

Dear loan:

I had read somewhere that you are very proud of your Welsh heritage. And rightfully so! I also am of that heritage, through my Edwards (lowerth) family, and as I have put together from various sources a genealogy of Welsh ancestors, which include your family name, I thought to send these to you so that you can have them, enjoy them, and share with your children at some point in time.

The first file, included here, deals with the fifteen original tribes of Wales. Both of our family names are listed among them. Some are listed as Griffith.

I have more files on Welsh ancestry, if you are interested, though I do not know if you have a lot of this information already. Since I have been researching Welsh ancestry, I thought I would like to share what I have with you, a proud son of Wales.

Faithfully,

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The Fifteen Tribes of North Wales; in the Possession of the Reverend L. Owen. *(this information comes from The history of the parishes of Whiteford, and Holywell: Pennant, Thomas, 1726-1798.)*

I.

HWFA*AP CYNDELW (the first of the fifteen tribes) lived in the time of Owain Gwynedd, Prince of North Wales. Some books of pedigrees allege that he was steward to the said Prince †. His office, by inheritance, was to bear the Prince's coronet, and to put it upon his head when the Bishop of Bangor anointed him, (as Nicholas, Bishop of Bangor, affirmeth). His house, I believe, was Presaddsed, in Anglesey. What lordships he had besides that, are mentioned, in the Extent of North Wales, to be divided among his five sons, viz. Methu|salem, Cysnerth, Jeuan, Jorwerth, and Blettrws. Many of the gentlemen of Anglesey hold lands from him by lineal descent, but who his heir is, I know not. Sir Howel-y-Pedolau‡ was a fa|mous man in his time, and descended from him, being the son of Griffith ap Jorwerth ap Meredydd ap Methusalem ap Hwfa ap Cynddelw. Sir Howel's mother was King Edward the Second's nurse; and he being the King's foster-brother, was in great fa|vor with him, who knighted him. He was a very strong man, insomuch that he could break or straiten horse-shoes with his hands.—His arms he beareth gules between three lioncels rampant, a cheveron or.

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DESCENDANTS EXTANT IN THE MALE LINE.

- **OWEN**, of Bodeon, Anglesey; and Orielson, Pembrokeshire, ° of Penrhos, Montgomeryshire.

DESCENDANTS EXTINGUISHED, OR IN THE FEMALE LINE.

- **WILLIAMS**, of Llanbeder.

- **BOULD**, of Tre'r Ddôl.

- **OWEN**, of Porkinton, Shropshire. ° of Llanvaethley.

- **MORRIS**, of Tre Jorwerth.

- **WYNNES**, of Bodychen, Anglesey. ° of Bodowyr, Anglesey.

· **GRIFFITHS**, of Chwaen, Anglesey.

· **LEWIS**, of Presaddfed, Anglesey.

II.

***LLOWARCH AP BRAN**, (the second of the fifteen tribes) lived in the time of Owain Gwynedd, and was the Prince's brother-in-law, for both their wives were sisters, the daughters of

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Grono ap Owain ap Edwyn, Lord of Tegaingle, (as Griffith Hirae|thog, and Sir Thomas ap Jevan ap Dei•ws, and also an old parch|ment MS. written about four hundred years ago, do testify.) What office he bore under the Prince, I do not know. Some say he was Owain's steward, as in a book of Sir Thomas ap Williams of Trefri•, I found. I believe he dwelled in the township which from him is called Tref Llowarch, which hath in it Caer Gybi, (or Holyhead) and three parcels of land, bearing the name of his three sons, viz. Gwely Jorwerth ap Llowarch, Gwely Cadwgan ap Llowarch, and Gwely Madoc ap Llowarch, as in the Extent of North Wales is manifest. He had a grand-child by his son Jerwerth, called Meredydd, who, for his good services, had the freehold of the township of Eskyniok given him and his heirs for ever, by Prince Llewelyn ap Jerwerth; whose posterity, viz. Jeuan*Wyddel, and Tudur ap Howel ap Tudur, held the same by the grant aforesaid, in the twenty-sixth year of King Edward the Third, as is to be seen in the Extent Book of North Wales. Jeuan Wyddel's mother was the daughter of the Lord Cywchwr in Ireland, descended of the Earl of Kildare, of whom the gentlemen of Mosoglen, Bodowyr, Porthamal, and many others are descended.—He beareth argent, between three crows with er|mine in their bills, a cheveron sable.

DESCENDANTS EXTINCT, OR IN THE FEMALE LINE.

•**LLOYDS**, of Rhiwgoch, Merionethshire.

◦ of Maes-y-Neuoedd, Merionethshire.

◦ of Hendre 'r Môr, Merionethshire.

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LLOYDS, of Bryn Hir.

◦ of Coed-y-Rhygyn.

◦ of Llandecwyn.

◦of Cefnfaes.

◦of Cae Adda.

· **WYNN**, of Mosoglen.

· **PRICE**, of Bodowyr, Anglesey.

· **PARRY**, of Bodafon, Anglesey.

· **GRIFFITH**, of Celynnog fawr, Caernarvonshire.

· **MEREDYDD**, of Monachdy Gwyn. ◦of Hafod Lwyfog.

◦of Porthamal.

· **OWEN**, of Ruthin, Denbighshire.

III.

GWEIRYDD AP RHYS GOCH, of the hundred of Tal-Ebolion in Anglesey. He dwelt at Caerdegog, the hamlets and tenements whereof bear the names of his children and grand|children, as Gwely Madoc ap Gweirydd, Gwely Llowarch ap Gweirydd, Gwely Howel ap Gweirydd, and Gwely Meuric ap Gweirydd, whose great grand-child Howel ap Jeuan ap Ednyfed ap Meuric ap Gweirydd, enjoyed Gwely Meuric, in the twenty-sixth year of Edward III.—*He beareth argent on a bend sable,

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three lions' heads caboched of the first. He lived in the time of Owain Gwynedd, and of his son David ap Owain.

DESCENDANT EXTANT IN THE MALE LINE.

• **FOULKES**, of Gwernygryn, Flintshire.

DESCENDANTS EXTINCT, OR IN THE FEMALE LINE.

• **LLOYD**, of Gwaredog, Anglesey.

· **WYNN**, of Bodewryd, Anglesey.

· **HUGHES**, of Beaumaris, Anglesey.

IV.

CILMIN TROED-DU* lived in the time of Merfyn Frych†, King of Man, being his brother's son, with whom he came from the north of Britain, when Merfyn married Epyllt, the daughter and heir of Conan Tindaethwy, king of the Britons. What offices he bore, I have not been able to find out. His posterity were wise and discreet men, in all their ages; and many of them were learned in the laws in the time of the kings and princes of Wales, and were judges; as Morgeneu†Ynad ap Gwrydr, and Cyfnerth his son, whose Law-Book is yet extant, fairly written on

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parchment; Morgeneu Ynad ap Madoc; Morgan Ynad ap Meuric, and Madoc Gôch Ynad. Robert ap Meredydd ap Hwlkin Llwyd, a wise and couth gentleman, lived in the time of Henry the Seventh; and of him are descended the Glynns of Nanlley. His house, I believe, was Glynllifon, whence some of his descendants took the name of Glynn.—He beareth quarterly 1, argent, an eagle displayed with two heads sable; 2, argent, three fiery ragged sticks, gules; the 3d as the second; the 4th as the first. Over all, upon an escutcheon of pretence argent, a man's leg coupé à la cuisse, sable.

DESCENDANTS EXTANT IN THE MALE LINE.

- **GLYNNS**, of Hawarden Castle, Flintshire.
- of London.

- **HUGHES**, of Bodryn.

DESCENDANTS EXTINCT, OR IN THE FEMALE LINE.

- **GLYNNS**, of Glynllifon, Caernarvonshire.
- of Lleyar, Caernarvonshire.
- of Nanlley, Caernarvonshire.

V.

COLLWYN AP TANGNO is said to be Lord of Efyonydd Ardudwy, and part of Llŷn: and it is true, that his progeny have, and do to this day, possess and enjoy the greatest part of the said

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country. His grand-children Asser, Meirion, and Gwgan, the sons of Merwydd ap Collwyn, lived in the beginning of Griffith ap Cynan's time, as by the Life * of the said Griffith is manifest, whereby may be known what time Collwyn lived and flourished. It is said that he lived some time in Bronwen's tower at Harlech, calling the same town after his own name Caer-Collwyn. But his said grand-children, when Griffith ap Cynan challenged the principality of Wales, lived in Llŷn, as in the said book of his life is extant. His posterity were always the noblest and best men in Efonydd and Ardudwy, next to the princes and their issue. His heir, from eldest son to eldest son, is hard to be known, in regard that by the British laws every man's inheritance was to be divided among his children, and the youngest son had the principal house; whereby every one having an equal portion of his parent's land, his posterity was forgotten.—He beareth sable, between three flower-de-luces a chevron argent.

SIR Howel-y-Fwyall†, descended of Collwyn, was a noble warrior, and was in the battle of Poitiers with the Black Prince, when the French King was taken prisoner: where, with his pole|ax, he behaved himself so valiantly, that the prince made him a knight, and allowed a mess of meat to be served before his ax or partizan for ever, to perpetuate the memory of his good ser|vice: which mess of meat, after his death, was carried down to be given to the poor for his soul's sake; and the said mess had eight yeoman-attendants found at the king's charge, which were

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afterwards called Yeomen of the Crown, who had eight-pence a day of standing wages, and lasted to the beginning of the reign of Elizabeth: (as by the relation of Serjeant Roberts, of Hasod-y-Bŵch, near Wrexham, and Robert Turbridge, of Caerfallen, near Ruthin, esquire, is recorded in the history of the noble house of Gwydir, wherein you may find this relation more at large.) Besides, he had the constableness of the castle of Crickieth, where he kept house; and the rent of Dee-mills at Chester, for the term of his life. His father was Griffith ap Howel ap Meredydd ap Einion ap Gwrganen ap Merwydd ap Collwyn.— His arms*were sable, between three flower-de-luces a pole-ax argent.

DESCENDANT EXTANT IN THE MALE LINE.

•**WILLIAMS**, of Aberarch, Caernarvonshire.

DESCENDANTS EXTINCT, OR IN THE FEMALE LINE.

•**BODWRDA**, of Bodwrda, Caernarvonshire.

·**BODVELS**, of Madryn, Caernarvonshire.

·**JONES**, of Castell March, Caernarvonshire.

·**WYNN**, of Pant-du. °of Pennardd.

°of Bodsanan.

WYNN, of Pen-y-Berth.

◦ of Pen Coed.

· **LLOYD**, of Bodfan. ◦ of Gardd.

◦ of Dol-y-Penrhyn.

· **RHYDDERCHS**, of Tregaenan.

· **VAUGHANS**, of Plâs Hên, Caernarvonshire. ◦ of Perkin, Merionethshire.

· **OWEN**, of Plâs-du, Merionethshire. ◦ of Maentwrog, Merionethshire.

· **ELLIS**, of Ystymlyn, Caernarvonshire.

VI.

NEFYDD HARD, of Nant Conwy, lived in the time of Owain Gwynedd, who gave Idwal his son to be fostered by him; but Nefydd, for what cause I know not, caused Dunawt his son to kill the young prince, at a place called of him Cwm Idwal. Wherefore Nefydd and his posterity were degraded, and of gentlemen were made bond-men of Nant Conwy. His son Rhûn, to expiate that foul murder, gave the lands whereon the church of Llanrwst was built, whose grand-child, (and Madoc Gôch ap Jorwerth ap Gwrgynon ap Cyfnerth, his son) were stewards to Llewelyn ap Jorwerth, Prince of Wales, (as Griffith Hiraethog says.) He dwelled at Crygnant, as I take it, near Llanrwst. — *He beareth argent, three spears' heads imbrued, sable pointed upwards.

DESCENDANTS EXTINGUISHED, OR IN THE FEMALE LINE.

• **EVAN MORGAN** *, of Gwibernant, Caernarvonshire.

· **EVANS**, of Llanrwst.

· **DAVIES**, of Coed-y-Mynydd.

VII.

MAELOC CRWM, of Llechwedd-isaf, and Creuddyn†, lived in the time of Prince David ap Owain Gwynedd, about the year of our Lord 1175, (as Sir Thomas ap Williams' book averreth). What offices he bore, I have not learned. The most famous men descended of him were, Sir Thomas Chaloner, and others of that name, descended of David Chaloner, of Denbigh, whose ancestor Trahaiarn Chaloner was so called, because his grand|father Madoc Crwm of Chaloner had lived in a town in France called Chaloner, whence he took that name.—He beareth argent, on a cheveron sable, three angels or.

DESCENDANTS EXTANT IN THE MALE LINE.

•**CHALONERS**, of Gisborough, Yorkshire.

DESCENDANT EXTINCT, OR IN THE FEMALE LINE.

•**THOMAS**, of Caer Pill.

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VIII.

MARCHUDD AP CYNAN, Lord of Abergeleu: His house was Bryn Ffenigl. He lived, (as Sir Thomas ap Williams' book saith) in the time of Rodri Mawr*, king of the Britons, about the year of our Lord 849 †. Of him was Ednyfed Fychan de|scended, who being general of the prince's ‡ host, was sent to the Marches, to defend the frontiers from the approach of the English army, which was ready to invade them, under the command of Ranulph, earl of Chester, (who met them) and killed three of their chief captains and commanders, and a great many of the common soldiers. The rest he put to flight, and triumphantly returned to his prince; who, in recompence of his good service, gave him, among many gifts and honors, a new coat of arms; for the coat, which he and his ancestors had always given before, was the coat of Marchudd, being gules, a Saracen's head erased proper, wreathed or.—The new coat was thus displayed, gules between three Englishmen's heads couped, a cheveron ermin.—From the death of the last Llewelyn, Ednyfed's posterity were the greatest men of any in Wales, (as by the works of the bards and records is very manifest.) If I should go about to reckon all the famous men descended of him, it would require more time than I can well spare. Let it be sufficient to remember Henry the Seventh, king

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of England, Henry the Eighth, Edward the Sixth, Queen Mary, and Queen Elizabeth, all of whom were descended lineally and paternally of Ednyfed Fychan, who likewise was descended of Marchudd.

DESCENDANTS EXTANT IN THE MALE LINE.

- WYNNS, of Melay, now Lord Newborough.
◦ of Garthewyn.
- **FOULKES**, of Eriviet.
- **LLOYDS**, of Plâs Madog, in Llansannan; now of Plâs Power.
- * **PRICE**, of Maentwrog, Merionethshire; now of Gerddi Bluog.
- **MORGAN**, of Gwlgre, Flintshire.
- **GRIFFITH**, of Garreg Lwyd.

DESCENDANTS EXTINCT, OR IN THE FEMALE LINE. •

WYNNS, of Dyffryn Aled, Denbighshire.
◦ of Trefarth.

- **ROBERTS**, of Gwasane, Flintshire.
- LLOYD, of Gydros.

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LLOYD, of Dôl.
◦ of Trebul.

- HUGHES, Bishop of St. Asaph.
- **SMITH**, Chancellor of St. Asaph.
- **VAUGHANS**, of Hen Blâs and Bronheulog.
- **LLEWELIN**, of Llanelian.
- **JENKIN**, of Efenechtyd.
- COL. JONES, the Regicide *.
- WILLIAMS, of Cochwillan, Maenol, Marl, Meillionydd, and Ystumcolwyn.

· HOWEL M•ELINYDD.

· **CONWAY**, of Nant.

· GRIFFITH, of Festiniog.

· HUGHES, of Cefn y Garlleg.

IX.

HEDD MOLWYNOG[†], of Uwch-aled, (as Sir Thomas ap Williams' book hath it) was steward to Prince David ap Owain. His lands and lordships were Llanfair Talybaern, Dyffryn Elwy, and Nanbalel, the which his three sons, viz. Meuter, Gwillonon, and Gwrgi, divided, and their posterity have enjoyed, and do still enjoy, some part of them. Rhys ap Jeuan ap Llewelyn Chwith of Chwibren, was an esquire of the body to King Edward the Fourth (as the book of Evan Lloyd Jeffrey hath it): he and his

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cousin-german, David Jenkin, were very turbulent in the Lancas|trian war.

Meuric Llwyd, of Llwyn y Maen, near Oswestry, was a valiant captain under the earl of Arundel, who by his prowess atchieved a very noble coat of arms, viz. The field argent, an eagle displayed with two heads sable.

And here, I think, Jolo Gôch*, Owain Glyndwr's bard, whose mother was the Countess of Lincoln, (as Griffith Hiraethog saith) may well bear a place among the worthy descendants of this tribe; who, for his lofty strain, and singular skill in British poetry, was and is as famous and renowned as any that hath been these four hundred years.—And also †Tudur Aled, another learned bard, and a doctor of the chair in his profession: but their learned works will make them famous and ever glorious.— He beareth sable, a hart passant argent, attired or.

DESCENDANTS EXTINCT, OR IN THE FEMALE LINE.

• **LLOYDS** ‡, of Havodunnos, Denbighshire.

◦ of Llwyn-y-Maen, near Oswestry.

◦ of Llanforda.

◦ of Dre-newydd, in Whittington parish.

◦ of Blaen-y-Ddôl.

· **PARRY**, of Llangerniw.

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WYNN, of Bryn Cynrick.

· GRIFFITHS, of Bodychwyn. ° of Hafod-y-Garreg.

° of Blaen Iâl, Denbighshire.

° of Plâs Newydd.

X.

BRAINT HIR, of Is-dulas, lived, as I conjecture, about the time of the sons of Roderic* the Great. His posterity did not much increase, for there are not many, at present, known to be descended from him, yet some there are.—His arms are vert, a cross flowery or.

DESCENDANTS.

• VAUGHANS, of Pont-y-Gwyddel.

Mrs. **Gifford**, of Nerquis.

XI.

† **MARCHWEITHIAN** was called Lord of Is-aled; his lands were Carwed Fynydd, Dincadfael, Prees, Beryn, Llyweni, Gwy|therin, and many other townships within the hundred of Is-aled,

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as appears by the extent of the lordship and honor of Denbigh, made in the eighth year of Edward the Third; at what time, Cynwric Fychan, being the ninth in descent from Marchweithian, lived; whereby some aim may be made at the time he flourished.

THE families and houses descended of him are many, but the most eminent are these, Berain, formerly incorporated to the house of Llyweni, by the marriage of Mrs. Catherine, of Perain*, the daughter and heir of Tudor ap Robert Fychan, of Berain, esquire, with John Salisbury, the son and heir of Sir John Salisbury, of Llyweni, knight; after whose death she married Richard Clough, esquire, of Denbigh, a rich merchant; after whose decease she married Maurice Wynne, of Gwydir, esquire, and had issue by both: and last of all she married Edward Thelwall, of Plâs-y-Ward, esquire.—Mr. Robert ap Rees, descended of this tribe, and ancestor to the family of Rhiwlas, was chaplain to Cardinal Wolsey, and a very great man in the reign of Henry the Eighth.—Ellis Price, of Plâs-Yolyn, doctor of the law, who, I believe, was one of the scholars of Cambridge, that disputed with Throgmorton, and other scholars of Oxford, at Cambridge, in the year of our Lord 1532, and got the best; (as James Caius, in the first book of The Antiquities of Cambridge, affirmeth.)—He bore, in a shield gules, a lion rampant argent, armed azure.

DESCENDANTS EXTANT IN THE MALE LINE.

- **PRICE**, of Rhiwlas, Merionethshire.
- of Boch-y-rhaiadr, Merionethshire.

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WYNN, of Llangynbafal, Denbighshire.

- **PANTON**, of Coleshill Manor, Flintshire.
- **PARRY**, of Tywysog, and Pistill.

DESCENDANTS EXTINCT, OR IN THE FEMALE LINE.

- **PRICE**, of Giler, Denbighshire.
- of Tyddyn Sieffrey.
- of Cwmmein.
- of Fedw dêg.
- of Llanrwst.
- of Dugoed, in Penmachno.

- **WYNN**, of Voelas, Denbighshire.
- of Plas Newydd Yspytty.
- of Hafod-y-Maidd.

- **FOULKES**, of Llŷs Llywarch.
- of Carwed Fynydd, and Meriadog.

- **VAUGHANS**, of Pant Glâs.
- of Blaen-y-Cwm.
- of Llysfaen.

- **WILLIAMS**, of Aberconwy.
- of Hafod Garregog.

- **DAVIES**, of Llathwryd.

- **GETHIN**, of Cerniogeu, Denbighshire.

XII.

EDWIN, commonly called King of Tegaingle*, was the twelfth tribe, whose son Owain had a daughter called Angharad, married to Griffith ap Cynan, king of Gwynedd, or North Wales. Many worthy and noble gentlemen in Flintshire and Denbighshire are descended of him, as the Bishop of Bangor, now living—(I believe he means William Roberts, D. D. who was consecrated Bishop of Bangor, in September 1637, and died at Llandurnog, August 12th, 1665, aged 80.) Thomas Owen, judge of —, father of Sir Roger Owen, late of Cundover, knight. †Howel Gwynedd, a very valiant and stout man, who, siding with Owen Glyndwr against Henry the Fourth, did much annoy the English; but on a time, being more secure than he ought to have been, he was taken by his adversaries of the town of Flint, who, upon a place called Moel-y-Gaer, cut off his head: and long time before, one Owain ap Uchtryd, being grandson to Edwin, kept by force of arms all Tegaingle under subjection, notwithstanding all the power of the king, lords, and country to the contrary; and the third year, having his pardon, he delivered the owners their lands.—He beareth argent, between four Cornish choughs armed gules, a cross floury engrailed sable.

DESCENDANTS EXTANT IN THE MALE LINE.

• **LLOYDS**, of Pentre Hobyn, now of Trefor.

• **WYNNS**, of Copparleni.

• **PARRIES**, of Llaneurgain.

DESCENDANTS EXTINGUISHED, OR IN THE FEMALE LINE.

• **MOSTYNS**, of Mostyn, &c. Flintshire.

• **LLOYDS**, of Farm, Flintshire.

• **WYNNS**, of Nhercwys, Flintshire.

• **EDWARDS**, of Stansty. ° of Rhual
° of Galit-y-celyn, and Crogen Iddon.
° of Llangollen Fechan.

• **EVANS**, of Coed Llai, and Treuddyn.

• **HUGHES**, of Diserth.

- JONES, of Gwernaffield, and Mold.
- OWENS, of Coed Llai, Gwasane, Caerfallwch, Treuddyn, Arddunwynt, and Hope.
- PRICE, of Llwyn Ynn.
- **BROMFIELDS**, of Bromfield.

XIII.

EDNOWAIN BENDEW was Lord of Tegaingle in the year of our Lord 1079, (as the book of Ednop saith.) He is said by Peter Ellis, the counsellor, to be the chief of the fifteen tribes. Of him are descended Ithel ap Rotpert, Archdeacon of Tegaingle,

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the Bithels, and a great many worthy families besides.—He bear | the argent, between three boars heads, a cheveron sable.

THE residence of Ednowain is supposed by some to have been at Ty-maen, in the parish of Whiteford, (see p. 119.)

DESCENDANTS EXTANT IN THE MALE LINE.

- LLOYD, of Wygfair, Flintshire.
- FOULKES, of Mertyn, Flintshire.
- GRIFFITH, of Rhual, Flintshire.
- HUGHES, of Halkyn, Flintshire. ° of Bagillt, Flintshire.
- GRIFFITH, of Plâs isa', Caerwys, Flintshire.

DESCENDANTS EXTINCT, OR IN THE FEMALE LINE.

- WYNNS, of Galedlom, and Caerwys, Flintshire.
- **PUGHE**, of Skeifiog, Flintshire.
- **PIERS**, of Llanasaph, Flintshire.
- PARRY, of Coleshill, and Basingwerk, Flintshire.

- GRIFFITH, of Pant y Llongdu, Flintshire. ° of Caerwys Hall, Flintshire.
- EVANS, of Llaneurgain, Flintshire.
- JONES, of Skeifiog, Flintshire.
- WILLIAMS, of Clommendy Skeifiog, Flintshire.
- HUGHES, of Coed-y-Brain, Flintshire.

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XIV.

EFNYDD, commonly called the son of *Gwenllian, the daughter of Rhŷs ap Marchon, who was lord of seven townships in Dyffryn Clwyd, called Ruthin land, viz. Tr•-ben-y-Coed, and Fereel dyd, y Groes•wyd, Pant Meugen, and three more, all free|hold land. He had no children besides Gwenllian aforesaid, who by the interest of B•te•n op Cy•yn, king of Wales, was given in marriage to this Efnydd's father, being nearly related to the said king, who gave him likewise seven townships, to wit, Almar, Tref-alen (or Alynton), Gre•ford in Bromfield, Lleprog-fawr, Lleprog-fe•han, and Tref-y-nant, in Tegaingle, &c. He had a daughter called Hunydd, who was the wife of Meredydd ap Blethyn, prince of Powys. Of him was descended John Almor, one of the marshals of the hall to king Henry the Seventh, father of John Almor, serjeant at arms to king Henry the Eighth, (as I think) who bare azure, a lion rampant or, armed and langued gules; and of Sir William Meredith, who lived in Yorkshire, or some|where else in England.—He bare a lion rampant salient or, where|with he quartered his mother's coat, being azure, between three nags heads erased argent, a fess or.

DESCENDANTS EXTINCT, OR IN THE FEMALE LINE.

- **SIMUNT**, of Coed Llai, Flintshire.
- **PRICHARD**, of Caergwrley, Flintshire.

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ROGERS, of Flint.

- **MEREDYDD**, of Trefalen. ° of Pentre Bychan.
- ° of Stansty.

· **ALMORS**, of Almor.

· **ALYNTONS**, of Alynton.

· **LLOYDS**, of Gresford, and Alynton.

XV.

EDNOWAIN AP BRADWEN* is by writers called Lord of Meirionydd: but surely the princes and their issue were always lords of Meirionydd; howbeit it might be, that he (as others) took the same to farm, and therefore might be called lord thereof. And yet he and his issue were possessed of all Tal-y-Bont, save Nanney, and the prince's demesnes, and for the most part of Ystumanner in the like manner. The offices he bare under the prince, I know not. Some books of pedigree say that he lived in Griffith ap Cynan's time, but I think he was not so antient †. The ruins of his Llŷs, or palace, are to be seen in the township of Cregenau, in Tal-y-Bont Iscregenau. Llewelyn ap Tudur ap Gwyn ap Peredur ap Ednowain ap Bradwen, lived in the time of Edward the First, and did him homage with the lords and

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gentry of Wales, as by the said king's records is manifest. Aaron, his grandchild, by his son Ednyfed, had two sons more eminent than the rest of his children, Ednyfed and Griffith; of the last of whom William David Lloyd, of Peniarth, esquire, lately deceased, was descended: whose inheritance is come to Margaret, the mother of Lewis Owen, of Peniarth, esquire, now living. Ednyfed ap Aaron is said to have entertained Owain Glyndwr, when he was overcome by king Henry the Fourth, the usurper, but secretly in a cave, by the sea-side, in the parish of Llan Gelynin, which of him is called *Ogof Owain. Of this Ednyfed was descended Morgan ap Griffith ap Eineon, a courageous stout man, who, as it is reported by his kinsmen, by chance, in the streets of the city of London, late in the night, met with King Henry the Eighth, with a small guard about him, coming to see what rule was kept in the city; and when neither would yield to the other, they drew and fought hardly, until a person, who accompanied Morgan, bade him take heed what he did, for that he feared it was the king with whom he fought. Whereupon Morgan crying mercy, yielded, and craved pardon; and the king did let him go, saying, that he was a lusty man, and ever after he was called Lusty Morgan. This is a report, I cannot tell how true.

Morgan his, mawr gan Harri,

Mae Llundain dan d' adain di.

—He bore gules, three snakes enowed in a triangular knot argent.

DESCENDANT EXTANT IN THE MALE LINE

- OWENS, of Cae'r Berllan, Merionethshire.

DESCENDANTS EXTINCT, OR IN THE FEMALE LINE.

- LLOYDS, of Nant-y-Mynach, and Peniarth.
- OWENS, of Peniarth, and Morben.
- GRIFFITH, of Garth, and Cloddiau Cochion.

Out of our ancient books of pedegrees, we are enabled to add another Tribe; by no means inferior to any of the foregoing, in the respectability and number of its descendants.

XVI.

TUDOR TREVOR, the tribe of *March, called likewise in our books Llwyth Maelor (or the tribe of Maelor,) was the son of Ynyr ap Cadfarch, descended of Cadell Deurnllug, King of Powys. He is said to have been the founder of, and to have re|sided at, Whittington Castle, which continued in his posterity for many generations after. His mother was Rhiengar, daughter to Lluddocca ap Caradoc Vreichfras, earl of Hereford, who was one of the knights of king Arthur's Round Table. Tudor had large possessions in Herefordshire, in right of his mother, as well as in that country called Ferlys, which lies between the rivers Wye

and Severne. He was cotemporary with Howel Dda, king of Wales, whose daughter Angharad he married, by whom he had three sons and one daughter. Powell, of Edenhope, in his Pen | t•chia, describes his arms in the following manner:

Em in•is fulgens Theodor. parma T•e•,

Dat rapidum fulvumque sinistro verte leonem:

Mos•ni sunt nota satis, simul arma T•e•is.

Which may be thus expressed in plain English:

Parted per bend finister ermine and ermines, over all a lion rampant or; the well-known arms of the Mostyns, and also of the Trevors.

DESCENDANTS EXTANT IN THE MALE LINE.

- Viscount Hambden, and Baron TREVOR.

- MOSTYNS, of Mostyn, Baronets.

- of Trelacre, Baronets.

- of Bryngwyn.

- of Segroit.

- **PENNANT**, of Bychton.

- RICHARD PENNANT, Baron Penrhyn.

- **JEFFERIES**, of Acton.

- **EDWARDS**, of Chirk.

- **WYNNE**, of Gerwyn-fawr.

- **JONES**, of Llwyn-onn.

DESCENDANTS EXTINGUISHED, OR IN THE FEMALE LINE.

- TREVOR**, of Brynkinnallt.

- of Pentre Cynric.

TREVOR, of Daywen. ° of Trefalen.

° of Plâs-têg.

° of Oswestry.

· LLOYDS, of Halton.

· YOUNG, of Bryn Yorkin.

· DYMMOCK, of Willington.

· PUGHE, of Llan-y-Mynach.

· LLOYDS, of Plâs isa' y Clawdd. ° of Dal-y-wern.

HERE it may not be improper to mention, that though the tribes are generally considered as the nobility of Wales, yet are there many ancient Welsh families of high respectability, who derive not their descent from any of them. Such are the Middletons, of Chirk castle and Gwaunynog; the Vaughans, of Glan-y-llyn, afterwards of Llwydiarth and Llangedwyn, but now extinct, who are descended from Ririd Flaidd, lord of Penllyn, &c. The Vaughans, of Cors-y-gedol; and the Wynnes, of Dolegwyn, whose stock was Osbwrn Wyddel, (or the Irishman.) The Eytons, of Leeswood; the Wynnes, of Tower; the Davises, of Gwasane (whose representative in the male line is Peter Davies, esquire, of Broughton;) the Parrys, of Pwllhalog, and the Williamses, of Fron, who are descended from Cynric Efell, baron of Eglwyseg.

IN Anglesey are the Williamses, of Ty-fry, descended from Caldred Hardd, (or the Handsome) lord of Tal-ebolion; and from

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them the Williamses, of Nantarog, ancestors of the present Sir Watkin Williams Wynne; the Williamses, of Penbedd, and the Williamses, of Bedyddyn.

THOUGH many others may be added to these, we shall now close this account with the descendants of Brechwal Ysgrithog, prince of Powys, viz. the Blaneys of Tregynon, the Wynnes of Garth, the Llyds of Leighton, and the Thomases of Llechweddgerth, whose present representative is T. o. Thomas, esquire, of Downing Ucha'.