

WYNN (afterwards NANNEY, etc.) family of Maesyneuadd, Llandecwyn, Meirionnydd

This family, like others in western Merioneth, traced its descent from **Osbrwn Wyddel**, in this instance through **Dafydd ap Ieuan ab Einion**, constable of Harlech castle, and his wife, Margaret (Puleston). THOMAS, the son of **Dafydd** and Margaret, married Gwerfyl, daughter of HOWEL AP RHYS, of Bron-y-foel - see **Ellis** family of Bron-y-foel and Ystumllyn - and had a son, DAFYDD, who married Lowry, daughter of **Maurice Gethin**, Voelas, Denbighshire. The heir of Dafydd and Lowry was HUMPHREY AP DAFYDD, who was, it may be noted incidentally, the uncle of **Humphrey Davies**, vicar of Darowen.

Humphrey ap Dafydd married Annes, daughter of **Eliza Morris** (i.e. Ellis ap Maurice), Clenennau - see **Morris and Owen** families of Clenennau - their heir being EDWARD AP HUMPHREY, whose death in 1620 was mourned in *cywyddau* written by **Siôn Phylip**, **Rhisiart Phylip**, and **Gruddydd Phylip** (see **Phylipiaid Arduwly**); the last-named also wrote a *cywydd moliant* to 'Mastr Edward Humffre.' It was by his first wife (of three) that he was the father of ROBERT AB EDWARD AP HUMPHREY, who by his wife, Elliw, daughter and heiress of Ifan ap Rhys Wynn, Hendre'r Mur, Maentwrog, had two daughters - (1) Elizabeth, who married Robert, son of **archdeacon Edmund Prys**, and (2) MARGARET, the heiress of Maesyneuadd, who, by her husband, Griffith Lloyd, of Rhiwgoch, Merioneth, became the mother of another Maesyneuadd heiress, JANE LLOYD.

It is by the marriage of Jane Lloyd with **MORRIS WYNN AP WILLIAM WYNN** of Glyn (Cywarch) - that the surname Wynn comes into the Maesyneuadd family, to continue in use thereafter for several generations. Morris Wynn, who had been sheriff of Merioneth in 1670, died on S. Bartholomew's Day, 1673; for extracts from an elegy upon him written by **Phylip Siôn Phylip**, another member of the '**Phylipiaid Arduwly**' family. Morris Wynn, who was the second son of **William Wynn**, Glyn (Cywarch), is described as of Moel-y-glo, a house not far distant from Glyn (Cywarch) and Maesyneuadd. By his wife Jane Lloyd (above), the heiress of Maesyneuadd, he was the father of ROBERT WYNN (died 1691), who became sheriff of Merioneth in 1679, and who married Jane (Evans), of Tan-y-bwlch, Maentwrog - see **Evans, Griffith, and Oakeley** families, of Tan-y-bwlch. Robert and Jane Wynn were, in their turn, the parents of WILLIAM WYNN (died 1720?), who was sheriff of Merioneth in 1714, and who married twice - (1) Margaret, daughter of Ellis Brynkir, the mother of his heir, ROBERT WYNN, who was sheriff of Merioneth in 1734, and who had [an aunt.] Lowry, who became the first wife of **Ellis Wynne**, author of *Gweledigaethu y Bardd Cwsc*, and (2) Margaret, daughter and coheiress of Roger Lloyd, Rhagad, near Corwen - it was this second Margaret who was the mother of **William Wynn**, rector of Llangynhafal, Denbighshire, and an eminent poet.

Robert Wynn, the son of William Wynn and Margaret (Brynkir), was sheriff of Merioneth in 1734. He had a brother, Ellis Wynn (who matriculated, as of Jesus College, Oxford, 9 March 1714/5, and who lived later at Congleton, Cheshire), and a sister, Jane, who became the wife of the **Rev. William Wynn**, son of **Ellis Wynne**, author of *Gweledigaethu* (as above - for this other **William Wynn** see the article on his father). Robert Wynn's heir, WILLIAM WYNN (died 4 April 1795), sheriff of Merioneth in 1758, assumed the name of NANNEY - his mother was Lowry Nanney, [daughter of John Nanney (III) of Maes-y-pandy]; his heir (by Elizabeth, daughter of John Williams, Tŷ Fry, Pentraeth, Anglesey) was the Rev. JOHN NANNEY, who died 21 March 1838, leaving a son, JOHN NANNEY (died 1868), of Maesyneuadd and Maes-y-pandy, who was sheriff of Caernarvonshire in 1858. The Maesyneuadd line was continued through ROBERT CHAMBRE VAUGHAN (1796 - 1876), son of this John Nanney's sister, LOWRY NANNEY (died 1803), and her husband, Thomas Vaughan (died 1804), Burlton Hall, Shropshire. Robert Chambre Vaughan was succeeded by his grandson, THOMAS GOLDISBOROUGH CHAMBRE VAUGHAN (born 1856).

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