year '1734' is written.

Probated granted 27th April 1735.
John Babinton, surrogate

Appendix 7

Thomas Davies - 1765 Will (NLW ref. SA/1765/60 W)

In the name of God Amen. I Thomas Davies of Plas Onn in the parish of Llanvairtalaiarn in the county of Denbigh being weak of Body but of sound sense and disposing memory, praised be God, Do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and Form following. First I commend my soul to the memory of God thro' the merits of my Blessed Redeemer and my Body to be decently buried And as for what personal Estate it has pleased Divine Providence to bestow upon me I do hereby give and bequeath the same as followeth.

To my Father David Roberts, my brothers Robert Davies, David Davies, John Davies and Abraham Davies and my sister Mary Davies I give and bequeath the sum of one shilling each and no more.

And as for the Rest and Residue of whatever I shall die possessed of and of what kind so ever they be I give and bequeath the same to my beloved wife Ellinor Jones. And I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my said wife Ellinor to be my sole Executrix and the only Administratrix of this my Last Will and Testament as Witness my hand and seal this twentieth Day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty four.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Testator as his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names and marks the day and year above mentioned.

The mark of & seal



Thomas Davies

The marks of
Thomas  Owen
Mary  Jones

Proved January 5th 1765

Appendix 8

Robert Jocelyn - 1806 Will

This is the last Will and Testament of Capt. Robt. Jocelyn of Stanstead Bury in the County of Hartford and first I desire and request that my funeral may be conducted with as little expense as possible having a great dislike to all pomp and show of that nature. The expense of which and all my just debts I desire may be discharged as soon as possible. I give to my loving wife Elizth Jocelyn all my jewold (jewelled) watches with my carriage horses and harness to and for her own use and to be at her own disposal as also all my plate, silver, china, books and also all my household ffurniture whatsoever and pictures to be at her disposal. I give to my loving wife all those meadows in the county of Essex which I bought from Mr. Crane called and now in the occupation of John Palmer at Sawbridgeworth for and during the term of her natural life and after her decease I give the same meadows to my son Robt. Salisbury Jocelyn I do give to my loving wife all that copyhold messuage or tenement situate and being in the village of Sawbridgeworth now in the tenure of Mr. Esri..... for and during her natural life and to receive their rents and profits thereon and after her decease I give the said tenement to my son Robert Salisbury Jocelyn and in case my said son should die before his mother then I leave the said tenement at her disposal. I likewise give the cottage adjoining the above messuage now in the occupation of Peter King to my said wife what I am now possessed of £1200 I give and bequeath the said to my two daughters Sophia Jocelyn and Caroline Mary Jocelyn to be divided between them share and share what..... by of Mortgage dated July 1st 1788 I lent the care of ffive thousand pounds on the High Reading(?) estate. Now I dispose of the said ffive thousand pounds in manner following I give the said ffive thousand pounds to my wife for and during her natural life and to receive the interest for life and after her decease I give the said ffive thousand pounds to my two daughters Sophia Jocelyn and Caroline Mary Jocelyn share and share alike. I give to my loving wife my share in the at to be at her disposal. I give and bequeath my estate and Mansion house and all thereto belonging within and purchased from George Porter esquire in parish of Stanstead Abbot known or called Stanstead Bury in the county of Herts, the lands, houses, outhouses gardens and hereditaments and all belonging to it as described in the purchase Deeds I give and bequeath to my loving wife Elizabeth Jocelyn for and during the term of her natural life and after her decease to my son Robert Salisbury Jocelyn and the said subject to the charge or sum of two thousand pounds to my eldest daughter Sophia Jocelyn and the like sum of two thousand pounds to my youngest daughter Caroline Mary Jocelyn to be paid them at the end of twelve months and the interest to commence from the day of her decease. I give to my loving wife all residue and the remainder of my personal estate whatsoever not before disposed of as all my money in the ffunds upon the ffarm utensils and ffarming implements and arrears of rent and interest whatever due to all my children I earnestly recommend good conduct implicit duty and affection to their dear mother they will first advantage in it both here and hereafter and particularly my son who will find his mother has something very handsome in her power to dispose of. Lastly I do nominate and appoint my wife Elizabeth Jocelyn sole Executrix of this my last Will hereby revoking all others made by me at any time before made . In Witness thereof I have put my hand and seal this fifth day of April eighteen hundred and six.

Robert Jocelyn (signed)

Signed , sealed, published and declared in the presence of us who in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses hereunto.

Laurence Beeton
all signed

Elizabeth Heading

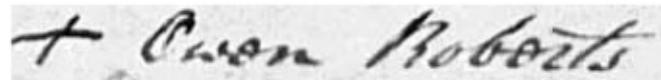
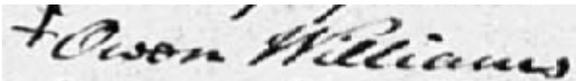
Mary Seagram

This Will was proved at London on the second day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and six before the worshipful Samuel parson doctor of Laws surrogate of the Right Honourable Sir William Wynne Knight Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the oath of Elizabeth Jocelyn widow the relict of the deceased and the sole Executrix named in the said Will to whom administration of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased she having been first sworn duly to administer.

Moses Davies – 1829 Will (NLW ref. SA/1829/108 S)

Yn enw Duw Amen, Yr wyf fi Moses Davies o Plas Onn ymhlwyf Llanfair Talhaiarn yn swydd Ddinbych yn Esgobaeth Llanelwy yn bresenol yn fy nghyflawn synwyrâu am gwybodaeth yn gwneithur fy Ewyllys am Testament diweddf hwn yn y dull a'r modd canlynol Hynny yw yr wyf yn gorchymyn fy Enaid I Dduw am Corph i'r Ddaear ac am be feddiannau bydol y rhyngodd Bodd I Dduw fy nghynysgoadau a hwynt yr wyf yn eu gadel yn y dull ar modd canlynol Yr wyf yn gadel I fy anwyl fab Moses Davies swm O Bum pynt yr wyf yn gadd; fy anwyl fab William Davies y sum o Bum pynt yr wyf yn gadel I fy anwyl Ferch Dorothy Roberts y swm o ddeg swllt am rhan arall am heiddo o bob mater a math yr wyf yn eu gadel I fy anwyl wraig Catherine Davies am hanwyl fab David Davies am hanwyl ferch Ellinor Davies pa rai wyf yn ei appwyntio I fod yn escutorion am hewyllys am Testament diweddf hwn yr wyf yn ei seinio a fy llaw ac yn ei selio a fy sel y degfed dydd hwn o Fehefin yn y flwyddyn o oedran ein Harglwydd un mil wyth gant a naw ar ugain.

Seiniwyd, seliwyd a chyhoeddwyd gan y dyweledig Moses Davies fil ei ewyllys diweddf yn ein gwyddfod



Translation by Ann Morgan.

In God's name Amen. I Moses Davies of Plas Onn in the parish of Llanfairtalhaiarn in the county of Denbighshire in the Diocese of St.Asaph presently of sound mind and understanding, I make my Will and last Testament in the following manner – that is – I commend my soul to God and body to the earth and my worldly goods shared by God's will, among relatives and the goods I leave them in the following manner.

I leave to my dear son Moses Davies the sum of five pounds

I leave to my dear son William Davies the sum of five pounds

I leave to my dear daughter Dorothy Roberts the sum of ten shillings

And the other part of my goods of every kind I leave to my dear wife Catherine Davies and my dear son David Davies and my dear daughter Ellinor Davies whom I appoint as executors of my will and last testament which I signed by my hand and sealed with my seal on the tenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine.

Signed sealed and published by the said Moses Davies

the mark of Moses  Davies

The mark of  Owen William

mark  Owen Roberts