

Useful Reference Books and Other Sources

1. Archive Collections

National Archives, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>

National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth - <http://cat.llgc.org.uk>

Llandudno Archives - The Old Board School, Lloyd Street, Llandudno, Conwy, LL30 2YG
(01492) 577550 archifau.archives@conwy.gov.uk

Bangor University Library & Archives - Bangor University, College Road, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 2DG (01248) 382966/383276
archivist - e.w.thomas@bangor.ac.uk
assistant archivist - iss177@bangor.ac.uk

Caernarvonshire County Record Office – Victoria Dock, Caernarvon, LL55 1SH – (01248) 679095 archives.caernarfon@gwynedd.gov.uk

Denbighshire Archives - The Old Gaol, 46 Clwyd Street, Ruthin, LL15 1HP – 01824 708250 - archives@denbighshire.gov.uk

Flintshire Archives – (01244) 532364 – The Old Rectory, Rectory Lane, Hawarden, Deeside, Clwyd, CH5 3NR – archives@flintshire.gov.uk

Anglesey Archives – Industrial Estate road, Bryn Cefni Industrial Estate, Llangefni, Anglesey, LL77 7JA 01248 751930 archives@anglesey.gov.uk

Merionnydd Record Office – Ffordd y Bala, Dolgellau, Gwynedd, LL40 2YF 01341 424682 archives.dolgellau@gwynedd.gov.uk

Each Record Office has its own online searchable catalogue.

National Library of Wales – Order documents before you visit so that they are available as soon as you arrive. - gofyn@llgc.org.uk

2. Free downloadable 'Out of Print' books

N.B. Some have a searchable facility.

The local libraries can usually obtain copies of these books. The Record Offices also are likely to have copies.

Survey of the Honour of Denbigh; Paul Vinogradoff & Frank Morgan – 1914

The Records of Denbigh and its Lordship – John Williams 1860

Ancient and Modern Denbigh – A Descriptive History of the Castle, Borough and Liberties:
John Williams 1856

History of the Gwydir Family by Sir John Wynne Knt & Bart 1878

History of the Princes, The Lords Marcher and the Ancient Nobility of Powys Fadog by
J.Y.W.Lloyd of Clochfaen, Esq. M.A. K.S.G. - Vol IV 1887

Y Cwitta Cyfarwydd – The Chronicle written by The Famous Clarke, Peter Roberts notary
public for the Years 1607-1646 with an appendix from the register notebook of Thomas
Rowlands vicar choral of St.Asaph for the years 1595-1607 and 1646-1653 – pub. 1883

Conwy parish registers in the Rural Dean of Arllechwedd, Diocese of Bangor, Caernarvonshire
1541-1773 - Alice Hadley 1900

The History and Antiquities of the town of Aberconwy and its neighbourhood – Rev. Robert
Williams 1835

Kalendars of Gwynedd or Chronological lists of lords-lieutenants, custods rotulorum, sheriffs
and knights of the shire for counties Anglesey, Caernarvon and Merioneth. - Edward Breese
1873

An Inventory of the Ancient and Historical Monuments in Wales and Monmouthshire: East
Vol.1 1956

The History of the Princes, the Lords Marcher and the Ancient nobility of Powys Fadog

The Royal Tribes of Wales – Philip Yorke esq. of Erddig 1799

3. Transactions/Journals

Some volumes are available to download online. Record Offices and Libraries often have copies.

Y Cymmrodor – The magazine of the honorable society of Cymmrodorion.

Caernarvonshire Historical Society Transactions – 1939 - 2008

<http://www.bangorcivicsociety.org.uk/pages/hisso/transactions.htm>

Denbighshire Historical Society Transactions

Anglesey Historical Society Transactions

Merionethshire Historical Society Transactions

Archaeologia Cambrensis – The journal of the Cambrian Archaeological Association 1846 -

4. Books

Architecture

Houses of the Welsh Countryside – Peter Smith 2nd ed.1988

The Welsh Cottage: Building Traditions of the Rural Poor 1750-1900 – Eurwyn William 2010

Introducing Houses of the Welsh Countryside – Richard Suggett and Greg Stevenson 2010

Discovering the Historic Houses of Snowdonia – Margaret Dunn and Richard Suggett 2014

Pedigrees/Families

Heraldic visitations of Wales and part of the Marches: between the years 1586 and 1613 Vol 2
North Wales – Lewys Dwnn ed. By Samuel Rush Meyrick 1846.

Pedigrees of Anglesey & Caernarvonshire families (1914) J.E.Griffiths

The Family of the Griffith of Garn & Plas Newydd in the County of Denbighshire T.A.Glenn
1934

Peter Bartrum Welsh Genealogies. These cover the years 300-1500, much more detailed than
Dwnn and are often useful in tracing the link between land-holdings in the medieval surveys

such as the Record of Carnarvon and the landowners in the 16th century. The National of Library of Wales has a paper copy and it's progressively being put on-line.

Background History

A History of Caernarvonshire 1284 - 1900 A.H.Dodd – 1968 sec. ed. 1990

Wales Through the Ages Vol.1 & 2 (1965) ed. A.J.Roderick

The Heart of Northern Wales – W.Bezant-Lowe Vol.1&2 - 1912 & 1927

North Wales in the Civil War – Norman Tucker 1958

The History of the Abbey of Aberconwy - R.W.Hayes 1963

Atlas of Cistercian Lands in Wales – David H.Williams 1990

The Welsh Cistercians – David H.Williams 2001

Welsh Manors and their Records - Helen Watt (Aberystwyth, 2000). An introduction on the origins and development of the manorial system in Wales to the 16th century. The manorial system did not apply in Gwynedd except on ecclesiastical estates, but useful for Denbighshire and with a good set of references to manorial records. The National Archives' Manorial Documents Register is good for tracking down what manorial records exist and also covers Wales: <http://apps.nationalarchives.gov.uk/mdr/searches/advancedsearch.asp> or just put 'Manorial documents register' in your search engine.

Conwy

Conwy parish registers in the Rural Dean of Arllechwedd, Diocese of Bangor, Caernarvonshire 1541-1773 - Alice Hadley 1900

Conwy and its story – Norman Tucker 1940

Penmachno & Dolwyddelan

Gweithiau Gethin: A History of Penmachno Parish – Owen Gethin Jones

Denbigh

see list of downloadable books above

Caernarvonshire

The Record of Carnarvon, which detailed all land-holding in Gwynedd in 1352. There's a copy in Caernarfon Record Office and probably the University. It is in Latin but it might be possible to have small sections translated.

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