

NORTH WEST WALES DENDROCHRONOLOGY PROJECT.

DATING OLD WELSH HOUSES - EDEYRNION

TYN LLAN,

GWYDDELWERN, Denbighshire

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HOUSE HISTORY

Situated in the township of Maes Gammedd in the village of Gwyddelwern, Commote of Edeyrnion, Merionethshire. Although it is obviously a medieval dwelling of gentry's status, dating to early 16C, this house is proving difficult to research, as I cannot find any reference to it earlier than mid 18C.

In the Merioneth Archives I have searched through solicitors' papers for Deeds etc., looking for any mention of the house, the 1660 Hearth Tax, the Merioneth History Society Journals and any other articles about Gwyddelwern, without success.

In the National Library of Wales I looked at an article on Gwyddelwern in the Bygones (1881), the St Asaph Notitia of 1681 – 1686, (WIAbNL) 003365546, a Terrier of Gwyddelwern Church, 1791, (MS 1210D) and Probate of Wills of St Asaph.

All this was also without success until I looked at the Church records.

V Webb 24/7/2010

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The above notes are from Valmai Webb, which she wrote before her death. This work is dedicated to her memory. As she indicated, it has been a difficult house to research. It appears to have been part of the small estate of Maes Gamedd, which is also the name of the one of townships of Gwyddelwern.

1489: Elisau ap Gruffydd of ab Einion of Maerdy & Gwyddelwern died. [Owain Glyndwr's grand nephew]

(History of Merioneth Vol II. Pp's 559 & 613. Eds. J Beverley Smith & Llinos Beverley Smith)

1518/19 Gwyddelwern, Tyn-llan *Felling dates: Summer 1518 and Winter 1518/19*
Floor beam 1518(19C); Purlins 1517(19½C, 23½C); Cruck 1517(½C); Tiebeam 1517(17);
Principal Rafter 1492(1); Mantelbeam 1517(21); *Site Master* 1410-1518 DENBY5 (*t* = 10
GWYDWN; 9 WALES97; 8.9 BRYNCAM).

1538: "The induction of a new vicar took place in a new church 'newly erected'. This could refer to a completely new church, or a rebuilding or all or part of the original"

(History of Merioneth Vol II. Page 338. Eds. J Beverley Smith & Llinos Beverley Smith)

1572: Ty Mawr, formerly the Rose & Crown, Gwyddelwern. Dendro dated half timbered walls. (History of Merioneth Vol II. Page 436. Eds. J Beverley Smith & Llinos Beverley Smith)

1660 Hearth Tax No reference found.

1749: Burial. John Williams of Tyn Llan
(Gwyddelwern Parish Registers vols 1-4. Clwyd Family History Society)

1798 Hugh Davies [Maes Gamedd] is listed as paying tax on the following properties. [none named]

Tenants:	Thos Jones	17s 0 ¾ d	
	Robt Jones	6s 6 ¾ d	
	Cad Davies	2s 7 ½ d	
	Maesgarnedd [sic]	17s 0 ¾ d	
	John Davies	£1 1s	(Merioneth Land Tax - Hundred of Edeyrnion)

1817. 13th August Exchange

[i] Hugh Davies of Maesgamedd, co Merioneth, esq

[ii] Owen Owens of Llawrkilan, co Merioneth, gent

[iii] Thomas Lloyd of Llanrwst, co Denbigh, clerk [only son and heir of John Lloyd late of Llwyn Ucha, Derwen co Denbigh, gent by Elizabeth his wife, both dec'd]

Agreement by [i] to convey to [iii] several messuages called Fownog Ridd, Tir y Clochydd, Garw fynydd ucha, Garw fynydd isa and Tyddyn, formerly part of Chirk Castle estate [bounds described] in exchange for moiety of Maesgamedd estate [including messuages and tenements called Maesgamedd, Oror, Tyn Llechwedd, Tyn Celun, **Tynllan** and maltkiln in Gwyddelwern co Merioneth] conveyed to [ii] in trust for [i]. consideration : £250 difference in value of estates (Flintshire Archives. Hawarden Record Office. Joseph Lloyd collection, D/JL catalogue)

1832 : Bap. David Davies, son of **Thomas Davies, farmer, of Tyn Llan**
(Gwyddelwern Parish Registers vols 1-4. Clwyd Family History Society)

1841 Census –Gwyddelwern Village

Ann Isaac 45 Draper not born Merioneth

Richard Isaac 20 Smith Born Merioneth

(Denbighshire Archives. Ruthin Record Office. 1841 census RG11 5538 Folio 22)

1842 Bap a son of **Richard Isaac, farmer, of Tyn Llan**
(Gwyddelwern Parish Registers vols 1-4. Clwyd Family History Society)

1843 Tithe map & schedule

Owner	Residence	Tenant
Hugh Davies	Maes Gammedd Plas	Himself
“	TYN LLAN	William Williams

NB: On the Tithe Map Tyn Llan was marked as “Smithy”

(Gwyddelwern Tithe Map and Schedule.of 1843) Denbighshire Archives. Ruthin Record Office.

1851_Ty'n Llan

Henry Hanam head 32 farmer of 11 acres born Llanynys 1818
& blacksmith

Hannah wife 25 born Llandderfel 1825

Elizabeth	dau	5		Gwyddelwern
Joseph	son	1		Gwyddelwern

Denbighshire Archives. Ruthin Record Office.

NB: 1841 census, Henry Hannam, blacksmith aged 20 at Tyn y Cefn, Corwen with Robert Roberts (Ancestry Website. Corwen District 34)

1861_Ty'n Llan

Henry Hannan	head	42	blacksmith	born	Llanynns, Denbs
			employing 2 men		
Hannah	wife	36			Llanycil, Mer
Elizabeth	dau	15	[Buried later that year]		
Joseph	son	11	scholar		Gwyddelwern
			[buried also about same time]		
John	son	9	scholar		Gwyddelwern
Henry	son	8	scholar		Gwyddelwern
Jennet	dtr	5	scholar		Gwyddelwern
Mary	dtr	4	scholar		Gwyddelwern
Hannah	dtr	2			Gwyddelwern
Samuel	son	2 mo			Gwyddelwern
David Jones	serv	24	unm smith		Mold, Flints
Evan Jones	serv	21	unm, smith		Derwen, Mer

(Ancestry Website. Gwyddelwern District 2)

1871_Ty'n Llan

Henry Hanam	head	52	blacksmith	born	Llanynnis
Hannah	wife	45			Llandderfel
John	son	19	blacksmith		Gwyddelwern
Henry	son	18	blacksmith		Gwyddelwern
Miriam	dau	14	domestic serv		Gwyddelwern
Samuel	son	10	scholar		Gwyddelwern
Edward Lewis H	son	5	scholar	born c 1867 at	Gwyddelwern
Gomer	son	1		born c 1870 at	Gwyddelwern

(Ancestry Website. Gwyddelwern District 2)

1874 Gwyddelwern: Henry Hanam, Blacksmith. (Worrell's Directory)

1876. Burial. 13th July Joseph Hannaman, Tynllan, 27 years of age
(Gwyddelwern Parish Registers vols 1-4. Clwyd Family History Society)

1881_Ty'n Llan

Henry Hanam	head	63	farmer of 13 acres & blacksmith	born	Llanynns
Hannah	wife	56			Llandderfel
Edward Lewis	son	14	scholar		Gwyddelwern
Gomer	son	11	scholar		Gwyddelwern

(Ancestry Website. Gwyddelwern District 2)

1884 Burial. 1st March Ty'n Llan Henry Hanam , aged 64
(Gwyddelwern Parish Registers vols 1-4. Clwyd Family History Society)

1891 census_Ty'n Llan

Hannah Hannam	head	W	63	Farmer	born Llandderfel
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Edwd L H Website. Gwyddelwern District 14

NB: Hannah Hannam died Oct-Dec quarter 1895 aged 69.

Ancestry Website. Free BMD. Vol 11b, page 249. Corwen registration district

1901 census	Ty'n Llan				employment	born
Edwd Lewis Hannam	head	mar	34	farmer	own account	Gwyddelwern
Anne	wife		36			Corwen ?
Hannah Blodwen	dtr		5			Gwyddelwern

(Ancestry Website. Gwyddelwern District 14)

1910 Land Tax returns	Ty'n Llan	Owner. J Davies solicitor, Denbigh
No	occupier	description
46	Edward L Hannam	House & Buildings
		Ag land
47	Maurice Griffiths	Smithy

property	acres	gross annual value	rateable value
Tyn Llan	3r	£7	£6
Tyn Llan	18a 2r	£28	£25-5s
		£7-10s	£6-10s

(Gwynedd Archives. Dolgellau Record Office. Z/QR/L/12)

1911 census Ty'n Llan & smithy (RG14PN 34214)

Edward Lewis Hanam	head	44	farmer	born 1867 Gwyddelwern
Anne Hanam	wife	47		born 1864 Bala
Hannah Blodwen Hanam	dau	15	dairy maid	born 1896 Gwyddelwern

Ancestry Website. Gwyddelwern District 12

NB: Edward L Hannam, died Jan-Mar quarter 1940 aged 73

(Ancestry Website, death index vol 11b, page 1226. Ruthin registration district)

Henry HANAM	= Hannah
1818, Llanynys – 1884	I 1825, Llandderfel – post 1891
Farmer 11 acres & Blacksmith	I
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Elizabeth	Joseph	John	Henry	Miriam	Samuel	Edward Lewis Gomer
1846-c61	1850-c1861	1852-post71	1853-post71	1857-post71	1861-post71	1865-1940 1870-post81
		blacksmith	blacksmith			=
						Anne 1862, Bala - ?
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						Hannah Blodwen Hanam born 1896, Gwddelwern

1920 **Maes Gamedd Estate.** For sale by Frank Lloyd & Sons at Owain Glyndwr Corwen, Tuesday 15 June 1920. Lot 4 Green on plan

A valuable holding known as **Tynllan and Gerddi occupied by Mr C Hannam**

Contains 19 acres 0 rod 34 pole of good land, well fenced having maid road frontage thus giving it a building accommodation value

The House contains good living kitchen, back kitchen, dairy and 2 bedrooms

The Buildings comprise barn, shippen for 5 cows, 2 pig boxes and stable

Note the hay barn and other sheds belong to the tenant

There is also a smithy on this lot with 3 hearths and shoeing shed, with granary over, let off by Mr Hannam to a subtenant. **(Flintshire Archives. Hawarden Record Office D/JL/750)**

1930's. Mr Howells lived at Tyn Llan for a long time
The Smithy was nearer the bungalows. (Pers Comm. T Griffiths)

c1940s Mr & Mrs Lewis owned & farmed Tyn Llan, with its small fields. Their daughter, Miss Lewis was a house keeper at a big house. (Pers Comm. Myfanwy Lloyd)

1948 Aug 6 Death of Elizabeth Lloyd, aged 66, Ty'n Llan

1951 Nov 27 Death of David William Lewis, aged 77. Had been Deacon at three chapels
(Denbighshire Archives. Ruthin Record Office. Moriah CM Chapel register)

c1950s Mr Howell Davies & family bought it; they found the crucks. (Pers Comm. Myfanwy Lloyd)
Mrs Myfanwy Lloyd, their daughter, remembers polishing the bedroom floorboards by hand. (Pers Comm. Myfanwy Lloyd)

1960 Nov 30 Death of Mary Davies, aged 67, Ty'n Llan

1964 May 6 Death of Howell Davies, aged 76, Tyn Llan

1965 Mr Hugh & Myfanwy Lloyd (dau of Howell Davies) sold Tyn Llan to **Mr Edwards, from Cardiff** who used it as a holiday home for around 20 years. (Pers Comm. Myfanwy Lloyd)

Early 1960s: Opposite the garage was the stream with a stone wall separating it from the road. There was a narrow bridge across the stream, not tarmaced, too narrow for anything bigger than an extremely narrow car. On the far side there was an open area of I think hard ground - may be pounded earth may be with some hard core as well. The bus shelter of asbestos panels was also on the far side. I don't have any clear recollection of a building there - but there could have been a smallish one. I'd understood that this was the area where the old smithy was. Unfortunately I don't recollect Ty'n Llan at all, but if my recollection of my understanding at the time is correct then the smithy was separate from Ty'n Llan. (Pers comm. Martin Hughes)

The Roberts family who ran the Gwyddelwern garage opposite would be obvious good contacts. The garage AN Roberts & Son was run by Aaron and his son Moss Roberts who was at primary school with me but somewhat older and they serviced our family cars for years. I understand Moss and his mother Mrs Roberts are still around. Aaron Roberts, the old proprietor and father of Moss, has a brother who lives in Clawdd Newydd, so I have emailed some people I met recently who know him. There's also a Mrs Williams who lived at Ty Croes next to the old Rose and Crown (now Ty Mawr). (Pers comm. Martin Hughes)

c1980 Canadian man, who told local people what to do. (pers comm. Mrs Myfanwy Lloyd)

Canadian man had original mortgage documents in a spidery old form of Welsh. (email 23 May 2011 Michael Owen)

1985-1995 Mr Michael Owen & his young wife did lots of work to the house.

Their son, Harry Owen, born in Tyn Llan in in 1990. The family went to Australia.

"In the fireplace was a priest hole about two thirds the way up. It was a very small ledge. In the main bedroom it was possible to enter one small door just under the main cruck beam and crawl over the fireplace and emerge at the other side.... The original foundation stones were pieces of slate about the size of billiard tables and still visible. When Mr Owen cut through (a beam) to extend over the kitchen (originally a barn) they found a lot of wattle and daub wall with twig latticing. Unfortunately it was in such a shape that it could not be saved. (email 23 May 2011 Michael Owen)

c1996 – 2001 Mr Brian & Mrs Val Ashworth. They stayed 4/5 years. They loved it, but it was expensive to maintain & they sold it & moved away to run a hotel. Pers Comm. Myfanwy Lloyd)

2005 March Mr Lionel & Mrs Amanda Hutt & family bought Ty'n Llan.

2011 House on the market.

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