

# SNOWDONIA DENDROCHRONOLOGY PROJECT

## CAE GLAS houses & barns,

LLANFROTHEN, Gwynedd

NGR 262740 345710

Grade II

### HOUSE HISTORY

From CADW Listing schedule of house:

Second half of C16 regional storied end chimney house, originally with cross-passage plan. Significant as belonging to a class of early storied examples which can be seen as prototypical of the developed Snowdonia storied end chimney type. The persistence of cusped windbracing in the upper hall/solar space and the cross-passage are the survivals of the late medieval open hall tradition. Similarly, the corbelling out of the first floor chimney is an early diagnostic feature among this type of building. Lower service and stable/byre additions of the late C17/early C18 were added to the rear and to the NE respectively.

Lower service wing to rear, with squat end chimney.

Mortising evidence for former post-and panel screens (section of screen stored in adjoining byre). Flat, stopped-chamfered bressummer to wide fireplace in former hall (to R) and chamfered main beams visible in ground floor rooms.

The first-floor hall/solar is still partly open to the (4 bay) roof, the remainder is visible in the attic; this is of 3 bays with fine collar-and-raking-strut trusses, two tiers of cusped windbraces and original purlins and rafters; original projecting oak trenails. Beyond the solar a former partition truss (now open) divided bays 3 and 4, the latter a sleeping chamber.

| <b>Cae glas house:</b>        | <b>Dendrochronology results:</b> |              |               |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Front principal rafter T2     | (planted 1399)                   | Felling date | winter 1547/8 |
| Front principal rafter T3     |                                  |              | winter 1547/8 |
| Collar T3 (mean of 3 samples) |                                  |              | winter 1546/7 |
| Mantel-beam                   |                                  |              | winter 1547/8 |
| LH Screen head                |                                  |              | winter 1545/6 |
| RH screen head                |                                  |              | summer 1546   |

Cae-glas, Llanfrothen, Meirionydd: (NPRN 404888)

A very early fully-storeyed house of Snowdonia plan-type. Tree-felling dates from roof-trusses, mantel-beam and screen of winter 1545/6 to winter 1547/8 were established by tree-ring dating. (RCAHMW Review 2005-6, p 48)

Llanfrothen, Cae-glas (SH 6274 4571)

Felling dates: Summer 1546, winter 1546/7, winter 1546/7, winter 1547/8

An early storeyed-house of the classic Snowdonian plan-type, with a voissoir-headed cross-passage doorway and a projecting end chimney. The cross-passage was fully screened with post-and-panel partitions between the outer rooms and the hall. The first floor was open to the roof with two trusses of collar-beam type and two tiers of cusped wind-braces. The principal chamber has a corbelled-out fireplace. (Vernacular Architecture, vol 37, 2006, List 181: Welsh Dendrochronology Project – Phase 10, p\*\*)

The house lies SW-NE on level ground in front of a rocky ridge. The main fireplace is on the north-east gable of the building the front door faces south-east.

The water supply was from a spring about 100m away to the north-east of the main house.

**Where was the original stair? Across the back wall?**

### **BARN 25m SE of Cae Glas**

LISTED Grade II

**History:** 3-bay boulder-built barn, probably late C17, but either incorporating or re-using 2 pairs of earlier (probably late or sub-medieval) full crucks. These are heavily smoke-blackened, implying an open-hearth context and may therefore relate to the domestic predecessor of the present C16 Cae Glas. This, either reduced by one or two bays, or else dismantled and selectively rebuilt, was encased in stone in the latter period and converted to agricultural use.

**Exterior:** Small rectangular gabled barn; of rubble construction on part-boulder and part-rock foundation. Slate roof with tiled ridge and unkeelered gable parapets; modern roof lights. Off-centre entrance (to R), with boarded half-door with small plain-glazed window in it. Further entrance to L, with recessed C19 door and later rubble buttress to R; plain-glazed loading bay to R (N) gable.

**Interior:** 3-bay interior with 2 pairs of cruck blades with pronounced smoke blackening; pegged collar to L truss, collar removed to R. Modern purlins and rafters.

Included for the special interest of its origin as a late or sub-medieval full-cruck building.

|                             |                           |              |             |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| <b>Cae glas cruck barn:</b> | Dendrochronology results: |              |             |
| Front cruck T1              |                           | Felling date | (1497-1527) |
| Rear cruck T1               | (planted 1386)            |              | (1497-1527) |
| Front cruck T2              |                           |              | 1526-56     |
| Rear cruck T2               |                           |              | 1541-71     |
| Collar T2                   |                           |              | 1519-49     |

Cae-glas cottage, Llanfrothen, Meirionydd: (NPRN 404889)

A cruck-framed, three-bay dwelling, probably a “dower-house”. Dendrochronology established that the cruck-trusses had a tree-felling date range of 1541-71. (RCAHMW Review 2005-6, p 48)

Llanfrothen, Bwthyn Cae-glas (Cottage) (SH 6274 4571)

Felling date ranges: 1497-1527; 1519-49; 1527-56; 1541-71.

A three-bayed stone-walled range with two cruck-trusses, latterly used as a farmbuilding. The range has opposed central doorways and splayed window openings. The range is difficult to interpret but appears domestic in origin because the lap-jointed crucks are smoke-stained. This is provisionally interpreted as a seconday dwelling (dower house) in a Snowdonia unit-system arrangement. The dwelling was probably of *crog-lofft* (half-loft) type with an open hall/kitchen. Of the four cruck blades, two seem to be somewhat earlier than the others. (Vernacular Architecture vol 37, 2006, List 181: Welsh Dendrochronology Project – Phase 10, p\*\*) )

*The “cottage” was built lying southwest – north-east on a level platform abutted against a rock outcrop at its north-east gable, and is sited a few yards in front of and to the south-west side of the main house. Some of the lower courses of the front and east gable wall may be bedrock.*

**Was there a later smoke hood or smoke bay?**

### **BARN Situated 100m NE of Cae Glas**

LISTED Grade II

3-bay boulder-built barn of late C17 or early C18 date and associated with the nearby Cae glas.

3-bay interior with original collar-and-tie-beam roof trusses and pegged purlins, all with rough scantling.

**Cae glas barn 2:** Dendrochronology results:

|  |              |             |
|--|--------------|-------------|
| RH lower purlin rear bay (mean of 2 samples) | Felling date | Spring 1704 |
| RH principal rafter T2                       |              | 1699-1703   |
| Collar T2 (mean of 2 samples)                |              | 1701-05     |
| RH principal rafter T1                       |              | summer 1703 |
| LH principal rafter T1                       |              | 1700-10     |

Cae-glas cowhouse. Llanfrothen, Meirionydd (NPRN 404889)

A detached cowhouse. The roof trusses were dated by tree-ring dating to summer 1703 and spring of 1704. (RCAHMW Review 2005-6, p 48)

Llanfrothen, Beudy Cae-glas (Cowhouse) (SH 6280 4447) Felling date range: Summer 1703, Spring 1704  
 A detached cowhouse of three bays with a down-slope siting. The cowhouse was entered at the lower gable end; the upper gable having a loft doorway. The two tiebeams have lapped apexes and “wavy” collars. The tethering arrangements have been lost. (Vernacular Architecture vol 37, 2006, List 181: Welsh Dendrochronology Project – Phase 10, p\*\*)

### HISTORY: SUMMARY

|                                  |                               |                  |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Rhydderch Owen                | head of family owning Caeglas | mid 1600s – 1691 |
| 2. Owen ap Rhydderch             | “                             | 1691-1710        |
| 3. Evan Thomas                   | “                             | 1710-1728        |
| 4. Evan Isaac, gent., freeholder | “                             | 1728-1755        |
| 5. Evan Evans                    | “                             | 1755-1768        |
| 6. John Evans                    | “                             | 1768-pre1772     |

pre 1772 John Evans moved to Berthlwyd (Nanmor) which he had inherited

1772 1<sup>st</sup> mortgage on Caeglas, from Owen family (probably John Evans’ wife’s family) who became owners of the Caeglas estate including Berthlwyd, Buarthau, Gerynt & Cefn Gerunt until c 1940.

from 1772 tenants lived in Caeglas;

from c 1794 tenants lived in Berthlwyd.

### HOUSE HISTORY DETAILS

1598: David ap Retherch of Hardelech, gent

Humphrey ap David ap Rhydderch, his son & heir apparent, gent. (UWB, Mostyn ms 3551)

(? SAME FAMILY OR THE CRAFTNANT FAMILY?)

1599 Henry ap David ap Rhydderch, burgess (UWB, Mostyn 355?) ( ?same family)

1606 Re Harlech lands

Humphrey ap David ap Rhydderch

Henry ap David ap Rhydderch (UWB, Mostyn 3556) (COMPLETE - ?same family)

1608 July 14: Re Lands in Harlech

1. ....

2. **John ap Rhydderch Owen of Llanfrothen** and Maurice Owen of the same.

(UWB, Mostyn 3559)

(COMPLETE)

1611 re Y Cae Glas in Harlech  
John ap Rhydderch Owen of Llanfrothen (UWB, Mostyn, 3561) COMPLETE

1617 re lands in Harlech Y Cae Glas  
John ap Rhydderch Owen of Llanfrothen (UWB, Mostyn, 3607) COMPLETE

1623 **Owen ap Rhydderch Cae glas** 2s 4d; Bwlch grayanog 0s 2d.  
(?same family: *Rhydderch Owen held Crafnant in Llanfair 0s 2d; Dolgwenllian in Llanbedr is 8d*)  
(NLW, ms 12731E, D E Jenkins 1 p 28-39)

T C Griffith 2003 [215] CAEGLAS

1638 Aug 7: from Croysor, **John ap Rudderch Owen** writes to Maurice Wynn at Gwydir. Giving an account of various chief rents. Maurice Wynn's brother Sir John Wynn enclosed part of the commons of Llanvrothen. Does not know of any land in Maintoorocke save what was sold to Archdeacon Price. (NLW CWP 1803)

*This writer might be a son or relative of the Rhydderch Owen.*

**1. Rhydderch Owen, Caeglas** (died **1691 LF will**) GET COPY OF WILL married ???  
from T C Griffith 2003 [215]

Children: Margaret Rhydderch; Dorothy Rhydderch; Jane ?Rhydderch; plus **Owen ap Rhydderch**, yeoman, of Maentwrog & **Caeglas** (d 1710 LF)

**2. Owen ap Rhydderch**, yeoman, of Maentwrog & **Caeglas** (d 1710 LF), married Gainor verch John ap Rhydderch Griffith of Cwm bach; he died 1670Y.

c1704 building of dated cowhouse.

1710 Aug 7 Burial of Owen ap Rhydderch, Caeglas. ?father of Ellen Owen. (LF records)

Their children: Ann Owen; Dorothy Owen plus

**3. Ellen Owen, Caeglas**, under age in 1677, d 1734 LF married 1st, in 1693 David Pugh, Trawsfynydd + children. 1693 Nov 18: Marriage of David Pugh, Trawsfynydd & Ellen Owen, Cae Glas. (LF record)

Pre 1708 Ellen married 2<sup>nd</sup>, **Evan Thomas**, Caeglas, d 1728, (brother of Gabriel Thomas, Berthlwyd, Beddgelert, freeholder who died 1743B will.)

Evan & Ellen Thomas' children:

Gainor;

Elizabeth 1709-LF;

Thomas Evans, Caeglas;

Mary 1711LF - 1784 March 2: death of Mary Evans, aged 71, wife of John Morgan of Plas yn Penrhyn, gent., & lastly wife of Morris Parry, Tanner, the daughter of E'n Thomas of CAE GLAS, gent. (Llanfihangel y Traethau MI 148)

1728 will of Evan Thomas, Cae Glas, Llanfrothen

to ... poor sister Margaret Thomas – the interest of £20 to be laid out for her use during her life and after her decease to the poorest person of the parish of Llanfrothen for ever to be distributed yearly by the discretion of the Rector and Churchwardens.

To daughter Jane Evans £5; to daughter Gainor Evans £20;

to daughter Elizabeth Evans £110 including the £20 which her grandmother left and bequeathed her;

to daughter Mary Evans £110 including the £20 which her grandmother left and bequeathed her;

to grandson John Evans: couple of cows;

to grandson Evan Evans: couple of cows;

wife Ellen Owen executor.

I appoint Evan Griffith, Tanybwlech, brother Ffoulk Thomas & William Owen, Caerwych overseers.

In the presence of John Lloyd, Pandu'r Park; John Williams, Garthfoel & John Roberts.

Inventory:

|   |      |     |    |
|---|------|-----|----|
| 8 cowes                                     | £23  |     |    |
| 2 heifers                                   | £5   |     |    |
| 2 yearlings                                 | £2   | 5s  | 0d |
| 3 calves                                    | £2   |     |    |
| 2 mares                                     | £6   | 10s | 0d |
| 90 weathers                                 | £22  | 10s | 0d |
| 40 ewes                                     | £8   |     |    |
| 10 yearlings                                | £2   |     |    |
| 3 ricks of hay                              | £10  | 16s | 0d |
| Instr of husbandry                          | £32? |     |    |
| Eleven chests                               | £10  |     |    |
| 6 cupboards                                 | £13  |     |    |
| 7 bedsteads                                 | £2   | 2s  | 0d |
| 2 ordinary feather }<br>beds & 7 boulders } | £2   | 4s  | 0d |
| 1 table cloth & napkins                     | £1   |     |    |
| 8 pound of wool                             |      | 12s | 0d |
| four barrels                                |      | 15s | 0d |
| brewing & milking vessels                   | £3   |     |    |
| cheese press                                |      | 12s | 0d |
| Dishes plates & spoons                      | £1   | 15s | 0d |
| Potts & pans                                | £5   |     |    |
| 4 candlesticks & 1 Tundish                  |      | 5s  | 0d |
| money at interest                           | £350 |     |    |
| Legacies                                    | £245 |     |    |
| Total remaining                             | “229 | 6s  | 0d |

Appraisers: Wm Owen, Foulk Thomas, Evan David, David ap Hugh.  
(UWB, Bangor 2137 pp 459-461 Bob Owen notes)

**4. Jane verch Evan, Parc,** (WHY was she of Parc?) d 1781LF married **Evan Isaac, Caeglas** [122].

T C Griffith 2003 [122] & [73]                      **EVAN ISAAC'S ANCESTORS**

Robert ap Ieuan = Elizabeth verch Lewis ap Ieuan, Pengwern

Son, Morris ap Robert, Hafod Ysbyty

Son, Robert ap Morris, yeoman, Ffestiniog d 1665F will = Catherine John [78] living 1665

Son, **Isaac ap Robert Morris**, Wern & Parc, d 1715/8LF [73] will = Gwen Jones of Edmund Prys' family, Gwen was living in 1734 [215]

Their children: \*Richard Isaac, Hafod y Mynydd d 1796LF [121]

\*John Isaac, Parc 1677-1733 [73] Left heiress daughter Ann Jones £1,500 in 1733

Under Neath lyeth ye body of John Isaac of Park who died the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 1733 aged 56 (Welsh verse) (Llanfrothen church to left of altar)

\*Robert Isaac, Llanfrothen 1680-1734

\*Morris Isaac, Hafod Talog (1681-1748) (TCG2xxvi will 1777, Hendregwenllian)

1748 July 7 burial of Morris Isaac, Park, aged 67;

on same gravestone: **Edward Morris, Caeglas**, (c1729-1814) died 1814, aged 85; Margaret his wife (c1725-) died 1810, aged 85. (Llanfrothen MI CO1) Edward was probably a son of Morris Isaac.

\*Gwen Isaac living in 1734

\*Jane Isaac 1689-1759 = Robert Morris, 1683-1748 Hendregwenllian & Maesgwyrllleyn

\*Gaynor Isaac ?- 1763 = John Richard, Llanfrothen

\*Ellis Isaac, Cae yn Cefn, Trawsfynydd d 1755/6 TF will

**\*4. Evan Isaac, Caeglas, freeholder, d 1755** (TCG2xxvi) Caeglas Will 1748) = **1720 Jane verch Evan** [215] (still alive 1772) Easter 1746 Evan Isaac, gent., Cae Glasse, was on the Grand Jury (Merionydd Quarter Sessions 1733-65, p 40-41)

1755 Apr 2: Burial of Evan Isaac, freeholder, Cae Glas. (LF records)

Evan Isaac's 9 children all baptised LF, all alive 1755:

\* **John Evans** bapt **20.2.1721-1794**;

5. \***Evan Evans, Caeglas 1722-1768 (LF)**;

\* Robert 1730 (LF) -;

\*Gwen 1732-33 (LF);

\*Gaynor 1734-35 (LF);

\**Gwen 1737 (LF)* -;

\*Isaac 1742 (LF) -;

\*Thomas 1747 (LF) -;

\*Ellin ?- =Robert Davies, their son Evan was under age in 1755.

1742: Indenture of Bargain & Sale and Release duly executed **28 Feb & 1 March 1742**

1. Evan Isaac of Caeglas, Gent., & Jane his wife & John Evans his son & heir apparent

2. Robert Griffith, Tanybwlch, Esq, Co. Merioneth

3. Edward Owen the younger, Garthynharad, Gent., and William Anwyl of Llandeckwyn, Esq.

being deeds to make proper tenants to the Precipe and to declare the uses of a common recovery then shortly thereafter to be had suffered and executed of the said premises the said Robert Griffith at His Majesty's Court of Great Session held 28 March did in due form of law purchase and bring writ of Quod ei defociat against Edward Owen and William Anwyl....

*This was a devise used to obtain a written proof of title to a property, in this case proving the Cae glas belonged to Evan Isaac, his wife Jane & their heir apparent John Evans.*

1743: Indenture of lease & Release **4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> May 1743** being made between the said Evan Isaac, Jane Isaac & John Evans by several names & descriptions ...

1. Evan Isaac, Jane Isaac & John Evans

2. Rev Evan Owen, Clerk, Rector of Llanberris

1. in consideration of the sum of £150 to them in hand paid by the said Evan Owen did grant, bargain sell alien release and confirm unto the said Evan Owen (in possession) and to his heirs and assigns all and singular those several messuages, tenements and lands with the appurtenances of them the said Evan Isaac, Jane his wife and John Evans, or of any or either of them situate & lying in the parish of Llanfrothen aforesaid and commonly called ... **Caeglas, Y Bwlch greananog, Y Gelli felan uchaf, Y Gelli felan issa** and then or late in the tenure of the said Evan Isaac his under tenants or

..... *Caeglas etc were now in tenure of Hugh Williams & his under tenants* ...

(GAS X/Poole 3554; 10 pages & GAS X/Poole 3790) TRANSCRIBED

1746 Evan Isaac, Cae Glasse, Grand Jury. (Merioneth Quarter Sessions, Vol 1, 1733-65, p 41)

1755 Death of Evan Isaac, Cae Glas

will: wife Jane; son Evan Evans; son Robert Evans £70; son Isaac Evans £40; daughter Gwen Evans £4; grandson Evan son of Robert David by daughter Ellen £5.

In presence of Richard Lloyd, Keynant; William Evan, Garthyllwynog; William Anwyl.

Inventory: 36 cattle £87  
4 horses £ 13 11s

|                       |      |     |
|-----------------------|------|-----|
| weathers end of lambs | £20  |     |
| heay and corn         | £5   | 2s  |
| household goods       | £36  | 1s  |
| husbandry utensils    | £ 3  |     |
| dry timber            | £ 7  |     |
|                       | £171 | 18s |

Pricers: Foulk Thomas, William Evan (UWB, Bangor 2137 p 953, Bob Owen notes)

1764 July 7: Note concerning sureties: D Morris, clerk, and Hugh Anwyl, J Ps, approved of Richard Roberts of Pont Mawr, pa of Trawsfynydd and **Evan Evans of Caeglas**, pa of Llanfrothen, as sureties for William Humphreys, mason, for maintaining for 15 years the fence near Pont y Morfa Glas, (K Williams-Jones, 1965, Calendar of the Merioneth Quarter Session Rolls Vol I, 1733-65, p 257)

1765 Feb 18 Marriage of **Evan Evans** & Mary Foulkes, both of this parish, in presence of John Roberts & David Morris. (LF church records)

1765 Sept 18: Burial of Mary Foulkes, Cae Glas, aged 23 (MI C019) names Evan Thomas & Evan Evans (LF church records)

?1765 Oct 9 Burial of Evan Evans, Cae Glas, farmer, aged 40 (LF church records)

1767 Mar 2 **Marriage by licence of John Evans, Llanfrothen & Lowry Owen, Dolegelly** in presence of David Morris & William Williams. (LF church records)

1768 Feb 5 **Baptism Ellen, daughter of John Evans, Cae Glas, Gent. & Lowry Owen.** (LF church records) (The family had moved to Berthlwyd, Beddgelert, pre 1772)

WERE the Owen family later involved in mortgaging / owning the Caeglas estate, the relations of Lowry Owen? Which Dolgellau family were they?

1772 Dec 18: 1. Evan Owen of Pant Philip, parish Llangelynin Co Merioneth, clerk

2. **Jane Isaac of Caeglas, Llanfrothen, widow of Evan Isaac, gent., deceased, and John Evans of Berthlwyd, pa Bethgelert, co Caernarvon,, gent, son and heir apparent of Jane Isaac**

3. William Nanney of Maes y Pandy, co Caernarfon, Esq.

Draft **mortgage & further charge** on Cae Glas, Y Bwlch Grananog, Y Gelli felan ucha, Y Gelli felan issa, pa Llanfrothen and deeds etc concerning the same.

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And ... Indenture of Bargain & Sale and Release duly executed **28 Feb & 1 March ?1742**

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being deeds to make proper tenants to the Precipe and to declare the uses of a common recovery then shortly thereafter to be had suffered and executed of the said premises the said Robert Griffith at His

Majesty's Court of Great Session held 28 March did in due form of law purchase and bring writ of ... (Latin) ... de forcet against Edward Owen and William Anwyl....

... **5 May 1743**...

... £167 8s 9d principal sum plus interest called in by Evan Owen, Jane Isaac & John Evans have applied to William Nanney to advance and lend the same, plus £5 18s 3d, making £173 7s 0d ..... William Nanney agreed ....

..... Caeglas etc were now in tenure of Hugh Williams & his under tenants ...

(P 6) ,, ,, **17 Dec 1773** ....

John Evan signed his name; Jane Isaacs made her mark

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Is this being start of the mortgages which resulted in the estates being taken over by the Owen family?

pre 1772 John & Lowry Evans, with Ellen Evans born 1768, moved to Berthlwyd.

1794 John Evans, Gent died at Berthlwyd.

Lowry his wife died 1800 or 1806 – see below.

Their only child was **Ellen Evans** of Dolgellau (1768 Caeglas LF-post 1855)

1795 Ellen Evans of Dolgellau, spinster, held and firmly bound unto **Maurice Owen of Caernarfon** gent & Owen Poole of Caernarfon, gent, mortgages the Caeglas estate.

1795 Nov 3 1. Ellen Evans of Dolgellau, Co Merioneth, spinster

2. **Maurice Owen of Caernarfon** co Caernarfon Esq & Owen Antony Poole of Caernarfon, gent

Draft counter bond in £520 for indemnifying Mr Owen & Mr Poole against a promissory note for £260.

**(GAS, X/Poole 6662) NOW CHECKED**

1794-5 Ellen Evans, Draft Further Assignment of Mortgage in fee of premises called Y Bwlch Grananog, Y Gelli fellin uchaf, Y Gelli Fellin issa in parish of Llanfrothen. Consideration £250.

1. William Nanney otherwise Wynn, Maes y Newydd, co M, now of Chester, Esq.,

2. Ellen Evans only daughter and heir at law of her late father John Evans of Berthlwyd, Bethgelert

3. third party not named

Names documents 28 Feb & 1 March 1742; Lease & Release 4/5 May 1743; Indenture 18 Dec 1772.

(page 12) Jane Isaac departed this life; John Evans departed this life in 1794, leaving Ellen Evans party to these ... whereas the principal sum of £173 -7-0 was not paid to Wm Nanney on the day said in the Indenture of 16 December 1772 ... the full sum of £250 plus interest ... at the request of Ellen Evans ... hath agreed to pay ... discharged the sum of £158 ... 18 December 1772

Now therefore this Indenture witnesses that the sum of £159 by the direction of Ellen Evans ...

**(GAS X/Poole 3790) CHECK**

*1798 Wooden board in Berthlwyd kitchen said to be from pew in Beddgelert church read: E Evans, Berthlwyd 1798 (RCAHMW notes) NOW LOST*

1800 / 1806: Here Lies / **Lowry Evans**: wife of / John Evans of Bethgelert: and / eldest daughter of **Robert Owen / Esquire of Ty Gwyn** in this parish [Dolgellau]. Died January 18<sup>th</sup> 1800 or **1806** Aged 74. (Grave in Dolgellau churchyard of the wife and daughter of John Evans, of Berthlwyd, Nantmor, Beddgelert and also owner of Cae Glas, Croesor, Llanfrothen.)

1805 June 1: 1. Rev Jn Nanney of Maesneuadd, eldest son & heir at law of Wm Nanney Esq

2. Eleanor Evans of Dolgellau, only child and heiress at law of John Evans, late of Berthlwyd, gent.,

3. **Margaret Owen of Caernarvon, executor of Maurice Owen**, late of Caernarfon, and O A Poole of Caernarfon, gent.,

4. John Jones of Trefgraig, co Caernarfon, Gent.



Transfer of mortgage of lands in the parish of Llanfrothen called Cae Glas, Bwlch Grananog, Y Gelli felan ucha, Y Gelli felan isa, co Merioneth. Consideration £300  
 Whereas John Evans, his father & mother, Evan Isaac & Jane did in 28 Feb; & 1 March 1743 ...  
 Whereas on 4/5 May 1743 ... for consideration of £150 ...  
 Whereas on Dec 1772, Jane Isaac & John Evans ... £173-7-0 ...  
 Principal sum & interest due on 23 December 1794 amounted to £243-14-0 and while the said Eleanor Evans not being prepared to pay, the said Maurice Owen ... advanced the same to her to ... Wm Nanney ... Indenture under hand of W Nanney 23 Dec 1794.  
 ... Wm Nanney undertook to transfer ... unto the said Maurice Owen & O A Poole  
 ... subject to redemption on payment of the said sum of £243-14-0 + interest ... Full sum of £260  
 -Wm Nanney died some years past ... John Nanney his son & heir  
 - Maurice Owen died – widow Margaret Owen applied to Eleanor Evans for payment thereof & whereas Eleanor Evans not having the sum of £260, applied to the said John Jones to advance the sum +£40 making the sum £300, to which he consented. John Jones paid £260 to Margaret Owen & O A Poole .....  
 1805 Received on the date of the written Indenture of & from the within named John Jones the sum of £40 with the sum of £260 by him paid to within also named Margaret Owen & O A Poole by my direction & app... making together the sum of £300 is in full the consideration money mentioned to be paid to the said Margaret Owen & O A Poole. Signed Eleanor Evans ... etc (**GAS, X/Poole 3935**)

**1832 Park Sale Catalogue names Miss Ellen Evans as owner of Caeglas estate (GAS DJ246)**

1838/40 Beddgelert Tithe Commutation Map. Miss Ellen Evans of Dolgellau owned Berthlwyd Buarthau, Gerunt & Cefn Gerunt.  
 1840 Llanfrothen Tithe Commutation Map. Miss Ellen Evans of Dolgellau owned Caeglas  
 1848 Feb: see below – Eleanor Evans died.  
 1855 Common land map for Mynydd Sygun area names Miss Ellin Owen as owner of Caeglas estate  
 1865 June 1 Transfer of mortgage of lands in parish of Llanfrothen; Cae Glas etc (**GAS X/Poole/3953 (?or 3935) & 3384) CHECK**

HOW did Cae Glas pass to from Margaret Owen to Owen Owen?

1845 May 3 will of **Owen Owen, surgeon, Coleshill**, co Warwick bequeathed to his brother Robert Hassall Swaffield (late Owen) & his friends George Harper (Whitchurch, Salop) & the Rev Philip Roberts to hold the same on trust as to **his freehold (properties) in the parishes of Beddgelert & Llanfrothen**, that they should convey to his second son, Richard Jones Owen when reaches 21 years.  
*UWB Searell MS 1 p87-124: Particulars of rent for Dr Owen Owen. Oalley House, Wrexham, by William Jones of Sygun Fawr 1890-1901. Re Cae glas, Berthlwyd. Buarthau, Gerynt (1892 repairs) Cefn Gerynt; the Quarry Many details. COPIED*

1848: Feb 15: Here also / are interred the Remains / of **Eleanor Evans** / daughter of the before / mentioned John Evans and / Lowry his wife, who departed / this life at Bodowen in / the parish of Llanaber, on / the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 1848 in the 81<sup>st</sup> year of her age./ “He shall return no more to his/ house, neither shall his place know / him any more.” Job VII. 10. (Grave in Dolgellau churchyard of the wife and daughter of John Evans, of Berthlwyd, Nantmor, Beddgelert and also owner of Cae Glas, Croesor, Llanfrothen.)

1848 Apr 24 Owen Owen died; his wife Mary Anne Owen proved the will; George Harper died 1851 & Rev Philip Roberts died 1861; Robert Hassall Swaffield died 1870, leaving his eldest son Charles James Orton Swaffield surviving; Mary Anne Owen died 24 Feb 1890;  
 1860 June 6 Richard Jones Owen attained the age of 21 years  
 1890 Aug 16: Owen Owen’s nephew CJO Swaffield conveyed to **Richard Jones Owen** messages,

tenements & lands in parish of Llanfrothen, co Merioneth called **Bwlchgrananog; Gillifelanucha, Gillifelanissa** formerly in the occupation of Thomas Hughes, his undertenants & assigns since of William Davies his undertenants & assigns.

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1893 Aug 5: Mr Owen was the owner of Berthlwyd, Gerynt etc (Sale Catalogue of Baron Hill lands)

1918 Aug 7 in his will, R J Owen appointed Captain Robert Henry W Owen & his sister in law Alice Augusta Owen to be his executors & Trustees to sell. Monies to Alice during her life & then to Captain R H W Owen.

1926 Nov 7 RJ Owen died

1927 Jan 18 Probated granted to **Robert Henry Withington Owen**, nephew of the deceased one of the executors.

1929 June 22 Alice Augusta Owen died.

1940 **Robert Henry Withington Owen** assented to the vesting in himself of the Caeglas estate in Llanfrothen parish. (He was Owen Owen's first son's son).

c1956 Owain Williams (son of William Williams d at Hafod Owen & brother to Griffith Williams Caeglas) **bought Caeglas** from ????. He married Jane, Garthllwynog

c 1957 Mr Roberts, brother of Guto Roberts, husband of Marion Elias (sister of Twm Elias) **sold Cae glas** to Ieuan Evans, Garthllwynog. (Gio Bloor's memory)

1958 - 2012 **Owner** & occupier: Mrs Giovanna Bloor

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### CAEGLAS TENANTS

5 May 1743 **Caeglas etc** CHECK were **now** in tenure of Hugh Williams & his under tenants ... (GAS X/Poole 3554)

1748 July 7: Bapt of William, son of Lewis Jones (Lewis Mordecai) weaver & Margaret. (LF records)

#### EARLY SUNDAY SCHOOL

William Lewis (1748-1825) was descended from Lewis Mordecai of 1696; between 1773-1798 William Lewis & his wife Margaret Lloyd had 13 children & established a Sunday School **c 1787 in their home - in Ty Newydd Cae Glas**, later in Hafodty & Garreg Fawr.

Their son Dafydd William was at Garreg Fawr 1810-1812; at Hafodty c 1815 & ay Ty Newydd Cae glas in 1816. (Notes from newspaper article in Merioneth Archive's Llanfrothen file)

#### *Edward Jones & Gwen:*

*1761 Jul 10 Marriage by licence of Edward Jones & \*Gwen Evans, both of the parish. (LF church records)*

*1762 Feb 18: Baptism of Evan, son of Edward Jones, Ty Newydd Cae Glas, Labourer & Jane (LF church records)*

*1763 Apr 3 Baptism of Jane, dau of Edward Jones, Ty Newydd, labourer & Gwen Owen (LF church records)*

*1763 Dec 7: Burial of Jane, dau of Edward Jones, Ty Newydd, infant. (LF church records)*

1764 Sept 16: *Baptism of John, son of Edward Jones, Ty Newydd & Gwen (LF church records)*  
 1766 Apr 13 *Baptism of Gwen, dau of Edward Jones, Cae Glas, labourer & Gwen (LF church records)*  
 1768 Feb 12 *Baptism of Lewis son of Edward Jones Coed du & Gwen Evans (?ex Ty Newydd) (LF church records)*  
 1772 Nov 17 *Baptism of Janet, dau of Edward Jones Rhafod & Gwen (?ex Ty Newydd) (LF church records)*

1772 Mar 2 Baptism of **William, son of Richard Jones, Caeglas, yeoman & Jane**

1776 Apr 17 Baptism of Gwen, dau of John Lewis, Cae Glas, weaver & Margaret his wife  
 1778 Oct 4 Baptism of Lewis, son of John Lewis, Caeglas, weaver & Gwen his wife  
 1781 Apr 15 *Baptism of Jonet, dau of John Lewis, Ty Newydd Cae Glas weaver & Margaret*

1779 Nov 21 Baptism of Gwen, dau of William David labourer Caeglas & Gwen his wife

1782 May ? Baptism of Ann, dau of **Griffith Roberts, farmer, Cae Glas & Margaret**

1784 Dec 12 Baptism of Robert, son of Griffith Jones, Cae Glas, labourer & Margaret

*1784 Sept 17 Baptism of Margaret, dau of Edward Jones, Ty Newydd Cae Glas & Catherine*  
*1787 Apr 7 Baptism of John, son of Edward Jones, Ty Newydd Cae Glas, pauper & Catherine*  
*1787 Jun 14 Burial of John Edward, Ty Newydd Cae Glas, infant, pauper.*

1789 Dec 13 Baptism of Harry, son of **William Thomas, farmer Cae Glas & Anne** (UNCLEAR)

1796 May 29 Baptism of ?Alice, dau of **Thomas Hughes, Cae Glas farmer & Margaret**

1798 Land Tax: Owner Miss Evans; tenant Thomas Hughes.

1801 Nov 13 Baptism of Robert, son of Thomas Hughes, Cae Glas, farmer & Margaret  
 then illegible pages in parish register

1810 Jan 4 gravestone of Lewis Lloyd son of David Lloyd by Ann his wife, aged 6, (MI C019)

1810 gravestone of Margaret wife of Edward Morris, aged 85 (MI C001)

1814 Nov 16 burial of **Edward Morris, Cae Glas aged 85**, so born 1729

1816 Dec 21 Burial of David Williams Cae Glas, 9 months old (MI B014)

*1817 Jun 1 Burial of Mary David, Ty Newydd Cae Glas aged 5 weeks*

1820 Jan 24 Burial of Daniel David Cae Glas, a few days old

*1821 Mar 30 Burial of David Williams Ty Newydd Cae Glas aged 36, so born 1785 (MI D026)*

1835 Jul 18 Burial of Ellis William Cae Glas aged 9 (so born 1824) (MI B014)

1836/8 May 29 Burial of John Williams Cae Glas aged 16 (so born 1820) (MI B014)

1840 Tithe schedule No 25

Owner: Miss Elinor Evans **Tenant: William Davies**

1841 census (HO 107 1427) Cae Glase

William Davies 55 farmer born in Merionethshire

Mary " 60 "

David Griffith 15 ag lab "

1841 census Ty Croes Cae Glase

|             |        |        |                        |
|-------------|--------|--------|------------------------|
| John Lloyd  | 35     | Joiner | born in Merionethshire |
| Jane “      | 35     |        | “                      |
| Catherine “ | 8      |        | “                      |
| Eleanor “   | 6      |        | “                      |
| Owen “      | 3 mths |        | “                      |

1852 a daughter emigrated to USA. Don Evans, a descendent, visited Cae Glas c2004.

### 1841 census Ty newydd Cae glas ??? CHECK

1851 census (H 107 / 2512) Ty Newydd Caeglas

|  |   |      |    |           |      |             |
|--|---|------|----|-----------|------|-------------|
| Robert Roberts                                 | H | M    | 44 | quarryman | born | Beddgelert  |
| Gwen “   |   | wife | 44 |           |      | Llanfrothen |
| (Gwen was a daughter of William & Mary Davies) |   |      |    |           |      |             |
| Rice “   |   | son  | 18 | quarryman |      | “           |
| Elizabeth “                                    |   | dau  | 12 |           |      | “           |
| Elias “  |   | son  | 10 |           |      | “           |
| Meyrick “                                      |   | son  | 8  |           |      | “           |
| William “                                      |   | son  | 5  |           |      | “           |

1851 census Cae Glas

|                 |   |      |    |                  |      |             |
|-----------------|---|------|----|------------------|------|-------------|
| *William Davies | H | M    | 66 | farmer 160 acres | born | Llanfrothen |
| *Mary “         |   | wife | 71 |                  |      | “           |
| David Davies    |   | son  | S  | 33               |      | “           |
| Mary Davies     |   |      | 16 | general servant  |      | “           |

1851 census Ty Croes Cae glas

|                 |   |      |        |           |      |             |
|-----------------|---|------|--------|-----------|------|-------------|
| Robert Ellis    | H | M    | 33     | quarryman | born | Trawsfynydd |
| Eleanor “       |   | wife | 32     |           |      | Llanfrothen |
| Ellis “         |   | son  | 6      |           |      | “           |
| Margaret “      |   | dau  | 4      |           |      | “           |
| Jane “          |   | dau  | 3      |           |      | “           |
| Mary “          |   | dau  | 3 mths |           |      | “           |
| Catherine Lloyd |   | serv | 13     | servant   |      | “           |

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\*William Davies 1782-1858LF, = \*Mary Williams 1780LF-1855LF, Bwlch y plwm, Bryn y llan & Ty Coch farmer, Ynysfor & **Caeglas**. They had 11 children including

Gwen Williams 1807LF-1892 RB, **Ty Newydd Caeglas** = Robert 1808-1877, Fronwen & Erw Fawr.

Gwen & Robert had 10 children including Rees, Ffestiniog 1833LF-1896

\*1855 Feb 9 Burial of Mary Davies, Cae Glas aged 76 (so born 1779)(MI B014)

\*1858 Sep 20 death of William Davies, Caeglas, aged 76. (Llanfrothen MI B014)

1860 Nov 2 gravestone of Robert Parry, Ty newydd, Cae Glas, aged 31. (MI A044)

1861 census RG9/4325 Cae Glas Schedule no 3

|              |   |      |    |                   |      |             |
|--------------|---|------|----|-------------------|------|-------------|
| Robert Ellis | H | M    | 42 | Farmer & Quarrier | born | Trawsfynydd |
| Ellen “      |   | wife | M  | 40                |      | Llanfrothen |
| *Ellis “     |   | son  | 16 |                   |      | “ died 1870 |

|        |   |     |    |   |
|--------|---|-----|----|---|
| John   | “ | son | 8  | “ |
| Edward | “ | son | 6  | “ |
| Moses  | “ | son | 1  | “ |
| Jane   | “ | dau | 13 | “ |
| Mary   | “ | dau | 10 | “ |
| Ann    | “ | dau | 4  | “ |

1861 census: Ty newydd Cae glas Schedule no 4

|                 |      |       |    |                   |                  |
|-----------------|------|-------|----|-------------------|------------------|
| Mary Parry      | H    | Widow | 26 | quarryman's widow | born Llanfrothen |
| Robert Parry    | son  | U     | 3  |                   | “                |
| Elizabeth Parry | dau  | U     | 4  |                   | “                |
| Margaret Ellis  | serv | U     | 14 | house servant     | “                |

1861 Ty Croes Caeglas census: NO reference seen

1861 Ty Croes schedule no 83 IS THIS PART OF CAE GLAS???

|                |      |   |        |          |                         |
|----------------|------|---|--------|----------|-------------------------|
| Thomas Jones   | H    | M | 27     | Quarrier | Born Nantmor, M         |
| Ellin Jones    | Wife | M | 25     |          | Rhyw, C                 |
| Griffith Jones | son  | U | 3      |          | Merthyr, Glamorganshire |
| Margaret Jones | dau  | U | 2      |          | Llanfrothen             |
| Jane Jones     | dau  | U | 7 mths |          | “                       |

1861 census Schedule no 84

|            |        |       |    |       |           |
|------------|--------|-------|----|-------|-----------|
| Hugh Jones | lodger | Widow | 48 | Miner | Dolgellau |
|------------|--------|-------|----|-------|-----------|

1864 Feb 16: burial of Robert Jones Caeglas aged 2. (LF records)

1870 Mar 16 Burial of Owen Jones Ty Groes Cae Glas aged 2½ years

1870 Mar 31 Burial of Gwen Jones, Caeglas Croesawr, aged 1 yr 7 months

1870 Dec 15 Burial of \*Ellis Roberts son of Robert & Elinor Ellis Caeglas, aged 27. (MI B027)

1871 census RG10/5698. Cae Glas shedule no 76

|              |     |      |    |                  |                  |
|--------------|-----|------|----|------------------|------------------|
| Robert Ellis | H   | M    | 54 | farmer 276 acres | born Trawsfynydd |
| Ellen        | “   | wife | M  | 51               | Llanfrothen      |
| Ellis Ellis  | son |      | 30 |                  | “                |
| John         | “   | son  | S  | 18               | “                |
| Anne         | “   | dau  | S  | 14               | “                |
| Moses        | “   | son  | S  | 11               | “                |
| Robert       | “   | son  | S  | 6                | “                |

1871 census schedule no 75 Ty newydd Caeglas

|                 |         |   |    |       |                    |
|-----------------|---------|---|----|-------|--------------------|
| John Jones      | Hd      | M | 48 | miner | Born Llaniestyn, C |
| Mary Jones      | wife    | M | 36 |       | Llanfrothen        |
| Elizabeth Jones | dau     | U | 14 |       | “                  |
| Robert Jones    | son     | U | 13 |       | “                  |
| Ellin Jones     | dau     | U | 10 |       | “                  |
| Gwen Jones      | dau     | U | 8  |       | “                  |
| Jane Jones      | dau     | U | 5  |       | “                  |
| Humphrey Jones  | son     | U | 3  |       | “                  |
| David Wyn       | boarder | U | 29 |       | ? Blaenau ??       |

1871 census schedule no 77 Ty croes Caeglas

|                |      |   |    |           |                    |
|----------------|------|---|----|-----------|--------------------|
| William Jones  | Hd   | M | 29 | Quarryman | Born Ffestiniog, M |
| Jane Jones     | wife | M | 19 |           | Llanfrothen, M     |
| *William Jones | son  | U | 2  |           | “                  |
| *Edward Jones  | son  | U | 2  |           | “                  |
| Ellen Jones    | dau  | U | 1  |           | “                  |

\* These twins born 1869, were working in the slate quarries aged 11; emigrated to USA aged 12; both living in USA in 1951 (article)

1875 Aug 24 Burial of Margaret Roberts Cae Glas aged 28 (so born 1847) (MI B027)

1881 census Caeglas schedule No 65

|               |   |      |    |                      |                  |
|---------------|---|------|----|----------------------|------------------|
| +Robert Ellis | H | M    | 63 | farmer 30 acres      | born Llanfrothen |
| *Ellen        | “ | wife | M  | 61                   | “                |
| John R        | “ | son  | U  | 28 slate quarryman   | “                |
| Anne          | “ | dau  | U  | 23 visitor/servant   | “                |
| Moses         | “ | son  | U  | 21 slate quarryman   | “                |
| Robert        | “ | son  | U  | 18 “                 | “                |
| Ellen         | “ | dau  | U  | 15 farmer's daughter | “                |

1881 census Ty newydd Cae glas

|             |         |      |    |                  |                |
|-------------|---------|------|----|------------------|----------------|
| Thomas Owen | Hd      | M    | 42 | slate quarry lab | Born Berach, C |
| Catherine   | “       | wife | M  | 37               | Llandecwyn     |
| Margaret    | “       | dau  | U  | 9 scholar        | Llanfrothen    |
| Anne        | “       | dau  | U  | 7 scholar        | “              |
| Jane        | “       | dau  | U  | 4 scholar        | “              |
| John Lloyd  | boarder | Wid  | 92 | retired farmer   | “              |

1881 census Ty croes Cae glas

|               |      |   |    |                 |                  |
|---------------|------|---|----|-----------------|------------------|
| William Jones | Hd   | M | 38 | Slate quarryman | born Llanfrothen |
| Jane Jones    | wife | M | 29 |                 | “                |
| William Jones | son  | U | 12 | scholar         | “                |
| Edward Jones  | son  | U | 12 | scholar         | “                |
| Ellen Jones   | dau  | U | 10 | scholar         | “                |
| Jane Jones    | dau  | U | 9  | scholar         | “                |
| Ellis Jones   | son  | U | 8  | scholar         | “                |
| Evan Jones    | son  | U | 6  | scholar         | “                |
| Alice Jones   | dau  | U | 3  |                 | “                |
| Robert Jones  | son  | U | 1  |                 | “                |

\*1884 May 31 Burial of Ellen Ellis, Caeglas aged 64 (so born 1820) wife of Robert Ellis.

+1890 Dec 16 death of Robert Ellis, aged 75. (Llanfrothen MI B013)

1891 census Ty newydd (Caeglas) shedule no 65

|                |      |   |    |                   |                   |
|----------------|------|---|----|-------------------|-------------------|
| William Jones  | Hd   | M | 34 | slatequarry man   | born Bryncroes, C |
| Margaret Jones | wife | M | 34 |                   | Penrhyndeudraeth  |
| Kate ? Jones   | dau  | U | 13 | assisting at home | Llanfrothen       |
| Jennie Jones   | dau  | U | 11 | assisting at home | “                 |
| Evan G Jones   | son  | U | 9  | scholar           | “                 |
| John G Jones   | son  | U | 6  | scholar           | “                 |
| Owen Jones     | son  | U | 4  |                   | “                 |

