

NORTH WEST WALES DENDROCHRONOLOGY PROJECT

DATING OLD WELSH HOUSES - CONWY

CYMRYD

Baclaw Lane, Conwy

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SUMMARY

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The Record of Caernarvon in 1352 refers to the hamlet of Cymryd in the free township of Castell in the commote of (Arllechwedd) Isaf.

There was a small hall house on the site in the late 15th century, though the first person known to have lived here was David Lloyd ap Thomas of Tyddyn Issa (aka Cymryd), who was born before 1569 *and may have built the solar wing*; he left his property in Gyffin and Caerhun to his grandson David Lloyd, who entailed it in 1647 and died in 1691. David's son Henry married Kathrine (Catherine) Lloyd of Graiglwyd in 1673, and they improved the house, installing the staircase in 1696. *Their son Gruffydd may have added the kitchen/brewhouse*. The property passed to daughters on at least two occasions – hence the change of surname from Lloyd to Foulkes (Ffoulkes), Jones and, in the 20th century, Glynne.

William Jones of Brynmor, Dwygyfychi, who married Gaynor Lloyd Foulkes in 1816, developed the Graiglwyd Quarries after 1832, and Penmaenmawr stone is evident in the chimney stacks and particularly in the outbuildings. His eldest son Henry Lloyd Jones incurred massive debts, and the whole estate in Gyffin and Caerhun was put up for auction by the mortgagees in 1871. All the Caerhun lots were sold, but in time his second son, John Glynne Jones, with a brother and brother-in-law, William Prichard Williams, were able to buy most of the Cymryd property. In 1891 John Glynne Jones and William Prichard Williams carried out extensive restoration of the house, which was then in poor condition. It was occupied during the 20th century by family members or tenants, and ultimately transferred with an endowment to the National Trust in 2007.

Access to the house from early times until well into the 20th century would have been from the River Conwy, depending on the tide, either by boat or on foot, horseback or cart, along the shore, thus avoiding the steep hill from Gyffin.

Dilys Glynne, Conwy, June 2012.

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY of the HOUSE & ITS FAMILIES

878 – Battle of Cymryd (Source: J.E.Lloyd, A History of Wales, vol I, 1912, p.328. B.A.Malaws, RCAHMW, 19 May 2006)

1352 – The hamlet of Kymrid/Kymryd as part of the township of Castell is mentioned in “The Record of Caernarfon”. There are numerous mentions of Kymrid/Kymryd as having several “gafaelion” (holdings of land held by a kindred group) of the 22 “gafaelion” in the Castell township. (compiled by John de Delves in Latin, Bangor University Archives and Special Collections (Item reference: (Bangor) 6714) Pages 3-5). Unpublished translation by Dr AD Carr – translation completed 2011.

1450 – Mention in “The Bolde Rental”. Kymeret is included in numerous “gafaelion”. (See T. Jones Pierce, 'The Gafael in Bangor Manuscript 1939', Transactions of the Hon. Society of Cymmrodorion, 1942, 158-88, reprinted in T. Jones Pierce, Medieval Welsh Society, ed. J. B. Smith (Cardiff, 1972), pp. 195-228; C. A. Gresham, The Bolde Rental (Bangor MS. 1939)', Transactions of the Caernarvonshire Historical Society, XXVI (1965), 31-49)

1569 Thomas ap Dafydd buried May 29th, 1569; was a son of Dafydd ap Rhys HSA (High Sheriff of Anglesey) 1566-67, ob 1574, and Margaret, daughter of Thomas Gruffydd of Parys, near Amlwch. (Griffiths Pedigree Page 154)

1618 – David Lloyd I ap Thomas of Tyddyn Issa, son of Thomas ap Dafydd. First known mention of Tyddyn Issa thought to be Cymryd in Griffiths Pedigree family tree (Griffiths Pedigree Page 154)

1618 – October 1st David Lloyd I ap Thomas of Kymryd, Gent, signs “Feoffment” with John ap Harry ap David of Castell, Gent. (Caernarvonshire Record Office reference number XM/1622/5, Document number 3: this document collection was donated to the Caernarvonshire Record Office by Dilys Glynne in 1972)

1628 – Henry I (aka Harry) Lloyd, 2nd son of David Lloyd ap Thomas married Lowri, daughter of Dafydd. They had four sons and four daughters. (Griffiths Pedigree Page 154)

1646 – Henry Lloyd I’s will (Griffiths Pedigree Page 154)

1647 – David Lloyd II, only son and heir (of Henry Lloyd I) entailed the property left him by his grandfather, David Lloyd I ap Thomas, on his male heirs, date 22nd Charles I., 1647. David Lloyd married Catherine I, daughter of William ap Humphrey of Glanywern, Llandrillo. (Griffiths Pedigree Page 154)

1647-8 Henry Lloyd II, only son and heir of David Lloyd II and Catherine I born (Griffiths Pedigree Page 154).

1673 – August 9th Henry Lloyd II, son of David Lloyd II, married Catherine II, daughter of Rhys Lloyd (a distant relative), Graiglwyd. Marriage settlement document in Caernarfon Record Office (Reference number XM/1622/5, Document number 11) They had Gruffydd Lloyd (1673-1732), Harry, Grace and Gaynor. (Griffiths Pedigree Page 154)

1691 – David Lloyd II died, Jan.6 (Griffiths Pedigree Page 154 and slab in Gyffin church)

1696 - A copy of the 1696 datestone from the front of the house - showing the initials of Henry II and Katherine Lloyd II and “Duw a Digon” (God and Enough). (Dilys Glynne’s records and the datestone on the house itself)

1705 Gruffydd Lloyd married Margaret, daughter of John Griffith of Llanddyfnan and Gaynor, his wife, August 23rd at Dwygyfylchi (Griffiths Pedigree Page 154)

1706 – March 1st “Indenture Tripartite – Henry Lloyd of Cymryd Gent, Griffith Lloyd Cymryd Esq, his son and heir apparent et al. ..Extinguishment of rights etc in favour of Robert & Henry Ellis messuage etc in Cymryd known as Tyddyn Issa (Cymryd)..”. Appears to be a fine and recovery to bar the entail (Document 6817 held at Bangor Archives under reference GB 0222 BMSS IOGL)

1707 November 1st “Henry Lloyd of Cymryd Gent..Reciting the Indenture of 1 March 1706”. Deed relating to previous Indenture of 1706: appears to be a charge for £140 (Document 6818 held at Bangor Archives under reference GB 0222 BMSS IOGL)

1708 Henry Lloyd III, son of Gruffydd Lloyd and Margaret born. (Griffiths Pedigree Page 154)

1710 – April 16th Burial of Catherine Lloyd II, Henry Lloyd II’s wife (Griffiths Pedigree Page 154 and slab in Gyffin Church).

1710 – “Sepult Catherina uxor Henrici Lloyd (de Cymryd) Aprilis decimo quinto (15th)” – Burial of Catherine Lloyd (Gyffin Parish Registers)

1710 – July 22nd “ Matrim Henricus Lloyd (de Cymryd)” parish register entry (from Conwy Parish Register) – marriage of Henry Lloyd II of Cymryd to Sarah Salisbury at Conway. Griffiths states conflicting date of July 26th (Griffiths Pedigree Page 154).

1716 – “Bapt Johannes filius Griffini Lloyd ex uxore Margareta, Junii primo”. Baptism of John Lloyd, second son of Gruffydd and Margaret Lloyd (Gyffin Parish Registers). However, the date is shown as 25th August 1713 in Griffiths Pedigree Page 154.

1720 - September 29th Assignment of Jane Evans’ mortgage on Cymryd and estate to Mr Kyffin for £100 plus interest (Bangor Archives document 6819 under reference GB 0222 BMSS IOGL)

1722 – May 1st Mortgage Henry Lloyd III to Thomas Kyffin £40 (Bangor Archives document 6820 under reference GB 0222 BMSS IOGL)

1726 – “Sepult Henricus Lloyd (de Cymryd)” parish register entry and death of Henry Lloyd II, 19th May (Ascension Day). (Conwy Parish Register and Griffiths Pedigree Page 154).

1729 “Matrim Guliemus Thomas Gronant Issa (de Tal-y-Cafn) viduus & Gracia Lloyd fil Griffini Lloyd (de Cymryd) Gen: mat conjuncti sunt. Octobris vicesimo sexto”. Marriage of William Thomas (Gronant Issa) to Grace, second daughter of Gruffydd and Margaret Lloyd (Gyffin Parish Registers)

1730 Marriage of William Foulkes to Gaynor I, daughter of Griffith Lloyd of Cymryd (Glynne family tree and Griffiths Pedigree Page 154).

1732 – Griffith Lloyd (of Cymryd) died, buried in Gyffin. Griffith Lloyd was the eldest son of Henry Lloyd and Katherine Lloyd. Will dated 1732. (Griffiths Pedigree Page 154 and Glynne family tree)

1732 – “Sepult Griffinus Lloyd (de Cymryd) Gen: Junii octavo”. Burial of Griffith Lloyd, June 8th. (Gyffin Parish Registers and slab in Gyffin Church)

1735 – July 5th Samuel Foulkes of Cymryd (born at Gronant) baptised at Caerhun (Griffiths Pedigree Page 154).

1737 – May 5th “Married Charles Morris Gent and Mrs Sarah Lloyd” – widow of Henry Lloyd (from Conwy Parish Register).

1737 – June 23rd “Indenture Henry Lloyd of Cymryd” relating to Tyddyn Ucha and Tyddyn Issa in Gyffin (Bangor Archives document 6822 under reference GB 0222 BMSS IOGL)

1737 – June 24th “Indenture Tripartite Henry Lloyd of Cymryd” relating to Tyddyn Ucha and Tyddyn Issa in Gyffin, and Llanerch y Felin and Tyddyn y Las in Caerhun (Bangor Archives document 6821 under reference GB 0222 BMSS IOGL)

1737 – August 8th Gaynor I daughter of Griffith Lloyd and wife of William Foulkes of Gronant Ucha Caerhun, buried in Caerhun, aged 25 (Griffiths Pedigree Page 154 and gravestone in Caerhun churchyard).

1738 – November 30th “Assignment and Ratification of mortgage on Cymryd”. Henry Lloyd III and others; relating to Tyddyn Ucha and Tyddyn Issa in Gyffin, and Llanerch y Felin and Tyddyn y Las in Caerhun (Bangor Archives document 6823 under reference GB 0222 BMSS IOGL)

1738 – November 30th “Declaration of Trust John Ffoulkes for £100 belonging to the poor of Gyffin laid out on mortgage on Cymryd” (Bangor Archives document 6825 under reference GB 0222 BMSS IOGL)

1739 – November 27th “Baptized Robert ye son of Henry Lloyd III of Cymryd Gent by his wife Anne Roberts” (Gyffin Parish Registers)

1740 – August 6th “Buried Sarah Morris ye wife of Charles Morris, Gent” parish register entry (from Conwy Parish Register).

1740 – October 27th Buried Henry Lloyd III of Cymryd Gent, aged 32 (Gyffin Parish Register and slab in Gyffin Church)

1742 - June 15th “Bapt Edward son of Richard Morris by his wife Mary vch Richard” (Gyffin Parish Registers)

1744 – November 7th “Buried Jonet Hughes ye wife of William Bowen of Crwppach”. Crwppach is a holding next to Cymryd that is now derelict. (Gyffin Parish Registers)

1748 – December 10th “Married Richard Morris of Llanglynin Parish and Catherine Owen of ye Parish of Gyffin” (Gyffin Parish Registers)

1749 – March 15th “Ratification of the Deed of 30th November 1738” (Bangor Archives document 6824 under reference GB 0222 BMSS IOGL)

1749 – November 7th “Baptized ?Jhione son of Richard Maurice by Catherine Owen his wife” (Gyffin Parish Registers)

1751 – June 16th? “Baptized Richd son of Richard Morris by Catherine his wife” (Gyffin Parish Registers)

1751 – October 6th “Buried Richd son of Richard Morris by Catherine his wife” (Gyffin Parish Registers)

1752 – November 17th “ Buried Elin daughter of Richard Morris Farmer by Catherine Owen his wife” (Gyffin Parish Registers)

1753 entries onwards - Robert Lewis and Richard Morris are Wardens in the Gyffin Parish (Gyffin Parish Registers)

1754 – April 13th “Baptiz’d Elin daughter of Richard Morris by Catherine his wife” (Gyffin Parish Registers)

1759 – May 8th “Bapt Margt dau of Richard Morris Farmer by Catherine his wife” (Gyffin Parish Registers)

1759 – May 26th “Buried Margaret dau of Richd Morris Farmer by Catherine his wife” (Gyffin Parish Registers)

1760 - September 11 “Baptized Owen son of Richard Morris farmer by Catherine his wife” (Gyffin Parish Registers)

1763 – December 14th Agreement between Robert Lloyd of Conway, Gent. (son and heir of Henry Lloyd III late of Cymryd, Gent., decd.), John Foulkes of Henblas and Grace Jones of Conway, widow. “Copy assignment of mortgage of messuage, lands, and t’ments in Gyffin ...messuage in Cymryd called Tythin issa....for the securing of £400 with interest”. The document includes rough notes of the Lloyd and Foulkes family trees. It also includes the narrative “Tythin Issa sometime heretofore in the Tenure or occupation of Richard Owen his undertenants or afsigns”. (Caernarvonshire Record Office reference number XM/1622/5, Document number 17)

1764 – March 15th “Baptized Marg’t dau of Richard Morris by Catherine his wife” (Gyffin Parish Registers)

1765 – March 11th “Buried Robert Lloyd of Cymryd, Gent, in the Quire” parish register entry (Conwy Parish Register)

1766 – April 25th “Baptized Jane dau of Richard Morris by Catherine Owen his wife” (Gyffin Parish Registers)

1770 – August 16th “Buried Elin the daughter of Wm Gregory of Cymryd” parish register entry (Conwy Parish Register)

1771 – May 15th “Buried Owen son of Richard Morris” (Gyffin Parish Registers)

1781 – June 6th “Settlement of Rowland Jones’ moiety of Cymryd etc” (Bangor Archives document 6826 under reference GB 0222 BMSS IOGL)

1786 – January 18th Buried William Foulkes, Gronant, aged 76. (Caerhun churchyard and Griffiths Pedigree Page 154)

1787 – July 11th “Buried Richard Morris Farmer, late of Cymryd, aged 67” (Gyffin Parish Registers and slab in Gyffin churchyard)

1794 – November 29th Gaynor II Lloyd Foulkes (daughter of Samuel Foulkes) baptised at Caerhun (Glynne family tree and Griffiths Pedigree Page 154)

1794-1860 Family tree prepared in 2009 by Eryl Jones nee Parry (second cousin) showing Gaynor Lloyd Foulkes (1794-1860) and William Jones (1786-1870): they had six children (Dilys Glynne’s records and Griffiths Pedigree Page 154).

1795-1855 Copy of William Jones’ recollections “Bygone Days” covering the period 1795-1855 (12 pages with some pictures) - (Dilys Glynne’s records)

1802 – April 1st “Buried Catherine Morris Widow, aged 76” (Gyffin Parish Registers and slab in Gyffin churchyard)

1803 – May 20th “ Lease of Possession The Rev TE Owen Thomas Ellis Esq and Catherine his wife to Samuel Ffoulkes Gent ..” (Bangor Archives document 6827 under reference GB 0222 BMSS IOGL)

1803 – May 21st “Conveyance (same parties) ..in consideration of £800 conveyance of a moiety of Cymryd..” (Bangor Archives document 6828 under reference GB 0222 BMSS IOGL)

1823 – May 18th Samuel Foulkes died, aged 87, buried in Caerhun (Glynne family tree and Griffiths Pedigree Page 154 and gravestone in Caerhun churchyard)

1841 Census records. (1) William Roberts – tenant. (2) Rowland Evans. (3) Margaret Davies (Conwy Record Office)

1848 Tithe Schedule (Conwy Record Office)

1848 Tithe map (Conwy Record Office)

1849 – October 26th John Glynne Jones (Dilys Glynne’s Taid aka JGJ) born, 2nd son of Henry Lloyd Jones and Martha Edwards, eight other children born (Glynne family records and Griffiths Pedigree Page 154).

1851 Census records. (1) William Roberts – son of William Roberts from 1841 census? (2) Jane Roberts. (3) Robert Roberts. (4) Jane Roberts. (5) Richard Roberts. (6) Catharine Roberts. (7) John Roberts. (8) Thomas Hughes. (9) Elinor Holland (Conwy Record Office)

1861 Survey map detailing handwritten field names around Cymryd house. (Caernarvonshire Record Office reference number XM/1622/5 Document 32)

1861 Census records. (1) Margaret Roberts – possibly Housekeeper? (2) John Jones. (3) Hugh Jones (Conwy Record Office)

1871 Census records. (1) Henry Ll Jones. (2) Martha Ll Jones. (3) Louisa Jones. (4) Esther Lizzy Jones. (Conwy Record Office)

1870-1871 Original plus a typed copy of the 1870-1871 diary of William Ashley Jones (Dilys' great uncle) – he was a clerk at Bangor County Court and the diary mentions Cymryd and his daily routine - (Dilys Glynne's records)

1881 Census records. (1) Martha Jones. (2) Lowisa Jones (Louisa) (Conwy Record Office)

1885 – Will of Martha Jones of Cymryd. She died at Cymryd on 16th September 1888 but her will was not proved until 17th May 1900, by Samuel Lloyd Jones (eldest son of Henry Lloyd Jones and Martha) the surviving Executor, when her estate was sworn as £5.0.0. (Glynne & Co Wills Book)

1888 – 16th September - Martha Jones died at Cymryd (Glynne & Co Wills Book)

1890 - Article dictated to Taid's niece in the 1940s describing the house before the 1891 improvements “Description of Cymryd before 1890” - (Dilys Glynne's records)

1890 Ordnance Survey map (Conwy Record Office)

1890's (possibly) Rough genealogical notes of family tree members possibly by Dilys Glynne's Taid. Documents 95 and 96 from the Caernarvonshire documents collection donated by Dilys Glynne in 1972 (Caernarvonshire Record Office reference number XM/1622/5)

1891 February 4th – Conveyance between Samuel Lloyd Jones (Vendor) and John Glynne Jones and William Prichard Williams (Purchasers). (Glynne family records)

1891 Census records. (1) Henry Ll Jones. (2) Louisa Jones. (3) Rosina Jones. (Conwy Record Office)

1891 – Extensive restoration and improvements carried out by John Glynne Jones (JGJ) and William Prichard Williams (WP) to the house and outbuildings, especially to the doors, windows and floors. (Glynne family records)

1900's Article entitled “Going to Chapel” written probably during the Second World War by Luned Williams (a cousin of Dilys' father) and describing events around 1900. Luned lived at Cymryd from around 1912-1932 (Dilys Glynne's records)

1901 Census records. (1) Louisa Jones. (2) Emily Philip. (Conwy Record Office)

1901 July 22nd – Louisa Jones married Reverend Gwynedd Roberts of Conway. (Griffiths Pedigree Page 154).

c. 1902-1911 Louisa and Gwynedd Roberts lived at Cymryd (from family notes)

1903 – Henry Lloyd Jones died in Bangor aged 83, buried Glanadda, Bangor (Griffiths Pedigree Page 154).

1904 – William Roberts (*may have been the same William Roberts who was living at Cymryd as a tenant at the time of the 1851 census?*) died and left his estate to his four daughters (Glynne & Co Wills Book)

1906 - Photos of (possibly) a family wedding group dated 1906, a group photo of William Prichard Williams who lived at Cymryd in the 1890's, a 1903 or earlier picture of Cymryd with people and pets showing the laburnum arch and gateway and a group photo of children and adults at the front of the house probably 1900's - (Dilys Glynne's records)

1908 (republished 1979) Hughes, H.H and North, H.L. - "Old Cottages of Snowdonia" – pages xxx, xxxiv, 16-19, 42, Plate 8.

1911 Census records. (1) L Gwynedd Roberts. (2) Olwen Parry. (Conwy Record Office)

1913 Ordnance Survey map (Conwy Record Office)

1916 - July 31st – William Prichard Williams (relative) died at Cymryd. His second wife, Annie Ada and their daughter Luned continued to live at Cymryd (Glynne family records)

1925 - February 26th – Annie Ada Williams died at Cymryd (Ioan Glynne's recollections, Glynne family records)

1932 – Luned Williams left Cymryd and lived at Glasdo, Gannock Road, Deganwy (Family notes)

1932 onwards – Cymryd house let to a Mr Frederick (Dan) James and others (notes entitled "Recent Occupants of Cymryd Isa" written by Ioan Glynne in the 1940's)

1940 Inclusion in Iorwerth Peate's book "The Welsh House. A study in folk culture" Reprinted by Llanerch Press in 2004

1940s – Handwritten notes entitled "Recent Occupants of Cymryd Isa" written by Ioan Glynne: records occupants from 1865-1932 (Dilys Glynne's records)

1953 – Mains water connected to the house (Dilys Glynne's recollection)

1953 – March 17th - First listed Grade II* (CADW Listed Building Reference 3159)

1956 Recorded in the Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales Caernarvonshire Inventory, NPRN reference 26390 (RCAHMW, Caernarvonshire Inventory, Volume I: East, pp. 161-2)

c. 1957 Mains electricity connected.

1958 - May 1st Deed of Partition of family property (Cymryd, Cymryd Uchaf, Penlan and Tal y Waen (Capel Curig) and land) divided between Arvon, Ioan, Mary and Emyr Glynne (Glynne Family Deeds)

1956-1960 Meryl Glynne (Dilys Glynne's sister) lived at Cymryd (Family Historical Notes)

1956/1960 - Extended Griffiths Pedigrees family tree done by Dilys in the 1950s - (Dilys Glynne's records)

1960-1964 Cymryd house used for summer lets to a Wirral businessman Frederick (Dan) James (Family Historical Notes)

1964 February 4th - Ownership of Cymryd house, outbuildings and land transferred from Ioan Glynne to Dilys Glynne (Family Historical Notes and Deeds)

1965 Bathroom extension built (and other works including re-roofing from 1958 to 2006). (Family Historical Notes)

1965 Caernarvonshire Historical Society "Transactions" (Bolde Rental) Volume 26 – pages 35-49

1972 A typewritten bound schedule compiled by the Caernarvonshire Record Office of documents deposited by Dilys Glynne. Caernarvonshire Record Office reference number XM/1622/5 (Dilys Glynne's records)

1975 Peter Smith – "Houses of the Welsh Countryside" book – several mentions of Cymryd in different sections of the book.

1984 27th November National Trust Report of survey by W.R. Hughes (Code: 001)

1994 - Photos from Wendy Rykenberg (third or fourth cousin in New Zealand) and a 1994 letter from Dilys to her with some photos - (Dilys Glynne's records)

1996 - A copy of a letter from Dilys to Wendy Rykenberg (dated 1996) giving details of Cymryd - (Dilys Glynne's records)

2000- onwards. Photos and correspondence between family in Australia/New Zealand and Dilys including family trees - (Dilys Glynne's records)

2005-6? Extended family tree compiled by New Zealand relatives (Dilys Glynne's records)

2007 – May 29th – Cymryd, outbuildings and land transferred by Dilys to the National Trust

2007 - Historical notes about the house written by Dilys in 2007 to accompany the "Memorandum of Wishes" for the National Trust - (Dilys Glynne's records)

2009 - Pevsner – "Gwynedd" book edited by Haslam, Orbach and Voelcker (published 2009) mentions Cymryd (Pevsner)

2010 - Article about "The Cymryd Family" written by Dilys for the "Gwreiddiau Gwynedd Roots" magazine, the journal of the Gwynedd Family History Society (Dilys Glynne's records and GFHS)

2011 February 10th - Engineering Archaeological Services Ltd Report 2011/03. Report by Dr Ian Brookes on Cymryd outbuildings (report commissioned by the National Trust).

2011 May Oxford Dendrochronology Report 2011/14 by Dr M.C. Bridge. Two timbers from Phase Two (pantry ceiling) dated to 1480 and 1512 with a likely felling date range of 1523-1553. Two timbers from Phase Four (inserted hall floor) dated to 1446 and 1501 with a likely felling date range of 1474-88 and 1519-43 respectively.

2011 June – Engineering Archaeological Services Ltd Report 2011/10. Report by Dr Ian Brooks complementing the dendrochronology sampling undertaken by Oxford Dendrochronology Laboratory.

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