

SNOWDONIA DENDROCHRONOLOGY PROJECT

HAFODTY

Croesor; parish of Llanfrothen, Gwynedd

NGR SH 26312 34325

Grade II

HOUSE HISTORY

From Cadw Listing Schedule:

Earlier C17 origins possibly of longhouse type. Extended to uphill end and partly remodelled in C19; all re-windowed and middle section converted to a Music Room by Sir Clough Williams Ellis in the 1930s.

The downhill end was built as a 2-bay, upper cruck, storied dwelling with gable end chimney to hall; collared cruck couples are carried on roughly hewn cross-beams to ground floor ceiling; two rows of purlins. Hall chimney has curved and chamfered bressummer with later range; blocked chimney upstairs.

Dendrochronology results:

	felling dates
Front upper cruck (mean of 2 samples)	Spring 1761
Rear upper cruck	Spring 1759
Collar cruck truss	Summer 1761
Rear lower purlin over stairs	Summer 1764
Tiebeam cruck truss	Summer 1760
3 rd joist from front bay 2	Summer 1761
6 th joist from front bay 2	Spring 1766
Mantel-beam	Summer 1761

Hafoty, Croesor, Llanfrothen, Meirionydd (NPRN 28469)

A cottage-farmhouse with a 1772 graffito inscription. Tree-ring dating placed the insertion of the joists to spring 1766. (RCAHMW Review, 2005-06, p 48)

Merioneth, Llanfrothen, Hafoty. (SH 6312 4325)

Felling date range: Summer 1760-**Spring 1766**.

A storeyed cottage-farmhouse (tyddyn) in a range with former farm buildings. The dwelling has a two-unit front range with a rear service wing. It is dominated by a large kitchen end fireplace with arched beam. The trusses are of upper-cruck type, with lapped "wavy" collars, set on roughly chamfered beams. The tree-ring dates show that the timber used was felled over a period of several years. The graffiti date of 1773 on the fireplace beam is significantly later than the latest felling date of 1766. (Vernacular Architecture, vol 37, 2006, List 181: Welsh Dendrochronology Project – phase 10, p **)

1772/3/9 carved in bressummer in down hill gable chimney.

It seems to have been the Hafod for Garreg Fawr which itself was part of the Wynn of Gwydir estate in Llanfrothen. At present the earliest reference to Garreg Fawr is in a

Rentroll dated pre 1570, & to Hafodty is in a **July 1766** baptism in Llanfrothen church.

TENANTS: Vottu / Foty

1766 Jul baptism of Jane, daughter of Pierce Samuel & Margaret, **Vottu Garreg Fawr** (LF records)

(1773 baptism of John, son of Pierce Samuel & Margaret GELLI) (LF records)

(1776 baptism of Griffith, son of Pierce Samuel & Margaret, GELLI) (LF records)

1784 Sep burial of Foulk Thomas, Vottu, farmer (LF records)

1787 Nov baptism of Lowry daughter of William Lewis & Margaret, Votti, labourer

1798 Land Tax: NOT YET SURE WHO WAS TENANT

1801 Jan burial of Lowry Morris, Vottu, widow (LF records)

EARLY SUNDAY SCHOOL

William Lewis (1748-1825) was descended from Lewis Mordecai of the 1696; Between 1773-1798 William Lewis & his wife Margaret Lloyd had 13 children & established a Sunday School c 1787 in their home - in Ty Newydd Cae Glas, later in Hafodty & Garreg Fawr.

Their son Dafydd William was at Garreg Fawr 1810-1812; at Hafodty c 1815 & ay Ty Newydd Cae glas in 1816. (Notes from newspaper article in Merioneth Archive's Llanfrothen file)

c1840 Tithe Commutation map & schedule No 26 Fotty

Owner: Griffith Richards Esq (?? of Caerynwch, co M, Ped 322)

Tenant: +Owen Jones

1841 census Hafodty

Hugh Owen	25	farmer	Born in Merionethshire
Jane	"	25	"
Owen	"	1	"
Jane Jones	20	farm servant	"

1841 hafodty (later)

+Owen Jones 70

*Frances " 70

1850 Jun burial of Jane Ellis / Jane Roberts, Foty aged 70 (LF records)

1851 census

1852 Jan burial Richard Evans, Foty aged 29. (LF records)

*1852 Nov 22: death of Frances Lloyd aged 83, wife of Owen Jones, Hafty, (Ramothe graveyard MI 022)

+1858 Dec 11: death of Owen Jones, husband of Frances Lloyd, aged 90 (Ramothe graveyard MI 022)

1861 census

1871 census

1873 Aug burial Anne Jones Votty aged 36 (LF records)

1878 Feb burial of Margaret Morris Hafodty aged 4 (LF records)

1878 Feb burial of Elizabeth Jane Morris, Hafodty aged 2 yrs 4 mths. (LF records)

1881 census

1891 census

1892 PARC Sale Catalogue (Dolgellau Z/F/11)

Shows Rev A C Williams-Ellis as owner of Garreg Fawr & Vottu. When did he purchase them?

1897 Aug 14: death of Mary Parry, daughter of Ioan Owen, Hafod y garreg Fawr, aged 72 yrs (Ramoeth MI 264)

1901 census

1909 Apr 7: burial of Robert J Richards, Hafod-ty, aged 54 yrs. (Ramoeth MI 122)

1911 census

1914 Oct 4: death of Owen Richards, his brother, aged 54 yrs (Ramoeth MI 122)

1920 Jun 9: death of Jane Edwards their sister, aged 79 yrs. (Ramoeth MI 122)

1911 Hafotty was owned by Rev G Williams-Ellis (Merioneth Archives Z/F/146 – Sale of Lord Harlech's land)

1920 Rentals of the Brondanw estate 1920-1961: C Croesor (Dolgellau ZM/3119)

22 Hafotty £22 rent O R Jones (crossed out) Edward Evans

1930 Rentals of the Brondanw estate 1920-1961: C Croesor (Dolgellau ZM/3119)

23 Hafotty £26 rent Griff. Robts Owen

1940 Rentals of the Brondanw estate 1920-1961: C Croesor (Dolgellau ZM/3119)

23 Hafotty £24 rent G R Owen

1950 Rentals of the Brondanw estate 1920-1961: C Croesor (Dolgellau ZM/3119)

22 G R Owen's Repts arrears £36.

22 Hafotty £24 rent John R Jones

1985 Sep burial of Winifred Gregson Williams, Hafodty, aged 73 (LF records)

1964 Dec burial of Richard Gregson Williams, Hafod Garegog, aged 81. (LF records)
(See Ynysfor family)

2005 owned by the Brondanw estate

Check: local memories; Llanfrothen memorial inscriptions; Estate papers/deeds.

Researched by Margaret Dunn

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OTHER “HAFOD” properties in Llanfrothen parish:

Hafod y Wern (Llanfrothen parish records) 1737,1738, 1764, 1766,1769, 1770 (x2), 1771, 1790, 1794, 1794 again, 1795, 1802. Not listed in 1840 Tithe map & schedule.

Hafod y mynydd (Llanfrothen parish records) 1764, 1767, 1773, 1770, 1776, 1793, 1793 again, 1774, 1781. Not listed in 1840 Tithe map & schedule.

Hafod Ucha - PART of the ORMSBY GORE (Lord Harlech) estate by 1840

1757 Aug Baptism of Ann, daughter of Richard Evans & Mary, Hafod Uchaf (LF records)

1760 Jul baptism Ellen, daughter of Richard Evans, Hafod ucha, farmer & Mary (LF records)

1763 Sept baptism: Margaret, daughter of Richard Evans Hafod ucha , farmer & Mary (LF records)

1773 Sept baptism: Gwen, daughter of Griffith Jones, Hafod Uchaf, yeoman, & Gwen (LF records)

1774 marriage (LF) of Owen Jones, Dinas & Hafod Uchaf, Llanfrothen & Elizabeth Jones, Llanfrothen.

They had John Owen 1774 Oct son of Owen Jones Dinas, labourer & Elizabeth (LF records)

Lowry 1776 Mar daughter of Owen Jones, Dinas labourer & Elizabeth (LF records)

Jane 1778 Dec daughter of Owen Jones Havod Ucha, labourer & Elizabeth (LR records)

1786 Thomas, son of Owen Jones, Havod Ucha labourer & Elizabeth (LF records)

Thomas Owen (1786-1862LF). (TCGriffith1 [16])

1799 Jan burial of Owen Jones, Hafod ucha, farmer (LF records)

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