

NORTH WEST WALES DENDROCHRONOLOGY PROJECT

DATING OLD WELSH HOUSES - EDEYRNION

TŶ YN Y LLWYN

Llangar, Denbighshire. (formerly in Edeyrnion, Merioneth)

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SUMMARY

The first documentary evidence is circa 1650, when Tu yn y Llwyn Gwern otherwise known as Ty Ucha is mentioned in a grant from Owen Piers, [who inherited it from his father Piers David] to Owen Edwards of Pennarth [between Bonwm and Llidiart y Parc].

The hearth tax of 1662 does not mention the house by name but records Owen Edwards as having one hearth. When Owen Edwards dies, his will of 1666 again make no reference to the house by name, but he leaves the bulk of his estate to his son William Owens [1650-1691] It is this William Owens who is mentioned in the St Asaph Notitiae, with his wife, four children under 16, two servants and three maids. House is not mentioned by name. William Owen married Dorothy Wynn heiress of Robert Wynn of Plas Isaf

In 1689 Lowry Edwards is recorded as having two hearths. Lowry was the mother of William Owens. In the 1691 will of William Owen, he leaves Tyn y Llwyn to his son Owen Owen. It is this Owen Owen who is recorded in 1695 in Edward Lluyd's Parochilia. Owen Owens dies in 1706, and there is no will or probate, but there is mention of Bryn Llwyn in a marriage settlement of his niece Catherine Owen, on her marriage to Hugh Davies of Plas Isa.

During this period, at least from 1735, Ty yn y Llwyn was rented out, with a succession of tenants from Hugh Williams, shoemaker and his family through to John Foulkes recorded there in 1817.

Tyn Llwyn is then inherited by William Davies, the son of Hugh and Catherine Davies, who however dies intestate in 1830. The Tithes of 1841 show the owners as John Jones, Richard Jones and Samuel Jones, with the tenant as Richard Evans, though the census of 1841 shows David Jones, farmer and family living there.

After much litigation Ty yn y Llwyn was sold by John Jones to Robert Dutton, a wool draper of Chester. It appears that during his ownership a new house was built in the grounds of Ty yn y Llwyn around 1850. This house is variously known as Tyn Llwyn, The Grove and Bryn Llwyn. It is difficult now to establish whether the Tyn Llwyn referred to in the censuses relates to the 'old' Tyn Llwyn or the new house.

DETAILED HISTORY

Winter 1537/8. Felling date for timbers (Oxford Dendrochronology Laboratory Report)

A late-medieval hall-house with a characteristic downslope siting. The two-bayed hall has a central arch-braced truss without cusping. The hall is set between inner-room with post-and-panel partition and outer-room with framed partition, possible with open panels suggesting a feed-walk.

Possibly circa 1650 grant from Owen Piers to Owen Edwards of Pennarth, lands etc including Tu yn y Llwyn Gwern otherwise known as Ty Ucha, late of his father Piers David who inherited it. [Dolgellau Record Office, Z/M/344/3c & XD2/1206]

1660. Graffiti on side of fireplace. An inserted chimney with graffiti date of 1660 created a house of hearth-passageway type with the outer bay re-beamed and probably serving as a kitchen in the C18th. (Oxford Dendrochronology Laboratory Report)

1662 Hearth Tax [Journal of MH&RS. Vol 2 1953-6]

Owen Edwards – 1 hearth

1666 29 Nov. Owen Edwards buried, Llangar. (Clwyd FHS PR transcription)

1666 will of Owen Edwards of Llangar – no ref to Tyn Llwyn, he leaves bulk of estate to son William Owens (1650-91). [SA1666-74] [Owen Edward's wife was Lowrey]

William Fergusson Irvine papers [Gwynedd Archives. Dolgellau Record Office] say that it seems that the Owens lived at Ty'n Llwyn from 1673 or 1686 until about 1764, when it became occupied by farmers.

1681 St Asaph Notitiae – Tyn y Llwyn not mentioned: Lowry Owen, widow, with 1 'mayde' and 1 grandchild aged 7.

1686 St Asaph Notitiae – Tyn y Llwyn not mentioned: Lowry Owen and maid

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1689 Hearth Tax [Dolgellau RO]

Lowry Edwards – 2 hearths

1691 Will of William Owen, Llangar, leaves Tyn y Llwyn to his son Owen [SA1691/107] [William Owen married Dorothy Wynn, heiress of Robert Wynn, Plas Isaf and acquired a considerable estate in Llangar. Their descendants rose to positions of importance, including one High Sheriff of Merioneth in the 19th century [O Ferwyn i Fynyllod. Trefor O Jones. 1975]

1695. Edward Lluyd Parochilia, [Journal of the Merioneth Historical Society]

"Llan Gar": seats of the gentry:

Gwerclas, Charles Hughes esq is ye present proprietor and Plas ychaf idem.

Plas Issaf ye Rev Mr Owen Eyton, rector of Corwen is the present proprietor

Ty yn y Llwyn, Mr Owen Owens

Tu arall Keven
 'the fuel is turf and small quantity of coal'

1706 [Owen Owen buried Llangar 2 Nov. There appears to be no will/probate, and there is a mention of Bryn Llwyn title in a marriage settlement for his niece, i.e. the daughter of his younger brother William, in 1764, when Catherine Owen married Hugh Davies of Plas Issa. Tyn Llywn was then inherited by their son William Davies who died intestate (1830). It went to his next of kin, Jones, who after much litigation sold it to Dutton of Chester, who sold it to Taylor of Chester, who sold it to Wayne who sold to Monckton who sold to Irvine. WFI papers]

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Baptisms		child	parents					
1735	Mar-08	Anne Williams	Hugh & Elizabeth shoemaker, Ty'n y Llwyn	also	1727	Feb-02	John	Cynwyd Fawr
					1730	Jun-03	Elizabeth	Cynwyd
1756	Nov-07	Ellin Jones	Harry & Gwen Jones Ty yn y Llwyn	also	1758	Jun-04	Elizabeth	TyMawr
					1762	Feb-12	John	TyMawr
1769	Feb-10	Jane Rowland	Edward & Jane Tyn Llwyn	also	1766	Dec-11	mary	Llawr Bettws y
					1771	Aug-17	Gaynor	Blaengwnodle
					1774	Nov-21	John	Llangar

NB no Land Tax Assessments for Llangar

Llangar Parish Registers [SOG]

Burials

1737	Aug 8	Hugh Williams	Ty'n Llwyn
1739		John Jones of Nantir, Gent, dyed at Ty y Llwyn	
1745	Feb 25	Evan William Yeo.	Llwyn [the]
1755		Peter Thomas infant	
1775	Jan 16	Margaret Jones	Ty'n Llwyn
1790	Dec 11	David Jones	Ty'n Llwyn

1796 Will [SA1798-94] of Abraham Matthew of Bryn Saint, who bequeaths twenty shillings to his daughter Elizabeth Foulkes, wife of John Foulkes of Ty'n y Llwyn.

1817 6 Jan. Mortgage documents, gives John Foulkes as tenant at Tyn Llwyn [WFI papers Z/M/344]

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1841 Tithes: Owners: John Jones, Richard Jones, Samuel Jones.
Tenant Richard Evans.

1841 census [ancestry.co.uk]

David Jones	25	farmer	y
Ellinor	20		n
Jane Evans	20	fs	y
Robert Jones	15	ms	y

1843 Parish Records:

Bap 1st August. Anne d/o David & Ellen Jones. Farmer Ty'n Llwyn

1850 Parish Records:

Bap 4th August. Robert & Stephen s/o, & Margaret Jane d/o Robert & Ruth Owen. Ty'n Llwyn

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1850. Bryn Llwyn was built in 1850, adjacent to Tyn Llwyn. Bryn Llwyn then took on the name of The Grove for a short while, before taking over the name of Tyn Llwyn. It is assumed that during this phase the 'old' Tyn Llwyn became redundant, until sold off.

"All that messuage Tyn Llwyn, sometimes The Grove house formerly in the holding or occupation of John G Collins"

1851 census: Ty'n Llwyn [genuki.org.uk]

Robert Owen	head	mar	47	farmer	Llansantffraid
Ruth Owen	wife	mar	28		Gwyddelwern
Anne Owen	dtr		16	farmer's dtr	Gwyddelwern
Mary Owen	dtr		14	farmer's dtr	Gwyddelwern
Sarah Owen	dtr		8		Gwyddelwern
Catherine Owen	dtr		6		Gwyddelwern
Robert Owen	son		5		Gwyddelwern
Stephen Owen	son		2		Gwyddelwern
Margaret Owen	dtr		10 mo		Gwyddelwern
Robert Hughes	serv	unm	21	farm servant	Llangollen
Anne Jones	serv	unm	21?	House servant	Cerrig ydrudion

1851 census: Ty'n Llwyn [genuki.org.uk]

Sophia Morris	Head	wid	86	annuitant	France
Sophia Owens	grand dtr	unm	18	annuitant	Gwyddelwern

1856 Parish Records:

Bap 24th June John s/o John & Elizabeth Jones. Labourer Tyn y Llwyn

1861 census?

1868: The widow of Robert Dutton, Harriet sells to Robert Mascie Taylor.

Robert Taylor, a military Lieutenant, married in South Africa in 1842. He served in the East Indies where his 3 children were born. However by 1853 he is an Adjutant and Captain in the Royal Merioneth Militia. He becomes a JP in 1866 and retires from the militia in 1875, given a retirement allowance and granted the honorary rank of Major and permitted to continue to wear the uniform of the regiment. In 1851 Robert Taylor and family is living in Cheshire.

In 1861 the Taylor's are living in Corwen but they then move to Tyn Llwyn.

1871 census: Ty'n Llwyn [genuki.org.uk]

Robert M Taylor	head	mar	52	landowner JP for Merioneth. Capt Adj for Merioneth Militia	Stanley, Cheshire
Elizabeth Taylor	wife	mar	48		Portugal British subject
Fanny Taylor	dtr	unm	24		East Indies
Martha Davies	serv	unm	31	Parlour maid domestic serv	Snockitch? Cheshire
Elizabeth Moore	serv	unm	22	cook domestic serv	Adderley, Salop
Jane Wainwright	serv	unm	23	house maid domestic serv	Woolwich, Kent
Robert G Johnson	visitor	unm	45	barrister not in practice;Landowner JP for Denbighshire & farmer Employing 7 labs	Chester

1874 Worralls Directory. Tyn Llwyn. Capt RM Taylor JP

1881 census: Ty'n Llwyn [ancestry.co.uk]

Robert M Taylor	head	mar	62	JP Militia pensioner	Stanney, Cheshire
Elizabeth Taylor	wife	mar	58		Lisbon British subject
Fanny Taylor	dtr	unm	34		Cameron, East Indies
Ellen Lee	serv	unm	24	cook domestic serv	Tetchill? Salop
Sarah Jenkins	serv	unm	28	Parlour maid domestic serv	Kerry, Montgoms
J.... Lea	serv	unm	20	house maid domestic serv	Henley in Arden, Warwickshire

1882 Parish Records:

Bap. 18th June Robert Villiers, s/o George Villiers, Captain 51st Regiment and Fanny Mary Turner. Tyn Llwyn

1883 Parish Records:

Bap. 8th August. Eleanor, d/o George Villiers Captain KO Light Infantry & Fanny Mary Turner

1883 Slaters Directory. Tyn Llwyn. Capt RM Taylor JP

1891 census: Ty'n Llwyn [genuki.org.uk]

Elizabeth Williams	serv	unm	26	parlour maid	Llannor, Caern
Sarah Washburton	serv	unm	21	housemaid	Corwen
Elizabeth Fleet	serv	unm	29	cook	Ellesmere, Salop

1891 census: Tyn Llwyn Cottage – empty

[1891 census. Mrs Taylor is with married daughter Fanny & son in law George Villiers Turner at 14 Castle Crescent, Reading, Berkshire – no trace of Robert M Taylor]

In January 1893 Robert Mascie Taylor sells to John Arthur Anstice and Rev. William Henry Wayne. The Reverend seems to have had a habit of buying land in Shropshire, apart from Tyn Llwyn. But it is the Reverend's son, Robert Sewallis Wayne and family who are living in Tyn Llwyn in 1901. This Robert, currently a barrister, has led an interesting life. A graduate of Cambridge, having been a sheep farmer in New Zealand, lived in Torquay, but was living in Great Malvern in 1866 when he became bankrupt. It was however short lived, his bankruptcy was discharged in 1867 and then annulled in 1869. A barrister, he was called to the bar in 1868 and was granted a circuit in Merioneth. He was also a JP for Merioneth. In 1871 he was living in Paddington.

1901 Census. Bryn Llwyn

Robert S Wayne	head	mar	61	retired barrister majistrate	W Derby
Georgiana R	wife	mar	57		London
Georgiana M	dtr	s	36		New Zealand
Mary S	dtr	s	34		West Malvern
Annie Lloyd	serv	s	23	housemaid	Festiniog
Jane Rus	serv	s	25	cook	Cynwyd
Mary J Jones	serv	s	23	parlour maid	Chirk

1911 Parish Records:

Bap. 2nd Feb. Margaret Florence [born 4 Dec 1910] d/o Thomas Jones, Painter & Mary. Tan y Llwyn

1913 Parish Records:

Bur 20th May. John Thomas, Tan y Llwyn [Born 30th Nov 1912] s/o Ada Kate Edwards. Tan y Llwyn

1913: Robert Sewallis Wayne died.

1914 Parish Records:

Bap. 29 Nov Margaret Mary d/o Robert David and Matilda Williams, Platelayer, Tan Llwyn

1916 Parish Records:

Bur 16th Sep. Jane Thomas, Tan Llwyn aged 74

1918. Trustees of the will of Joseph Reynolds, deceased, Georgiana Reynolds Wayne sold to Charles Monckton in 1918. Nothing at this stage known about Charles Monckton but he sells to William Fergusson Irvine in 1927.

1927: William Ferguson Irvine was the father of Sandy Irvine, who was killed on Everest in 1924. He was born in Scotland in 1869, but came south to Birkenhead and became an African Merchant, following in his father's footsteps who was a colonial broker. At times he was in partnership with his brothers James and Walter. During the first world war he a temporary 2nd lieutenant in the 2nd Battallion Cheshire Volunteer Regiment. He was also an historian of note as can be seen by his obituary in the Journal of the Historical Society of Lancashire and Cheshire, and luckily his own research into Tyn Llwyn / Bryn Llwyn is in the Gwynedd Archives in Dolgellau.

In 1962 when W F Irving died, with his wife with senile dementia, the family built an annexe for her and a nurse. One son first inherited, on his death another son inherited until he sold in 1977 when Tyn Llwyn sold off as well.

Between 1962 – 1977 Irving's sons ran Bryn Llwyn as a home for mentally handicapped home and then as a holiday home for workers from Shotton Steel Works

In 1977 they sold the old Tyn Llwyn and it was bought and subsequently renovated by the present owners. Up to this point the old Tyn Llwyn was derelict.

2012 Current owners: Mr & Mrs Crewe

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