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BONSALL

1925001

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr Henry Bonsall, J.P., Pendibyn, Llanbadarn Fawr.

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Manuscripts as follows:-

1. 1889, June 26. Autograph letter, signed. John Ruskin to Henry Bonsall (NLW MS 5240B). Written from Brantwood, Coniston. Reproduced in "Aberystwyth and District" NUT Souvenir, 1911.
2. Copy of Thomas Bonsall's attested Pedigree transmitted to the Principal and Fellows of Jesus College, Oxford, to prove his being a kin of (Edmund) Keyrick the Founder of the North Wales Exhibitions at Jesus College, Oxford (NLW MS 5241C). Certified as being a "true copy of a manuscript found among the papers of the late Revd. John Davies, Rector of Cemmaes". Impression of the seal of the Rev. John Davies. Thomas Bonsall was the father of the donor.
3. "Achau Mr Edmund Prus, ai ddwy wraig a'u plant." Welsh. Copy sent to Mrs Margaret Davies, Goetre, near Dolgellau, a transcriber of Welsh MSS. (See Cardiff MS. 64 = Bonsall MS. 2).
4. Genealogical table showing the connection between the families of Meyrick, Anwyl, Archdeacon Edmund Prys and Davies of Cemmaes.

Mynegai

Rhydychen, Cemaes, Cemais, Edmund Prys, Edmwnd Prys, Dolgellau, Gogledd Cymru.

G T CLARK MSS

1925002

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr Wyndham D Clark, Talygarn.

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

G.T. Clark MSS (NLW MSS 5171-234).

References have previously been made in these Reports to books and manuscripts of the late Mr G.T. Clark, Talygarn, presented by his grandson, Mr Wyndham D. Clark. The printed books, which include standard, historical and other works, and those desiderata of first-class reference libraries - the publications of learned societies - are of great value (Dept of Printed Books). These are supplemented by Mr G. T. Clark's extensive manuscript materials, collected during a lifetime of assiduous industry and research. Mr Clark was not only the greatest contributor to the history of Glamorgan; he was an authority on such subjects as mediaeval military architecture, and on Glamorgan genealogy. His manuscripts have now been arranged and bound. They make 66 quarto and folio volumes, as follows:- Glamorgan, History 3 volumes; Glamorgan, Topography 2 volumes; Glamorgan, Manors 9 volumes; Glamorgan, Signatory of Gower 2 volumes; Glamorgan, Genealogy 4 volumes; Genealogy, general 10 volumes; Military Architecture 3 volumes; Castles, general 2 volumes; Castles, English 3 volumes; Castles, Welsh 2 volumes; Castles of other countries 1 volume; The Earldom of Pembroke 2 volumes; Overton Longueville 1 volume; Legal Documents (with extracts) 7 volumes; History of Coal Trade 1 volume; Scotland, Ireland and Verulamium 2 volumes; Papers relating to the "Cartae et Alia Munimenta." 1 volume; Autograph letters 1 volume; Miscellanea 3 volumes; Material for a History of Glamorgan (Cringell Papers) 4 volumes; Deeds, surveys, etc. 3 portfolios.

Mynegai

Sir Forgannwg, Iarlaeth Penfro.

LETTERS OF THE MORRIS BROTHERS

1925003

Ffynhonnell / Source

Principal J H Davies, M.A.

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Principal J.H.Davies, M.A., who edited THE LETTERS OF LEWIS, RICHARD, WILLIAM AND JOHN MORRIS OF ANGLESEY (MORRISIAID MÔN) 1728-1765, 2 volumes, 1907-8, has handed over to the Library 144 original letters of the Morris brothers including six not in the published work (NLW MS 600E). The late Sir Lewis Morris lent these letters to Mr Davies on the understanding that he was to hand them over to the National Library when done with. They will be bound and bear the classmark NLW MS. 600. Among the six unpublished papers is:- "A true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods, chattels, and effects of the late Lewis Morris, esq. Taken by the order and direction of his co-executors Mrs Ann Morris, widd. and Lewis Morris the younger the tenth day of May 1765." Principal Davies has also handed over the original autograph of "Cywydd i'r Calan" by Goronwy Owen and the letter which the poet sent to Lewis Morris with the poem. These also formerly belonged to Sir Lewis Morris.

Mynegai

Sir Fôn, Anglesey.

BIBLE

1925004

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr Charles Edwards, The Gardd, Llanymynech.

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Bible, 1610, Geneva version, containing the Old and New Testaments, Two ... concordances ... and tables, collected by R.F.H. and the Metrical Psalms by Starnehold and Hopkins, 1609 (Dept of Printed Books). Bound in full calf, blind-tooled, with brass clasps; wanting the general title, folios 55 and 56, and the whole of the Apocrypha.

This condition of the Bible, like many others printed by R. Barker, closely resembles the edition of 1580. The tables, which form an essential part of the 1580 Bible, were compiled by Robert F. Herrey, and the copy bound in this volume is dated 1608.

HOLLAND MSS

1925005

Ffynhonnell / Source

The late Mrs Samuel Holland (died 1924), Caerdeon near Dolgellay, (per her sisters, The Misses Burt), and Mr Charles Holland, Congleton.

Blwyddyn / Year

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Papers and letters of, or relating to, Samuel Holland (1803-92), M.P. for the county of Merioneth, captain of industry and philanthropist (NLW MS 4983-5C, 4986-7B). These papers, which are numerous, largely relate to Samuel Holland's activities in connection with industry, politics and education in Merioneth and particularly to slate quarrying in the Festiniog district, to the Festiniog Railway, and to shipping at Porthmadoc. They fall roughly into four main classes:- (a) personal, (b) industrial, (c) political, (d) educational and philanthropic.

In the personal group are several letters together with two copies of Samuel Hollands's MS. autobiography, in the course of which he mentions that his cousin Mrs Gaskell (novelist and biographer of Charlotte Bronte) stayed at his residence at Plas Penrhyn, Penrhyndeudraeth, where she commenced to write one of her books.

The industrial group is the largest and is important for the history of Merionethshire and Carnarvonshire. One of the pioneers in the slate and other quarrying industries, and in the marketing of Welsh slates, Samuel Holland was largely responsible for the construction of the Festiniog Railway, opened for mineral traffic in 1835, and for the development of Porthmadoc as a harbour for the export of Welsh slates. His papers show that he was also interested in the projected harbour at Porthdinllaen in the Lleyn peninsula which did not mature.

Mr Holland succeeded the late David Williams of Castell Deudraeth (father of Sir Osmond Williams, Bart.) as Liberal Member of Parliament for Merioneth in 1870. There are some papers relating to Merionethshire politics.

He had a large share in the establishment of Dr Williams's School for girls at Dolgelly, and subscribed £800 to the funds. He founded primary schools at Tanygrisiau and Penrhyndeudraeth. Of the latter school he remained a prominent supporter throughout his life. His papers throw light on all these activities and on his work for the temperance movement, Boards of Guardians, and in securing improved postal facilities and better roads in the Penrhyndeudraeth and Festiniog districts.

The papers will be of value for a biography of one who did much for the industrial and intellectual life of Merioneth.

Mynegai

Ffestiniog, Blaenau Ffestiniog, Porthmadog, Portmadoc, Portin-llaen, Porth Dinllaen, Llyn, Dolgellau, Sir Gaernarfon, Caernarfonshire.

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS

1925006

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr W Bell Jones, FSA

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Books and pamphlets (25) relating to the town and parish of Hawarden, Flintshire, and to the late W.E. Gladstone and members of his family, together with an almost complete set of the Hawarden Parish Magazine (Dept of Printed Books).

Mynegai

Penarlâg.

REES JENKIN JONES

1925007

Ffynhonnell / Source

The late Reverend R Jenkin Jones, MA

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Although not officially connected with the Court I should like to put on record the death, in his 90th year, on October 16, 1924, of Rev Rees Jenkin Jones, MA, of Aberdare, a sincere friend who made numerous gifts of valuable MS. records and printed books to the National Library from time to time.

Since his death, Dr Goronwy Jones, Swansea, and other members of the family have sent several parcels of printed and manuscript material (NLW MSS 4361-70. These with the donations which "R.J.J." made during his lifetime will be of much interest to Unitarians and others, as he was a great authority on the history of Unitarianism in Wales.

There are several manuscript volumes of sermons by Rev Timothy Davies of Oldbury and a small MS. volume of prayers by the same person (NLW MS 4369A); sermons in MS. by Rev Thomas Rees of Blaengwrach, and Rev Richard Lloyd of Carmarthen and Llwynrhydowen (NLW MS 4369A); a diary of Rev Timothy Davies of Caeronen (NLW MS 4370B); a pedigree of the family of Alltyrodyn in the autograph of Rees Jones "Amnon," etc. (NLW MSS 4362-3B) The autograph letters are numerous and of great interest. The bulk are addressed to "R.J.J." but there are some which were sent to his father, Rev John Jones, Unitarian minister, Aberdare. The correspondence falls roughly into two groups (NLW MSS 4367-8E); the first belonging to the period of the father, the second being letters addressed to "R.J.J." whose correspondents were numerous and represent many interests. Among them may be mentioned - Rev William Thomas, "Gwilym Marles"; Rev T. Lloyd James, "Glwydwenfro"; Rev Alex Gordon, Manchester; H. Tobit Evans; Thos R. Davis, Philadelphia; and Jenkin Lloyd Jones, Chicago.

In addition to the manuscripts, the collection contains a number of printed books, chiefly Welsh and English theological works of the 18th and 19th centuries, and a number of publications relating to Welsh chapels, societies, etc.

Mynegai

Aberdâr, Abertawe, Undodwyr, Caerfyrddin, Manceinion, USA, Unol Daleithiau.

HESIOD'S WORKS AND DAYS

1925008

Ffynhonnell / Source

London County Council, Central School of Arts and Crafts

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Hesiod's Works and Days, translated into English by Samuel Butler (Dept of Printed Books).

One of thirty copies printed (1923) at the Central School of Arts and Crafts, where it was also bound in crushed brown morocco, blind tooled, with central floral design.

Valuable as an example of printing and binding, the volume is also interesting as being the first printing of Samuel Butler's translation of Works and Days.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT

1925009

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr John Macdonald, Frensham, Farnham, Surrey

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Disgrifiad / Description

18 volumes of Acts of Parliament, 1529-1558, mostly printed in Black Letter, comprising twelve statutes of the reign of Henry VIII, printed and published by T. Berthelet, and a volume of Statutes and Acts made in the reigns of Edward VI and Mary, published by R. Crafton and John Cawood (Dept of Printed Books).

Berthelet published several editions of the Statues. One edition, in two volumes, comprised the Statutes "Made ... from the time of Henry III to ... Henry VIII", the second volume of which was also issued in several parts, and sold separately. Some of these volumes are probably the separate parts of volume 2 of the collected edition.

Magna Carta. London: R. Pynson, 1508. Begins: Folio 1. Magna Carta. Edwardus dei gratia rex ... Ends: Ad laudem gloria cuetipotantis ac beate virginis marie totaq celestis curia sic paru codex qui Antiqua Statuta vocatur Explicit, etc. Without title page. Contains a list of legal terms in contemporary hand on fly leaf. Bound in calf, blind tooled.

A 1525 R. Pynson edition of Gildas Britannus Monachus; a number of scarce theological tracts concerning Unitarianism, published during the 16th and 17th centuries; and the Itinerarium R. D. Thomse Carve Tipperariensis, Mainz, 1639. Thomas Carue (or Carew) known as Carve, (1590-1672?) was chaplain to an Anglo-Irish regiment in the Thirty Years War. In 1643 he went to reside at Vienna as vicar choral of St. Stephens Cathedral. The itinerary is valuable not only because of its scarcity, but also because it gives important details concerning Wallenstein, and the general history of Christendom during the lifetime of the author. The work also contains an interesting account of Ireland and a curious description of England. The third part was published at Spire, 1646, a copy of which is wanted to complete the work presented by Mr Macdonald.

Mynegai

Iwerddon, Lloegr.

LETTERS OF WELSH-AMERICAN INTEREST

1925010

Ffynhonnell / Source

Miss Sarah SMiles, Pittsburgh, U.S.A.

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Disgrifiad / Description

Letters, papers and printed matter of Welsh-American interest ranging from 1904 to 1914. Mr G. K. Miles, a descendant of one of the early Welsh emigrants to America, took up the genealogical research of his own family - Miles and Phillips. In order to obtain information he corresponded with several people in America, Wales and England, the chief being T. Miles of Nantmel, near Rhayader, Mr T.

Mathias, Kilgerran, Mr T. Allen Glenn, Mr Septimus Davis, Aberdeen, Maryland, an attorney, and others. A great deal of the correspondence which took place between them is found in the collection, which includes also copies of letters sent by Mr Miles to his various correspondents. There are also miscellaneous notes relating to the early Welsh settlers in Pennsylvania, Bucks, Chester, York, and elsewhere in the USA, and on the growth of Nonconformity in Pennsylvania, especially of the Baptist and Quakers. Clippings from the DRUID, programmes of St David's Day celebrations and other papers, MS. and printed, of Welsh interest are included. Some of the letters are of interest for their descriptions of the social and political state of America and Wales before the Great War. Mr G.K. Miles obtained a great deal of matter from this country in the form of photographs and descriptions of Baptist churches in South Wales, copies of wills, and extracts from parish registers in Pembrokeshire. There are over 400 separate letters or papers and seven portfolios of miscellaneous notes, all arranged.

Mynegai

USA, Unol Daleithiau, Rhaeadr, De Cymru, Sir Benfro.

METHODISTIAETH SIR ABERTEIFI

1925011

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mrs David Morgan, Pier Street, Aberystwyth

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Disgrifiad / Description

A small, leather-bound volume, 7 x 4 ins., of Welsh printed and MS. matter, once the property of William Rowlands of Cwrtycwm, Llanychaiarn, 1778?-1866, grandfather of the donor (NLW MS 4979B).

The first 103 pages consist of a copy of Hanes, cyfansoddiad, rheolau disgyblaethol, enghyd a chyffes ffydd, y corph o Fethodistiaid Calfinaidd ... printed at Aberystwyth in 1824. The remainder is probably in the autograph of Wm. Rowlands, and consists of copies of hymns, lists of Cardiganshire C.M. chapels and preachers with information concerning them (e.g. dates when they died or left the district), lists of delegates to the Sunday School bi-monthly meetings, and other matter of the same nature, together with a list of preachers and their texts, (probably heard by Rowlands at various places), from June 4, 1826 to Dec. 7, 1858, numbering in all 4,707. Owing to lack of space in the original volume, extra leaves have been inserted towards the end.

As a result of the regularity and detail with which these records have for the most part been kept, the volume proves a source of interesting information concerning the state of Calvinistic Methodism in Cardiganshire during the first half of the 19th century.

Mynegai

Llanychaearn, Sir Aberteifi.

SERMONS PREACHED AT PORTMADOC

1925012

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mrs K M Owen, Garth Celyn, Garth, Porthmadog

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Disgrifiad / Description

Two manuscripts and a number of Welsh books and periodicals. Both manuscripts consist of lists of preachers, together with their tests, heard at Portmadoc (NLW MSS 5561-2B). One covers a period from Oct. 1, 1853 to Jan. 17, 1864, and the other, (which bears the name of Robert Jones, 4 Garth Terrace, Portmadoc), from Aug. 21, 1864 to July 20, 1890. Among the books are several published by H. Humphreys, Carnarvon, who, as a publisher, played a great part during the middle of the 19th century in the dissemination of Welsh literature (Dept of Printed Books). Many of his productions are now scarce.

Mynegai

Porthmadog, Caernarvon, Caernarfon.

CARPENTER'S ACCOUNT BOOK

1925013

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr Myddleton Pennant-Jones

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

A copy, bound in red calf, 8 x 7 ins, of a work entitled:- THE CARPENTERS' AND JOINERS' PRICE BOOK, ... containing the prices of wood and work ... with new and useful tables ... by Isaac Harrison, Robert Jackson, Matthew Nelson, William Potts ... and examined and approved by John Bird, Architect and Surveyor ... Liverpool: J Lang, 1811 (NLW MS 4982C).

The printed matter, which occupies 132 pages, interspersed with MS. notes, is followed by 21 pages of MS. matter, in various autographs, on the same subjects, and by 143 blank pages.

Mynegai

Lerpwl.

HISTORIA BRITTONUM

1925014

Ffynhonnell / Source

The Reverend D A Thomas, M.A., Llanafan Vicarage, Crosswood

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Disgrifiad / Description

Nennius, Historia Brittonum, by Rev. W Gunn, London, 1819. Copy formerly belonging to John Hughes, author of Horae Britannicae (1818-19) and bearing his initials in several places (NLW MS 5161C). Several interleaves were added and on these and the margins of the book John Hughes has written numerous corrections (including corrections of printers' errors and errors due to the editor's ignorance of Welsh), emendations, comments whether of agreement or disagreement, and notes. The MS. notes are interesting; one note reflects the controversy on Welsh orthography. "Several of Mr Gunn's citations are inaccurately spelt, and he preposterously follows the fancies adopted in Owen (Pughe)'s Dictionary." The book was subsequently in the library of the late Rev. J Williams, Rector of Talyllyn, Corris, a keen collector of Welsh books and an uncle of the donor.

Mynegai

William Owen Pughe, Tal-y-llyn, Llanfihangel Tal-y-llyn.

SIR D LLEUFER THOMAS

1925015

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr Lleufer Thomas

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Manuscripts (including deeds and documents) (NLW MSS 3601-40), autograph letters and printed matter.

The deeds, the earliest of which is dated February 4, 1599, relate mainly to the county of Carmarthen and to the districts of St Ishmaels, Cilycwm, Llandilo, Llangathan and Llandoverly. Among the MSS. are, a memorandum of evidence prepared by the late Tom Ellis, M.P. for the Welsh Land Commission of 1894-6, and an 18th century folio volume of 250 pages, kept by one David Williams, attorney, mostly comprising lawsuit charges, rentals, disbursements, bills, and receipts, relating to localities in Cardiganshire and Carmarthenshire.

The autograph letters which Mr Thomas has sent were nearly all received by him in connection with his work in preparing biographies of eminent Welshmen for the Dictionary of National Biography, among the numerous correspondents were Dean Howell, "Llawdden"; Llywarch Reynolds; and Thomas Darlington, H.M.I., besides many from over the English border. The letters relate to the following among other eminent Welsh men and women, Jane Williams, Ysgafell; "Allen Raine"; Thomas Stephens of Merthyr; Archdeacon Williams, first Warden of Llandoverly; Bishop Basil Jones; Henry Vaughan, "Silurist"; and Sir Lewis Morris.

The most interesting group of manuscripts is, perhaps, that which belonged to the well-known Unitarian Minister, Rev Thomas Evans, "Thomas Glyn Cothi," who died in 1833. This comprises a small book with notes by another with notes of sermons by Rev Joseph Fawcett and Rev James Saurin, with an indication that the sermons were preached by Thomas Evans at Aberdare and Ffynon Rydd in 1798; a printed book bearing his autograph; and two letters sent to him. One of these is from Rev. Theophilus Lindsey; the other is possibly of the greater interest, as it was received by Thomas Evans when he was imprisoned in Carmarthen prison on a charge arising out of his sympathy for the upholders of the French Revolution. This letter, which is addressed to the "Revd. Mr Thomas Evans, Dissenting Minister, at the County Goal, Carmarthen", is as follows:-

Dear Sir,

My cousin Tom Skenkin of Rhydybennau sent me your petition to be forwarded to the Trustees of Lady Hewley's Fund. I heartily wish it success. I mentioned your case to a few Friends who contributed £5 which I with great pleasure enclose for your acceptance. When you receive this, take the trouble to write me a few lines to convey to me that Information-and besides, let me know how long you are to remain in durance vile. Are you likely to be greatly injured upon the whole in your wordly circumstances by the Prosecution? Do the inhabitants of Carmarthen show you much kindness? Are any of the Miss Rhyderch married? Should you have an opportunity, please to give my respects to Mrs Peters and to Mr and Mrs Williams formerly Mercer. I think I heard that the Miss Richards, Milliners, are dead. In hopes of hearing from you soon I remain your wellwisher.

John Davies

Makeney, near Derby, Jany. 19, 1803.

The printed matter, which is varied in its scope, includes a copy of a Bill to secure the public right of access to mountains, rivers, lakes, moors and waste land, also ancient or disused pathways, in the principality of Wales, 1888.

Mynegai

Carmarthenshire, Sir Gaerfyrddin, Cil-y-cwm, Llanfihangel Cil-y-cwm, Llandeilo, Llangathen, Llandyfri, Llanymddyfri, Thomas Edward Ellis, Sir Aberteifi, Sir Gaerfyrddin, Merthyr Tydfil, Merthyr Tudful, Aberdâr, Caerfyrddin.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT ETC

1925016

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr John Thomas, Vrondolau, New Quay

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Disgrifiad / Description

A small but interesting collection of poems in MS. (NLW MS 4960C), acts of parliament, pamphlets, etc. Some of the acts of parliament are of local interest, such as "An Act for constructing and maintaining a harbour at New Quay in Cardiganshire, 1835", and "An Act for the better management and control of the highways in South Wales, 1860" (NLW MS 6413E).

Other items of local interest are (a) the Rules and Regulations of the Aberystwyth Mutual Ship Insurance Company. Aberystwyth: Printed by John Cox, 1854. (b) Modern ballads in MS., written on subjects and persons connected mainly with South Cardiganshire (Dept of Printed Books).

Mynegai

Cei Newydd, De Cymru, Sir Aberteifi.

HISTORY OF THE COUNTY OF CHESHIRE

1925017

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr J B Willans, of Dolforgan, Mont.

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Ormerod's History of the County of Cheshire, 3 volumes, extended to 10 volumes by the insertion of numerous engraved portraits, topographical prints and drawings, historical documents and other material relating to the County (Dept of Pictures and Maps). The extra illustrations have all been

neatly inlaid and the volumes handsomely half-bound in morocco by Fazakerley, of Liverpool. It is a fine example of a Grangerised book, and one of which any library would be proud.

Mynegai
Swydd Gaer, Lerpwl.

WELSH BALLADS

1925018

Ffynhonnell / Source

Sir John Williams, Bart., G.C.V.O.

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

The President, Sir John Williams, Bart., continues to make valuable additions to his collections in the Library. He has lately presented a volume containing a number of 19th century printed Welsh ballads (Dept of Printed Books).

CARREG-LWYD

1925019

Ffynhonnell / Source

Major F Carpenter Holland Griffith, Carreglwyd, Anglesey, and Biddenham, Bedford

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This extensive and valuable group of documents has been placed on deposit by Major F Carpenter Holland Griffith, of Carreglwyd, Anglesey, and Biddenham, Bedford. The collection was partly described by John Cordy Jeaffreson in the Appendix to the fifth report of the Royal Commission on Historical MSS, 1876, pages 405-23. Mr Jeaffreson dealt more particularly with the papers which relate to national affairs. The collection, however, contains a large number of papers dealing with Anglesey and other parts of North West Wales during the xvth to the early six century.

The collection which has now been catalogued may be divided into two parts:-

1. Legal and Official Documents

These number just over 2,000 and are mainly made up of various legal instruments such as leases, mortgages, marriage settlements, wills, covenants to levy fines, final concords, sheriffs' writs, inquisitions post mortem, surveys and various Orders out of the ecclesiastical courts of the diocese of Bangor and St Asaph (drawn up by Dr William Griffith, Chancellor of both dioceses). There are also bundles of receipted bills, copies of older records, and tradesmen's bills. The remainder consist of Muster Rolls, Rent Rolls, Reports of the Commissioners of Array for North Wales, Mise Assessments and other taxes such as the tax upon houses and windows. Most of the latter documents refer especially to the Hundreds of Talybolion and Menai, in Anglesey.

These documents throw light upon the social condition of Anglesey and North Wales generally and illustrate the legal and administrative organisation of the country, and the manner in which many of the old Welsh customs persisted up to the end of the 18th century. Those papers relating to the public affairs of the Principality during the Civil War and the Commonwealth are of great importance as also are the official and domestic papers dealing with public affairs in England during this period. Mention may be made of Fletcher's Cart-takers as an example of a very interesting document. This is a copy of the original and is in the hand of John Griffith who took a prominent part in the public affairs of England in the 17th century.

2. Other Papers

These number about 200 and comprise private and episcopal letters, petitions, and circular letters from the Privy Council. There are also literary papers including various poems and verses of which the most interesting are the copies of satirical verses attacking Sir John Suckling because of his gift of a troop of horse to Charles the First and Sir John Suckling's "answere". Another interesting paper is the letter Commendatroy, under the public seal of "the island of Bermuda in America," given to Rev. Thomas Holland in 1706 on his departure from that Colony, to be exhibited by the bearer to any enemy into whose hands the vessel, (in which the clergyman is about to return to Europe), may fall.

The Carreglwyd Collection will supplement the Wynn of Gwydir Papers of which a Calendar is about to be published, for the two collections have several points of affinity. Sir Richard Wynn, son of Sir

John Wynn of Gwydir, was Groom of the Chamber to Charles I while Prince of Wales, afterwards Treasurer to Queen Henrietta Maria. Many of the Gwydir papers derive their importance from Sir Richard Wynn's position at Court. Contemporary with him was John Griffith, a lawyer of Gray's inn, who was for several years Secretary to Henry, Earl of Northampton, Lord Privy Seal to James I. Griffith was the trusted friend of the Earl of Northampton, and one of the executors of his will. The Carreglwyd collection of papers derives its importance mainly from the documents carefully preserved by John Griffith, who lived through the Civil War, the Commonwealth and the Restoration.

Major Carpenter Holland Griffith, with fine public spirit, readily agreed to deposit the papers in the National Library to ensure their preservation, and in order that they may be available for use for literary and historical purposes.

Mynegai

Llanelwy, Sir Fôn, Gogledd Cymru, USA, Unol Daleithiau.

Nodiadau

Schedule Available

PENIARTH DEEDS

1925020

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mrs Wynne of Peniarth

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Some time ago it was reported that Mrs Wynne of Peniarth had deposited in the library all the deeds relating to former Wynne estates from the earliest times down to 1835. These have now been arranged, numbered, and catalogued, and a calendar of the whole series (4,000 documents) is in active preparation.

Mrs Wynne has recently sent on deposit three additional valuable documents as follows:-

1. Account Roll of Sir William Griffith, Chamberlain of North Wales. It refers especially to cos. Carnarvon and Merioneth during the years 1520-24. 17 membranes.
2. Rental consisting of the payments made to the Crown from the commote of Estimaner and dated Nov. 19, 1634. 6 membranes.
3. Portion of a similar Rental relating to districts in Estimaner not included in (2); undated. 5 membranes.

Mynegai

Gogledd Cymru, Sir Gaernarfon, Sir Feirionnydd.

Nodiadau

Schedule Available

COEDYMAEN

1925021

Ffynhonnell / Source

Arthur Williams-Wynn, D.L., J.P., of Coedymaen, Welshpool

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Mr Arthur Williams-Wynn, D.L., J.P., of Coedymaen, Welshpool, has deposited manuscripts, papers, and printed books of, or relating to, his ancestor Sir William Williams, Bart, (1634-1700), Speaker of the House of Commons and Solicitor-General.

William Williams (created knight, 1687, baronet 1688), born at Nantanog, Anglesey, and buried at Llansilin, Denbighshire, was one of the foremost lawyers of the 17th century. He took part in several memorable actions at law, generally in opposition to his fellow-countryman, Lord Chancellor Jeffreys, whom he disliked and by whom he was in return disliked bitterly. He was a champion of the Whigs and of the privileges of the Commons against the King and the Court Party, except when he led the attack as Solicitor-General upon the Seven Bishops, among whom, it will be remembered, was his neighbour William Lloyd, Bishop of St Asaph.

The nature of the present collection which was examined by Mr Lleufer Thomas when he was preparing the account of Williams for the Dictionary of National Biography and designated by him-the 'William-Wynn MSS.'-is fully indicated by Mr Thomas in his biography of Williams.

The following is a list of some papers of special interest:-

(a) 1684. "The humble petition of William Williams Esqr. to the King's Most Excellent Majestie". Concerning the printing of a libellous "Narrative" by Dangerfield which Williams, as Speaker, had licensed for printing in 1680. This petition to James II failed in its purpose and Williams was fined £10,000. (b) Papers relating to an action of 'Scandalum magnatum' brought by the Earl of Peterborough against Williams, in respect of the publications of Dangerfield's "Narrative". (c) Several papers relating to the Trial of the Seven Bishops. (d) "The Speech of Mr Speaker to Sir Robert Eyton on his expulsion from the House". This was the occasion of which Williams indulged in extremely strong language. (e) Papers relating to the case of the King V Algernon Sidney who was accused of treason and whom Williams defended. (f) Letters and papers signed by William Lloyd, Bishop of St. Asaph; Judge Jeffreys; and a letter in the autograph of the Earl of Sunderland to Sir William Williams; Bart., Solicitor-General, conveying to him the Command of King James II requiring his presence in London. (g) Autograph letter of Edward Lhuyd the antiquary. Sir William Williams had bought from Edward Lhuyd's father the Llanvorda estates. (h) 1691-1692. Sir William Williams's Cause Book. (i) Cywydd Mawl Syrr William Williams, Gwr y Cyfreth Anrhydeddus." This Cywydd, dated September 1694, is in the autograph of the poet Huw Morus; it was from this copy that "Gwallter Mechain" took the poem for his edition of the collected works of Huw Morus (Eos Ceiriog).

In addition to the manuscripts, there are several printed broadsides, pamphlets, and books, some now rare and forgotten, but of value to the historian of the period. For example, five printed items relate to the affairs of the East India Company. Williams, in a learned argument, questioned the legality of the chartered rights granted to the Company.

Mynegai

Y Trallwng, Llanellwly, Llanforda.

Nodiadau

Schedule Available.

COPY BOOK

1925022

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A Copy Book used in a school at Pembroke at the end of the 18th century (NLW MS 5165A). On its title leaf in the hand of T.J. Mathias is written:- 'A Manuscript. Specimens of Writing in Various languages By Mr Joseph Allen, Schoolmaster On a Very Small Establishment at Pembroke In South Wales, August 1788.'

The little volume, consisting of 21 leaves, each measuring 4³/₄ x 31¹/₈ inches, has examples of handwriting in various styles in the following languages:- Latin, Greek, French, Italian, English, German, Hebrew, Samaritan, Syriac, Persian, Armenian, Ethiopian, Gothic, Etruscan, Saxon, Runic, Chinese, Sanskrit, Bengalee and Old Persian.

Some of these have the English equivalent, and some the Latin equivalent. Near the end is found - 'Joseph Allen scripsit, Pembroke 1788'.

It is an interesting example of a 'copy book' given to pupils to copy into their 'writing books'.

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A WARRANT OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL

1925023

Blwyddyn / Year

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A Warrant of the Privy Council, dated March 14th, 1601/2, to Lord Buckurst, Lord High Treasurer of England, to pay to Sir John Vaughan or to his assign, Griffith Lloyd, for transporting 100 troops for Ireland from Carmarthenshire:- The charge of arming and apparelling: 100 men for Ireland £350. 0s. 0d.; for seven days conduct at 8d per day for each man £23. 6s. 8d; for conductor's wages £1 . 8s. 0d.; For imprest money and carriage of arms £13. 0s. 0d.; For Griffith Lloyd's expenses £4. 0s. 0d. The warrant is signed by the following members of the Privy Council: Nottingham, Tho. Egerton, T Buckurst, W. Knollys, Ffortescu, Gilb. Shrewsbury, L. Stanhope, Ro. Cecyll (NLW MS 4980D).

Mynegai
Iwerddon, Sir Gaerfyrddin.

HENRY VAUGHAN, SILURIST

1925024

Ffynhonnell / Source

Henry Vaughan, Silurist.

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Poems with The tenth Satyre of Iuvenal Englished. By Henry Vaughan, Gent., London, 1646 (Dept of Printed Books).

Sir John Williams was an assiduous hunter after the early editions of the works of Henry Vaughan, Silurist, born in Breconshire, 1622. He was able to obtain good copies of all except the first little book of poems printed in 1646, when Vaughan was a student of the law, which he afterwards abandoned for medicine. This little volume has just been purchased. Its title runs:- Poems with the tenth Satyre of Iuvenal Englished. By Henry Vaughan, Gent. - tam nil, mulla tibi evendo Illiade. - London. Printed by G. Badger, and are to be sold at his shop under Saint Dunstan's Church in Fleet Street. 1646. It is a modest volume, little thought of by Vaughan himself in later years, when his muse, had attained to the heights, and he had published Olo Iscanus, 1651, with an engraved title page, one of the finest in any book of the time.

Mynegai

Sir Frycheiniog.

HARTLAND MSS

1925025

Ffynhonnell / Source

Dr Sidney Hartland, formerly of Swansea

Blwyddyn / Year

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An important addition is the complete library of Dr. Sidney Hartland, formerly of Swansea (NLW MSS 5923-9, 6798-848). Dr Hartland is one of the greatest living authorities on Folklore. His library deals almost wholly with Anthropology, on which subject it is so complete that it is doubtful whether such a collection could be brought together again. The gathering of the books extended over a period of nearly fifty years. This collection, with the library bequeathed by the late Dr Witton Davies, mainly Ethnic Religion, places the National Library in a strong position for the study of Anthropology.

Mynegai

Abertawe.

GLADSTONE PAMPHLETS

1925026

Ffynhonnell / Source

The Gladstone Pamphlets

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Disgrifiad / Description

The pamphlets brought together by the Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone during his long and active life, presented by Mr Henry Neville Gladstone, have been classified and bound in 459 volumes (Dept of Printed Books). The number of pamphlets is about 2,760. They cover almost every controversial subject over a period of sixty years, or more, of the sixteenth century, and will be of inestimable value to research students dealing with the social, political, and religious life of the period.

The pamphlets are classified under the main headings, viz:-

Miscellanea 88 vols

Philosophy, Religion and Rationalism 28 vols

Education 12 vols

Christinanity in general, and Theology 51 vols
Language and Literature 13 vols
Sermons 60 vols
Episcopal Charges 37 vols
Church of England 47 vols
Other Church History 29 vols
Biography and allied subjects 7 vols
History 15 vols
Geography, Anthropology, etc 1 vol
Economics and Sociology 21 vols
Political Science 17 vols
Law 4 vols
Fine Arts 5 vols
Science 3 vols
Medicine 3 vols
Agriculture 1 vol
Bibliography 1 vol
Celtica 5 vols
Gladstoniana 11 vols
Total 459

THE BOURDILLON COLLECTION

1925027

Blwyddyn / Year

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This splendid library, purchased from the Trustees of the late Francis William Bourdillon, of Buddington, Sussex, a former President of the Bibliographical Society, contains 6.178 printed volumes (Dept of Printed Books) and over 150 manuscripts. Its special feature is its wealth of romance literature, particularly manuscript and printed editions of the Roman de la Rose, of which Mr Bourdillon made a study (see his monograph, *The early editions of the Roman de la Rose*, *Bibl. Soc. Illus. Monographs*, no. xiv). The collection also contains many valuable treatises, source books and fine books.

Manuscripts (NLW MSS 5001-148). There are 44 early manuscripts (xivth and xvth century), many on vellum, some richly illuminated and a few exquisitely bound. Amongst them are two xivth century and five xvth century manuscripts of the Roman de la Rose (NLW MSS 5011-2E, 5013-7D). There is also a xiiiith century Launcelot manuscript (NLW MS 5018D).

The modern manuscripts number over 100 and are for the most part sources for the study of romance or transcripts of the early manuscripts.

Romance Literature, etc. Over 1,000 volumes are early or rare texts of romances and books dealing with the subject. The great value of the collection lies in its series of printed editions of the Roman de la Rose, there being altogether 23 early editions or issues (i.e. all mentioned in Bourdillon's Monograph on the subject, except the [1494-5] ed. [E. Folio V]) and several later editions.

Other romances are well represented (e.g. Huon de Bordeaux, Charlemagne, Melusine, Galien Restaurém, Aymon, Valentin and Orson, Amis and Amile, Palmerin d'Olive, Godefroy de Bouillon, Paris and Vienne, Amadis de Gaule, Jourdain de Blaves, etc. etc.). Of Aucassin and Nicolette there are about 45 editions. Mr Bourdillon translated this romance into English. His version is now a classic, and has been re-printed many times.

The Arthurian Literature includes early printed editions of Merlin 1498 and [1526], 3 vols; Lancelot 1513-20, 3 vols; The Holy Grail, 1523; Perceval le Galloys, 1530; Tristan [?1506], 2 vols 1533, 1586; Artus de Bretagne, 1556; Gildas, 1525.

The Library also contains about 68 volumes printed before 1500, for the most part in the original bindings of pigskin or stamped calf, and many fine bindings, several of the rarer books being richly bound in crushed morocco, delicately gilt tooled and with elaborate doublures, etc.

The collection contains most of the books necessary for the literary history of early romance, especially the French romances, including many of the large and expensive bibliographical works and art books (Dept of Printed Books).

All the books have been catalogued and the manuscripts have been assigned shelf numbers. The catalogue is now in the printers' hands and about half of it is in type.

DAVIES, LLANDINAM

1925028

Ffynhonnell / Source

The Misses Davies, Llandinam

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

120 volumes of printed books, English and Welsh (Dept of Printed Books).

CWRTMAWR

1925029

Ffynhonnell / Source

Principal J H Davies

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

It is well known that Principal Davies is the owner of one of the finest libraries of Welsh books and manuscripts now in private hands, and that his collections are designed for public use sooner or later.

Principal Davies has decided to transfer gradually his collection of manuscripts to the National Library. He has already sent, as the first instalment, the manuscripts catalogued for the Historical Manuscripts Commission by Dr Gwenogvryn Evans and included in the Report on Manuscripts in the Welsh language, Volume II, Part III, 1905, where they are fully described as regards their contents, but Principal Davies has since added valuable notes to most of them, with details as to his acquisition of them and their former owners.

Principal Davies has been moved to make the transfer by a desire to make his manuscript available for use by students and others, and also to preserve them against the risk of fire and other perils to which valuable treasures are inevitably exposed in private houses. The number already transferred is about fifty. The total number in Principal Davies's collection is over 600. His library of printed books numbers several thousands, and includes many very rare and some unique books.

Nodiadau

Schedule Available

RICHARD MSS

1925030

Ffynhonnell / Source

The Misses Evans, Kensington, London

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Autograph letters sent to their uncle, the late Henry Richard, M.P., "The Apostle of Peace"; manuscripts of Henry Richard's father, the Rev. Ebenezer Richard of Tregaron, Methodist minister; and manuscripts of Rev James Hughes, "Iago Trichrug", (1779-1844), Methodist preacher, poet and commentator (NLW MSS 5503-5C, 5506-7A, 5508D, 5509C, 5510A, 5511C).

The autograph letters addressed to Henry Richard are numerous, interesting and valuable (NLW MSS 5503-5C). Among the many writers represented are Mr Gladstone, Elihu Burritt, Joseph Chamberlain, Dr Dale of Birmingham, Henry Fawcett, Sir William Harcourt, Sir Wilfred Lawson, A. J. Mundella, Herbert Spencer and William Morris; Welsh correspondents include the first Lord Aberdare, L. L. Dillwyn, Henry Edwards (Dean of Bangor), Dr Lewis Edwards of Bala and his son, Principal Viriamu Jones, Michael D. Jones, Sir Lewis Morris, Lord Rendel and Sir Hugh Owen. Most of the letters relate to Henry Richard's work on behalf of international peace; others concern Intermediate and University education in Wales, the Church and Welsh politics.

The Ebenezer Richard group of manuscripts consists of sermons in Welsh and English, notes of addresses on religious subjects, questions and answers used in catechising Sunday Schools,

memoranda and notes - all in his autograph, - together with notes in another hand of sermons preached "yn Nghymanfa'r Bala", June 20, 1832, by Ebenezer Richard and John Evans, Llwynffortun (NLW MSS 5506-7A).

The manuscripts of James Hughes include a commonplace book, letters by him (from Rotherhithe) to Rev David Roberts, manuscripts of his poetical compositions, and notes of sermons in English and Welsh (NLW MSS 5510A, 5511C).

The Ebenezer Richard group supplements an earlier donation by the Misses Evans already reported upon .

Mynegai

Caron-is-clawdd, W.E. Gladstone.

JOHN PHILLIPS OF BANGOR MSS

1925031

Ffynhonnell / Source

The Reverend Dr G Griffiths, Whitchurch, Glam.

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

Papers of, and relating to, Rev John Phillips, 1810-67, first Principal of Bangor Normal College (NLW MSS 5479E, 5480A, 5481B, 5482C). They include sermons and notes of sermons in the autograph of John Phillips; letters written to him by various correspondents, including Sir Hugh Owen and others, mostly relating to education in Wales, the inspection of British Schools, and the Bangor Normal College; a large manuscript volume, compiled by the donor, "Notes on the life of the Rev. John Phillips, Bangor, collected from different sources", and a certificate by order of the Cardiganshire Monthly Meeting held at Ponterwyd on Sept. 19, 1833, stating Mr John Phillips to be an accredited preacher in the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Connexion, written and signed by Rev Ebenezer Richard of Tregaron, secretary of the Monthly Meeting.

Mynegai

Sir Aberteifi, Caron-is-clawdd.

NORTH WALES SLATE QUARRIES

1925032

Ffynhonnell / Source

Miss Ellen Hughes, Pwllheli

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

A small bundle of papers, manuscript and printed, the larger portion dealing with various North Wales slate quarries, in the form of prospectuses, reports and statistics (NLW MSS 11032B, 11033D). Essays on literary subjects, by the donor's father O. J. Hughes and Miss A. Hughes, of Nantlle, Carnarvonshire, are also included, as well as some adjudications for competitive meetings. All the papers belong to the second half of the sixteenth century.

Mynegai

Gogledd Cymru.

E MORDDAL EVANS

1925033

Ffynhonnell / Source

The Reverend Evan Isaac, Pontypridd, formerly of Aberystwyth.

Blwyddyn / Year

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Books and manuscripts of Rev E. Morddal Evans, USA, a native of Taliesin, Cardiganshire; minister at Pontypridd, and afterwards of Palmyra Baptist Church, Ohio (NLW MSS 5258-9A, 5260B).

1. Two cloth-bound MS. volumes, 7 x 4½ ins., containing poetical compositions by 'Morddal', and in his autograph. One containing the author's earliest compositions, bears the date 1862, and the other January 1864.

2. A number of loose MS. sheets containing the following pieces written by 'Morddal,' :- (a) Awdl - "Cyflafareddiad Heddwch"; (b) Dau bennill - "Y Beibl" (c) Pryddest - "Marwolaeth"; (d) Pryddest - "Gardd Eden."

3. Two printed volumes of Morddal's works, as follows:-

(a) "Barddoniaeth gan E. Evans, (Morddal), Pontypridd." Pontypridd: F. Evans, 1862.

(b) "Oriau Hamddenol 'Gabintwr'; sef Detholion Rhyddiaithol a Barddonol. Gan y Parch E. Morddal Evans." Utica, N.Y.: T. J. Griffiths, 1873.

Mynegai

Pont-y-pridd, Efrog Newydd, USA, Unol Daleithiau.

LLYTHYRAU CYMANFA Y BEDYDDWYR

1925034

Ffynhonnell / Source

The Rev E K Jones, Acrefair

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Eighteen Letters of the Baptist Association (Llythyrau Cymanfa y Bedyddwyr). With one exception, the letters all belong to Radnor, Montgomeryshire, and Breconshire - "The Old Association," and range from 1875-1904. The exception is an English edition of the 1876 Letter of the Monmouth Baptist Association.

These supplement the already large collection of "Llythyrau Cymanfa" which Mr Jones has presented from time to time.

Mynegai

Sir Faesyfed, Sir Drefaldwyn, Sir Frycheiniog, Sir Fynwy.

'RHUDDENFAB' MSS

1925035

Ffynhonnell / Source

Miss Nan Lewis-Jones, Ruthin

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Manuscripts and papers of and relating to her father, Lewis Jones, "Rhuddenfab", poet, editor and publisher (NLW MSS 5512-21). The most interesting item in this collection is the original manuscript by Daniel Owen of Adgofion am Ioan Jones Rhuthyn (NLW MS 5520B).

There is also an interesting group of autograph letters from eminent literary men in Wales, in the latter half of the last century (NLW MS 5518B)- such as Hwfa Môn (R. Williams); Eifionydd (John Thomas) Watcyn Wyn (W. H. Williams); Llew Llwyfo (L. W. Lewis); Daniel Owen; Tanymarian (E. Stephen); Mynyddog (Richard Davies), etc.

The largest group of manuscripts consists of poems (most of these are by Rhuddenfab himself), hymns, literary adjudications, essays, sermons and miscellaneous anecdotes, which were probably meant for publication (NLW MSS 5512-13B, 5514-15C, 5516B, 5517C, 5519D, 5521B). Besides these, there are reports of various literary meetings, Eisteddfodau, Cyfarfodydd Cystadleuol, the Celebration of the Centenary of Sunday Schools in 1880, etc., and a bulky volume of Press Cuttings consisting of articles by Lewis Jones under different pseudonyms (Dept of Printed Books).

The printed matter comprises: 1. biographies "Cofiant y Parch. Christmas Evans," "Cofiant y Parch. Hugh Pughe Mostyn, "Cofiant y Parch. T. Pierce, Liverpool," "Testimonials to the Rev. Thomas Prichard, Vicar of Rhos," etc.; (Dept of Printed Books) 2. Miscellaneous books printed by Lewis Jones (Dept of Printed Books); 3. A few songs prepared for publication (Dept of Printed Books).

Mynegai

Ruthin, Rhuthun, Lerpwl.

DANIEL OWEN

1925036

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr J Towyn Jones, Mold

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Personalia of Daniel Owen, the Welsh novelist, consisting of the table and two chairs used by him when writing his novels; a pair of shears; a weather glass; and a wooden square-rule (Dept of Pictures and Maps).

A photograph of the Mold National Eisteddfod Committee of 1873 (Dept of Pictures and Maps). It was at this Eisteddfod that a resolution was passed proposing to establish a National Library at Aberystwyth.

Mynegai

Yr Wyddgrug.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

1925037

Ffynhonnell / Source

The Right Hon Sir J Herbert Lewis, G.B.E.

Blwyddyn / Year

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A leather-bound folio volume 279 pp. each measuring 405 x 160 mm. It is a book of general accounts from 1728 to 1738, kept by Rev Hugh Lloyd, M.A., who was Vicar of Mold 1729-49 and who also farmed land (NLW MS 598E). Hugh Lloyd was the son of Evan Lloyd of Halkin, gent., and brother of John Lloyd, Sheriff of Flintshire in 1720.

The manuscript contains a detailed account of the quantities of malt and hops used for brewing, and the number of gallons of ale brewed and tapped every month; also a list of all the live-stock and crops sold, and the prices received for them. It was evidently used as a diary as well as an account book, for there are entries relating to various births, marriages, deaths, wills, etc. and matters of external interest, in addition to records of the general routine of the farm. Other items of interest are an inventory of the writer's plate, surplice fees received, 1729-44, and the expenses of building a schoolhouse at Mold. The volume should prove useful both from an historical and from an economic point of view.

Mynegai

Yr Wyddgrug, Halkyn, Helygain, Sir Fflint.

ENGLISH SERMONS

1925038

Ffynhonnell / Source

Lt Col J I D Nicholl, DL, JP, Merthyr Mawr

Blwyddyn / Year

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A manuscript volume of sermons in English preached at various places, mainly Gloucester and London, by Rev D. S. Davis, (1790-1826), minister of Guildford Street Welsh Congregational Church, London, and a native of Llanfihangel Rhos y Corn (NLW MS 5163A).

A number of rare and valuable printed books relating to Wales (Dept of Printed Books), including " A Briefe and necessarie Catechisme set foorth by Richard Jones, Schoole-master in Cardif: for the benefit of all Householders, their children and Familie. With a short instruction for all that doo receiue the holy communion. Imprinted at London by Thomas East, 1583." Collation - Title A1, To the Worshipfull Master Baylifes, the Alderman, Burgesses, and all that trulie feare God in Cardiff, Richard Ihones, Schoolemaster in the same Tovvne, wisheth increase of all grace and comfort in the Lord Jesus Christ for euermore. A2 A3. A Catechisme A4-C8=28pp. Not paged. Bound in red Levant morocco. Three editions of this Catechism were printed, 1583, 1600, and 1614. All the editions are rare.

"A Short Catechism for The institution of Young Persons in the Christian Religion. To which is added, an explication of the Apostolical Creed, Easie and useful for these Times. Composed for the

Use of the Schools in South Wales ... Let this Truth be confessed and remain for ever, That they who are well instructed, easily become good men. London, Printed by J. Flesher for R. Royston, at the Angel in Ivy-Lane. 1652." 60 pp., including 1 blank leaf, bound in scarlett morocco.

This also is a very rare book, and though no author's name appears it is confidently attributed to Jeremy Taylor, afterwards Bishop of Down and Connor, who was resident in Carmarthenshire from 1644 to 1653. The little book was probably written during Taylor's residence at Golden Grove, the seat of his patron Richard Vaughan, second Earl of Carbery, to whom he became private chaplain after his capture at Cardigan in the early years of the Civil War, and was printed by Royston, who published most of Taylor's works. Its compilation may be due to the fact that Taylor at this time assisted two other English clergymen, William Nicholson and William Wyatt, who conducted a school, in preparation for the Universities, at Newton Hall (Collegium Newtoniense) in the parish of Llanfihangel Aberbythych, Carmarthenshire.

Some of Taylor's best work, including the Liberty of Prophesying, the Holy Living, and Holy Dying, was done at Golden Grove, a name preserved in the title of his rich manual of devotional prose and verse. Sir Edmund Gosse (Jeremy Taylor, English Men of Letters Series, 1904), says: "It is to this beautiful retreat, in a rich valley of South Wales, that we owe the ripest products of his intellect."

It is interesting also to recall that some of Taylor's verse was influenced by Henry Vaughan, the Silurist, whose *Silex Scintillans* appeared in 1650. Whether Vaughan and Taylor ever met in Wales is not perhaps known; it is known, however, that the Earl of Carbery was a distant kinsman of the Silurist, whilst in Mrs Katherine Phillips of Cardigan Priory, "The Matchless Orinda," whom Taylor knew, Vaughan and Taylor had a common friend. One of Taylor's minor works (*A Discourse of the Nature and offices of Friendship*) was inspired by Mrs Katherine Phillips, to whom it was dedicated.

A Phrophesic of Cadwallader, last King of the Britaines: ... etc. London: Printed by Thomas Creede ...1604. pp.70 unnumbered. Bound in full morocco.

A rare volume, reprinted by A. B. Grosart in the *Miscellanies of the Fuller Worthies Library*. The work is ascribed to William Harbert, or as he is sometimes wrongly called Sir William Herbert, Glamorgan. Little is known of this writer, except that he was a native of Wales and in some way associated with the Pembroke (Herbert) family. The two Epistles, one at the beginning and the other at the end of the Phrophesie, dedicated to Sir Philip Herbert, are signed William Harbert.

The Life and Death of Sheffery Morgan, son of Shon ap Morgan. The first part. London: C. Brown for S. Deacon, n.d. pp. 24, not paged. Bound in green levant morocco.

A chap-book, which was issued at least four times, this being the earliest recorded edition. It was printed in London for S. Deacon [c. 1700], who, according to Plomer, was the widow of John or B. Deacon, booksellers of cheap and popular literature. On the last page of this chap-book, however, is a list of "Books printed for, and are to be sold by Sam. Deacon ..." so that it would appear that there were three men of the name of Deacon engaged in bookselling.

Two editions were published in Newcastle [? 1770 and 1785], and the fourth in Edinburgh, [? 1820]. The writer of this work also published a ballad entitled *The Welsh Fortuneteller: or, Sheffery Morgan's observations of the stars, as he sat upon a mountain in Wales.* [London, ? 1689].

The Description and the practice of the four most admirable Beasts: Explained in four sermons ... by ... Gr. Lord Bishop of Ossory. London: Printed by Tho. Roycroft, ... 1663." pp. xvi, 134. Bound in morocco, gilt-tooled.

The author of this work was Griffith Williams, (1589?-1672) Bishop of Ossory. Several of the works of this noted Royalist bishop, who was born at Treveilian, Llanrug, are already in the National Library. *Animadversions upon A Letter and Paper first sent to His Highness by certain Gentlemen and others in VVales ... By One Whose Desire and Endeavour is, to Preserve Peace and Safety, by removing Offence and Enmity.* Printed in the year 1656. pp. v, 106. Bound in blue levant morocco, gilt-tooled, g.e.

A Collection of original hymns ... for the use of Sunday Schools, &c. By John James, of Colwinstone, (Translated from the Welsh). Aberdare: Printed by W. Lloyd, "Gwladgarwr" Office, n.d.

The author, who also translated the hymns, was deprived of his eyesight when three years of age. The book was published sometime between the years 1858-1882.

Cylch-grawn Cymraeg, Nos. 1-5. 5 numbers. Trefecca, Machynlleth and Carmarthen, 1793-4. A complete set of this scarce Welsh periodical bound in one volume, the wrappers being bound with each number.

The following particulars of the magazine may be of interest:-

I. Chwefror 1793. pp. 1-56, including t.p. Trefecca: Argraphwyd yn y Flwyddyn, 1793. II. Mai 1793. pp. 57-120. Trefecca: Argraphwyd Ac ar werth gan J. Daniel, ac J. Ross, Caerfyrddin: Titus Evans, Machynlleth: [etc. etc.]. III. Awst 1793. pp. 121-180. Machynlleth: Argraphwyd ac ar werth

gan T. Evans pp. 181-4 wanting (as in other copies). No text is missing, probably the wrappers were calculated in the pagination. IV. Tachwedd 1793. Caerfyrddin: Argraphwyd ac ar werth gan Daniel, a Ross pp. 185-240. V. Ionawr a Chwefror 1794. Caerfyrddin: Argraphwyd ac ar werth gan Ross a Daniel. The title undergoes minor changes.

A Cardiganshire Landlord's advice to his tenants. At the Hafod Press, by James Henderson. pp. 160. n.d.

A fine copy of the very scarce edition of the work of Thomas Johnes, printed at the private press at Hafod some time between 1803 and 1810. The work was first issued in 1800, printed and published by Biggs and Cottle, Bristol.

The Welch Embassadour, or the happy Newes his VVorship hath brought to London ... Printed for I. Underwood, 1643. pp. 8 unnumbered. Woodcut. Bound in ½ polished calf.

Two editions of this tract were issued in this year about April 13. Both are scarce. The other edition was printed for George Roberts.

Two Sermons, First of the Creatures going into Noah's Ark ... Second of the Creatures going out ... by Edmund Jones, Minister of the Gospel ... Trevecka: Printed in the year, 1781. pp. iv, 72. Bound in polished calf.

These two sermons were afterwards translated into Welsh and published in 1782. Copies of the Welsh translations are in the National Library.

Short Observations On several Matters in Divinity ... To which is added, a few Hymns ... By John Relly ... Caermarthen: Printed by R. Thomas in Lammas Street, 1761. pp. 60. bound in polished calf, gilt-tooled.

The printer of this book was Rhys Thomas, a contemporary and sometime partner of John Ross. The author was a well-known hymn writer, having published jointly with his brother James, the Universalist, Christian Hymns (1758).

The Right Way to Honour and Happiness. A Sermon, Preach'd at the Assizes held at Cardiffe, in the County of Glamorgan, April 18th, 1710. By Tho. Hancorne, Rector of St. Donatts ... Bristol: Printed by W. Bonny in Cornstreet [1710]. pp. 16. Bound in half red morocco.

Thomas Hancorne was a son of Samuel Hancorne of Aber Lleury, Breconshire. He was vicar of St. Donats from 1674-1731, rector of Llandow 1681, and canon of Llandaff 1718.

The Regulating of Law-Suits, Evidences, and Pleadings. An Assize-Sermon Preach't at Carmarthen, Marth the 16th, 1656. By William Thomas, Vicar of Laughorn ... London: Printed at the request of some eminent Auditors ... 1657. pp. iv, 38. Bound in ¼ calf.

William Thomas (1613-1689), successively bishop of St. David's and Worcester, was a son of John Thomas, a native of Carmarthen.

Occasional reflections, moral and religious. By George Dillwyn ... London: W. Phillips, 1818. pp. 172. Bound in calf. The author, an American Quaker preacher (1738-1821) resided for some time in England and was a member of the Ratcliff meeting. This book was first published in America in 1815.

Poems by Jeston Homfray. (Cardiff: Lloyd, 1824). pp. vi, 24 and several blanks. Bound in calf, gilt-tooled, g.e. The author, a son of Sir Jeremiah Homfray, of Llandaff House, Glam. also published The Castles of the Lordship of Glamorgan (1828).

Supplemental Report of the Metropolitan Commissioners in Lunacy, relative to the general condition of the Insane in Wales ... London: Bradbury and Evans, 1844. pp. 64. A Supplement to the General Report of the Commissioners in Lunacy. The major portion of the supplement is devoted to North Wales.

Universal Redemption: or, A Defence of the doctrines contained in a late pamphlet on that subject; and a confutation of the objections which have been advanced by Philalethes. In a letter to Philip Jones, Esq. of Underhill, Margam. By A Country Clergyman. Cardiff: Printed for William Bird, 1820. pp. 450. The author was William Bruce Knight, Dean of Llandaff.

Gemitus Ecclesia Cambro-Britannicae: or, the Candle-Sticks removed, By the Ejectment of the Minister of Wales, under the power of the late Act, for the Porpagation of the Gospell there ... London: Printed in the yeare, 1654. pp. ii, 14 (1 blank). Bound in morocco. A scarce Tract, a copy of which is in the collection of Principal J. H. Davies. A copy of the Act referred to in the title is also included in this donation, and is separately noted.

The Catechism, or Christian Doctrine by way of Question and Answer ... Paris, Printed by James Guerin ... 1742. In Irish and English. pp. 1 vi, 518. Bound in calf, gilt-tooled, g.e. Contains title pages in Irish and English. Compiled by Andrew Donlevy (1694-1761), Director of the Irish Community in Paris;. Pp. 487-98 contain an "Abridgement of Christian Doctrine," in Irish verse, compiled a century earlier by Bonaventure O'Heoghusa or O'Hussey. Beginning at p. 499 is a short

treatise on "The Elements of the Irish Language". The compiler was an Irish ecclesiastic and prefect in the Irish College at Paris. Revised editions of the Catechism were published in 1822 and 1848.

A volume containing 10 pieces including:- An Act for the better Propagation and Preaching of the Gospel in Wales, and redress of some Grievances. London: Printed for Francis Tyton, for the use of the Commissioners of Wales. 1650.

A bound volume containing the publications of the Society for Bettering the Conditions of the Poor in the Hundred of Oswestry and Parishes of Chirk and Llansilin. Included in the volume are ten Reports of the Society. These were separately issued, but the pagination was continuous, with a comprehensive title page for the Reports 1812-17 inclusive. The remainder of the volume consists of special publications of the Society of which the following is a list:- Plans, specifications, estimates and remarks on cottages, with plates ... By T. N. Parker. 1813. The following caution to Ale-house keepers ... 1813. Zekiel Jobson; or, the dangers of drunkenness set forth by a fearful example. [c. 1813]. The family receipt book or, the cottager's cook, doctor, and friend. 1817. All the foregoing publications of the Oswestry Society, to use the name by which it was better known, were printed and published by T. Edwards, Oswestry.

A volume of pamphlets containing:

The Public Health Act. Sanitary state of Wales and Monmouthshire. [By Andrew Doyle] (1873). Remarks on the proposal to appoint consultative medical inspectors in Wales and West Monmouthshire, by Thomas Jones Duke ... Reprinted from the Welshman. Carmarthen, [1873]. Conference on Poor Law, held at the Town-Hall, Swansea, 1873. Swansea, 1873. [The same]. 1874. Swansea 1874. Other tracts on Public Health, and Nursing, including two by Florence Nightingale.

Mynegai

Caerloyw, Llundain, Caerdydd, Sir Gaerfyrddin, Aberteifi, Caeredin, Caerfyrddin, Cardiff, Laugharne, Croesoswallt.

LORD CLIVE'S JOURNAL ETC

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Ffynhonnell / Source

The Earl of Powis

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Disgrifiad / Description

A copy of Lord Clive's Journal 1814-15, privately printed (1858) (Dept of Printed Books).

Guilielmi Herberti ewquitis aurati Croftus sive de Hibernai liber ... London: Nichols and Sons, for the Roxburghe Club, 1887 (Dept of Printed Books).

Four pamphlets in Welsh on agricultural topics including one on manures, taken from A Treatise on Agriculture and Dairy Husbandry. by James Jackson. 2nd ed. Bala: Printed at the Cambrian Press ... (1842) (Adran yLlyfrau Printiedig). Price sixpence. With a Welsh title page which reads Ar Wrtheithiau, allan o draethawd ar amaethyddiaeth a diwylliant ... a gyfieithwyd i'r Gymraeg ar ddymuniad Gwr Bonheddig o Gymru, er lles ei Gydwladyr. pp. 48. wrappers.

A modern version of Y Llyfr Plygain entitled: Y Primer Bach: llawlyfr o athrawiaeth, defosiwn, ar ymarfer Cristionogol, gan Offeiriad, wedi ei droi i iaith y Cymry gan Offeiriad arall. Towyn: D. Edwards, argraffydd, 1870. pp. 94, wrappers (Dept of Printed Books).

Other Welsh theological works of which the following are the most interesting (Dept of Printed Books):- Gwersi Hawdd i blant ieuangc mewn Ysgolion Sul; At wasanaeth yr Eglwys, am bob Sul trwy y flwyddyn. Wedi eu cyfieithu o'r Saesoneg gan G. E. Bangor: ... Nixon a Jarvis, 1875. pp.120. cloth. Ymddiddan ynghylch Gwasaneth y Bedydd yn Eglwys Loegr. Llundain: Cym. er Taenu Gwybodaeth Gristionogol, 1849. pp.12. wrappers. Byr-weddiau teuluaid ... Bangor: Arg. dros gymdeithas y Traethodau, gan Catherall a Nixon, 1860. pp.20. wrappers.

A pamphlet in Welsh on ventilation of dwellings, issued under the patronage of Connop Thirlwall, Bishop of St. Davids, entitled Awyriad anneddau ... neu Eglurhad darluniadol o'r berthynas rhwng (Dept of Printed Books).

Two English items, printed in Wales:- Select portions of psalms and Hymns, taken from various collections, and adapted to public worship. 6th ed. Welch-pool: Printed and sold by Robert Owen, 1856. pp. xiv, 164. cloth (Dept of Printed Books). The Preface of the first edition, which is reprinted in the 6th, is dated the "Vicarage, Welch-pool, 1827." The vicar at that time was William Clive. The Mercies of God ... a sermon intended to be preached in October 1817 (Dept of Printed Books); by David Davies ... Gomerian Press: Dolgellay: Printed and sold by R. Jones, 1817. A sermon on the

conclusion of the war with France, and also refers to the harvest of 1816 and 1817. The author was born at Mallwyd in 1778, went to Cambridge in 1797. According to his own account David Davies was without any church for many years. He published a number of other theological works, and was for a time curate of Llanymawddwy.

Two pamphlets relating to the election to the Chancellorship of Cambridge University, in 1847, when the candidates were HRH the Prince Consort and Edward Herbert, 2nd Earl of Powis (Dept of Printed Books).

An interesting broadside (c. 1867) published at the time of the outbreak of Indian cholera in England, giving practical hints on prevention and treatment, and also using the occasion to inculcate Christian principles (Dept of Printed Books).

A collection of Parliamentary Reports and Papers, and reports of local authorities (Dept of Printed Books).

A large gift of official publications has previously been reported to the Council.

Mynegai

Welshpool, Y Trallwng, Dolgellau, Caergrawnt, Gwasg Gomer.

PAMPHLETS

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H M Vaughan, Esq., M.A., F.S.A.

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A small collection of pamphlets (Dept of Printed Books):-

1. No. 87 of the publications of the Carmarthen Auxiliary Religious Tract Society including two pamphlets in English and a Welsh pamphlet entitled Y Ferch fach ddedwydd ... gan J. C. Ryle. (Siarad Eglur, Rhif. 19). Caerfyrddin: W. Spurrell, n.d.
2. National token of South Wales to HRH the Princess of Wales. 1864.
3. Gwlith-wlaw ar laswellt. Llanelli: John Thomas, 1859. pp. 48. cloth.
4. The Brothers Jones: a tale of real life by Titan.. Newport: "Star of Gwent" Office, 1863, and the following Chap-books:-
5. Drych cymeriad; sef ychydig o hanes y tri llangc a'r llangces yn nhy Naaman y Syriad ... gan T. Ab Evan. Caerfyrddin: S. Jones, 1862. pp.16. wrappers.
6. The child's guide; or, a plain method of teaching children to spell and read well ... Carmarthen: S. Jones, 1862. pp. 32 including wrappers.
7. Y Ffordd rwydd yn cynnwys amryw o bethau da a buddiol at ddysgu silliadu a darllen y Gymraeg. Caerfyrddin: S. Jones, 1862. pp.32 including wrappers.
8. Holwyddoreg ar hanes Ruth a Naomi ... Caerfyrddin: S. Jones, n.d. pp. 16. wrappers.
9. Teganau i blant; yn cynnwys hanes dyn; hanes delw Dura a'i haddolwyr a hanes Abia Bach. Gan T. J. Caerfyrddin: S. Jones, 1862. pp. 16. wrappers.
10. Llyfr i ddechreu dysgu darllen yn cynnwys gwersi hawdd a graddol. Caerfyrddin: William Spurrell, n.d. pp. 32 including wrappers.

Mynegai

Caerfyrddin, Carmarthen.

T WITTON DAVIES

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The late Professor T Witton Davies, B.A., D.D.

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The bequest of his library by the late Professor T. Witton Davis, who held the chair of Semitic languages at Bangor, has already been reported to the Court. Mrs Witton Davies has since sent the manuscripts, note books and papers of her husband. These are being arranged and catalogued.

ABERYSTWYTH WAR SERVICE COMMITTEE

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Ffynhonnell / Source

Councillor P B Loveday, Aberystwyth

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Papers of the Aberystwyth War Service Committee, comprising:- correspondence, minute books, bank pass books and receipts, appeals for funds and correspondence regarding the organisation of flag days, concerts, etc.

WELSH INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION

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Ffynhonnell / Source

Mrs Mashiter, Princes Gate, London

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Printed and manuscript reports and papers of the Welsh Industries Association, including minute books, correspondence of members and officers, circulars, catalogues, reports, balance sheets, etc.

Mrs Mashiter has also sent a silver medal received by the Association at the St Louis, USA, Exposition in 1904 (Dept of Pictures and Maps), a bronze medal awarded to it at the Milan International Exhibition 1906 (Dept of Pictures and Maps), and the Banner of the Association, satin, with the red dragon, harp, leeks and other Welsh national emblems worked in coloured silks. The Banner has been hung in the Exhibition Gallery.

It is gratifying to be able to report that an increasing number of public bodies and voluntary organizations (including some whose activities were connected with the World War) look upon the National Library of Wales as the proper and only safe place of deposit for their records.

Mynegai

World War One, Rhyfel Byd Cyntaf.

A SURVEY OF MOLD

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A folio manuscript volume of 278 pages, being a modern copy of "A Survey of the Mannor of Mould with the Rights Members and Appurtenances thereof in the County of Flint late parcell of the possessions of James late Earle of Derby made and taken by us whose names are hereunto subscribed and fifteenth day of July one thousand six Hundred fifty two (1652) by vertue of a Commission grounded upon an Act of Parliament entitled an Act for the Sale of severall Estates forfeited to ye Commonwealth for Treason under the hands ands Seal of five of the Trustees in the said Act names and Appointed " (NLW MS 4998E).

The survey consists of various Rentals and Terriers making up a detailed register of houses and lands in the manor and lordship of Mold and covering the townships of Argoes, Arthynwent, Broukoed, Brochanillt, Bistree, Gwernafield, Gwysaney, Hertsheath, Hendrbiffa, Leeswood, Llwynegrin, Mould, Nerquis, Treythin Vawr, Treythin Vechan and Rhuall.

In addition to the usual lists of Customary Rents, Chief Rents, Charter Rents, and Burgage Rents, there are references to the total sums received yearly in the form of profits from the Court Baron, Court Leet and the view of Frank pledge, as well as sums derived from Reliefs, Waifes, Estrayes, Deodans and from the foods of felons; various Royalties and certain other casual payments (casualties) are also given.

An account of the extent and value of Timber sales is given as well as of recent inclosures and encroachments. The amount of an assessment of an Aid upon the Parish of Mould in 1698 is given in detail, and many memoranda of various indentures relating to houses and land in the aforesaid townships from 1634-1652.

Mynegai

Mold, Yr Wyddgrug, Sir Fflint, Arddunwent, Bistre, Gwysanau, Hendrebifa, Hendrebithel, Leeswood (Coed-llai), Llwynegryn, Nercwys, Treuddyn Fawr, Treuddyn Fechan, Rhual.

BRUT Y TYWYSOGION

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A vellum-bound volume of 94 leaves, on paper, 8 x 6 ins, mutilated in parts, being a 16th century incomplete transcript of the Chronical Principum Wallia, or Brut y Tywysogion (NLW MS 4996B). Inside the front cover is written - " This Book was wrote in the Year 1560", nd "Had at Bala ... Mr Lloyd of Paleys Tenant February, 1781, Wm. Ellis," and outside "J. J. Llanfwrog, 1854." The cover itself is a portion of some older manuscript, its contents being scarcely legible. The name "Hwmffrey Hughes" occurs on folio 36b.

The manuscript seems to be an incomplete "transcript" of the Red Book of Hergest, with modernised orthography, omissions, and verbal changes; its chief interest lies in those parts where it differs from Peniarth MS. 212.