

ADRODDIAD BLYNYDDOL / ANNUAL REPORT 1922-23

HENDREGADREDD MS.

1923001

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

This important manuscript of early Welsh poetry from the library of the late John Ignatius Williams, of Hendregadredd, near Portmadoc, sold by auction at Sotheby's on February 5th, 1923, was purchased by Mr Quaritch on behalf of a client who wished to present the MS. to the National Library (NLW MS 6680B). The donor desires to remain anonymous. The MS. has been received and a few particulars with regard to it may be put upon record now, though a full account of its contents must be deferred. The poems were printed in the *Myvyrian Archaeology* (1801), from a copy of the original MS. made in 1617 by Dr John Davies, of Mallwyd. This copy is now in the British Museum. It is not certain whether the existence of the original was known to the Welsh scholars of that day, but it was lost sight of soon after, if not before, that date.

It was re-discovered in October 1910, stowed away in an old wardrobe in a dis-used bedroom at Hendregadredd. How it came there can readily be traced. Early in the XIXth century the MS. was in the possession of the Ven. Archdeacon Newcome of Ruthin, who has inserted a note stating that he had been in possession of it for many years, but could not remember how he obtained it. After his death it was purchased by Mr Ignatius Williams, of Denbigh, who bequeathed his library to his nephew, the late Mr John Ignatius Williams, Stipendiary Magistrate of Pontypridd, and of Hendregadredd.

Some stages in the early history of the MS. can also be traced. In the ixth century it was in the possession of Griffith Dwn (c. 1550), Huw Lley (c. 1560), Rhys Cain (c. 1580), and passed into the library of Robert Vaughan of Hengwrt, who probably lent it to Dr John Davies of Mallwyd, who copied it, as stated above, in 1617.

It is not likely that any Welsh MS. of equal importance will ever come into the market. It is written on vellum, with initials rubricated in blue, red and green, 126 leaves, 8½" x 6", bound in leather, with blind ornament on centre of cover.

Mynegai

Porthmadog, Amgueddfa Brydeinig, Rhuthun, Dinbych, Pont-y-pridd.

Nodiadau

Restricted access.

GELLI LYVDY MS

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Disgrifiad / Description

Another MS. from the same source was purchased and presented to the National Library by another donor who also desires to be anonymous (NLW MS 6681B). This MS. contains *Cywyddau*, *Awdlau* and *Areithiau* [Orations] by Welsh bards of the xivth-xvth centuries, transcribed circa 1600-10 by John Jones of Gelli Lyvdy, Ysceifiog, Flintshire.

It is a small quarto containing xxxvi pp. of index and 490 pp. of text, in a xviiith century binding - oak boards covered with polished calf.

A note in Latin by Lewis Morris, written on p. xxxvi, shows that he made a faithful transcript of the volume in 1727. Marginalia include the names of T Holland George Colefax, Anne Colefax, John Roberts, etc. There are also notes in the handwriting of Richard Llwyd, "Bard of Snowdon".

Mynegai

Gellilyfdy.

SOUTHEY & WILLIAMS WYNN

1923003

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr Arthur Williams Wynn, Coed-y-maen

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

It was briefly mentioned at the last meeting of the Court that Mr Arthur Williams Wynn of Coed-y-Maen, had brought to the meeting the original letters of Robert Southey, the poet, and other papers of the Rt. Hon. Charles Williams Wynn, who represented the County of Montgomery in Parliament until his death in 1850, and who, as a Minister of the Crown, (he was for some time Chairman of the Board of Control), took a prominent part in public affairs for nearly half a century.

He and Southey were at Westminster School together, and the friendship which commenced there continued to the end of Southey's life. There are 540 letters from R Southey to C Wynn, and 364 from Wynn to Southey - and in addition there are 759 letters of Charles Wynn to his brother Sir Henry Williams Wynn (NLW MSS 4811-18D, 4819E). Certain of the Wynn-Southey letters have been published, first in 1849-50 by Southey's son, Rev. Charles Cuthbert Southey, and afterwards by John Wood Warter. Copies of these works, the first in 6 vols, the second in 4 vols were also presented by Mr Arthur Williams Wynn together with the original manuscript of Southey's poem "Thalaba the Destroyer", and an inscribed copy of the second edition of the poem.

Of special interest also are examples of the Shakespearian forgeries of William Henry Ireland, who startled the world of letters at the end of the eighteenth century with the alleged discovery of certain documents, legal instruments, etc., many of which were said to be in the autograph of Shakespeare. Ireland subsequently confessed that the whole were fabrications and were manufactured entirely by himself on paper taken from Elizabethan books and documents. Of one of these facsimiles, a portrait of Shakespeare, obviously modelled on the Droeshout portrait, Mr Wynn had a proof before letters, which he has sent together with four original examples of forged papers and copies of two printed works by W H Ireland, viz.:- "An authentic account of the Shakespearian manuscripts [London], 1796," and "The Confessions of William Henry Ireland ... 1805".

Mynegai

Sir Drefaldwyn.

POWIS CASTLE

1923004

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The sale of a portion of the Powis Castle library was a notable event. It brought into the market a number of rare books, including some of special interest to Wales, which it would have been well to secure for the National Library, but owing to the high prices prevailing at the sale, the funds at the disposal of the National Library were inadequate for successful competition.

The increased interest in Welsh bibliography is worthy of note. Early Welsh printed books are now recognised as being indispensable to any library concerned with the promotion of Celtic studies, and the future is likely to see an increasing competition for rare items of Welsh bibliographical and literary interest, especially on the part of American libraries and book collectors.

Of the books secured for the National Library, mention may be made of the following:-

1. "The History of the Cymbri (or Britains) for three hundred years from the commencement of Christianity ... Printed in the year, 1746" (Dept of Printed Books).

This book was written by Simon Thomas, of Hereford, author of Hanes y Byd, and printed by him at his own house. It is very seldom that a copy comes up for sale. The History is not a translation of Hanes y Byd as has been so often assumed. The book is badly printed, with poor type, upon very coarse paper, and consists of eight pages of preliminary matter, followed by 240 pages of text, irregularly numbered.

2. "The Execution of Mr Rob Foulks, late Minister of Stanton-Lacy, Shropshire, ... London: printed for R. G., 1679." Bound with "An Alarme for Sinners, containing The Confession ... of Robert Foulkes, Late Minister of Stanton-Lacy in the County of Salop, Printed for Langley Curtis, 1679." (Dept of Printed Books).

Foulkes was tried, convicted and sentenced to death for child murder, and occupied the last few days of his life in writing the "Alarme" which he sent to William Lloyd, Dean of Bangor, afterwards Bishop of St Asaph, for publication after his death.

3. "An Account of the Life and Death of Mr Philip Henry, Minister of the Gospel, near Whitchurch in Shropshire, 2nd. ed. London: Printed for Tho. Parkhurst, ... 1699." (Dept of Printed Books).

Philip Henry was the son of John Henry, Keeper of the Orchard, Whitehall. His father, son of Henry Williams, was born at Briton Ferry, Glam., and 'took his father's christen-name for his Sir-name, after the Welsh manner.' Philip Henry was a well known nonconformist divine and diarist, and the father of Matthew Henry, the commentator.

4. "Bellum Papale, sive concordia discors Sixti Quinti et Clementis octavi, circa Hieronymianam editionem. Auctore Thoma James ... London: G Bishop, etc., 1600 (1606)." (Dept of Printed Books)

Thomas James was the first Bodley Librarian, and, in addition to preparing a list of the MSS in the College libraries at Oxford and Cambridge, published many theological works.

Mynegai

Henffordd, Bodleian, Rhydychen, Caergrawnt, USA, Unol Daleithiau, Llanelwy, Swydd Amwythig.

HENRY NEVILLE GLADSTONE

1923005

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr Henry Neville Gladstone

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Disgrifiad / Description

A collection of pamphlets, numbering approximately 2,850 items, has been received from Mr Henry Neville Gladstone, of Hawarden Castle, Lord Lieutenant of Flintshire (Dept of Printed Books).

A preliminary examination of the collection shows that there are about 1,000 pamphlets which will greatly strengthen the section of nineteenth century controversial pamphlet literature. These comprise 550 items of general interest; 150 odd issues of periodicals needed to complete existing files; 80 pamphlets of Celtic interest, and about 75 items of Gladstoniana. Of the latter 22 are of a biographical nature, and 9 are reports of speeches by the Right Hon. W E Gladstone. The collection will be preserved intact.

Mynegai

Sir Fflint.

DAVID MORRIS, CARDIGAN

1923006

Ffynhonnell / Source

The Late David Morris, (Cardigan), Collection.

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This collection consist of 35 volumes of pamphlets, reports and periodicals, some of which are rare and difficult to obtain (Dept of Printed Books). These were presented by Mr Morris a few weeks before his death.

The outstanding item of the collection is the file of Y Byd Cymreig, from Oct. 9, 1862 to September 21, 1865. Several issues of the paper are imperfect and the sequence is not quite complete, but as no other file is known the aquisition is an important one.

Y Byd Cymreig was a weekly newspaper which commenced publication Oct. 2, 1862 and continued until 1867 or thereabouts. The latest issue in this file is that for September 21, 1865. The newspaper was edited by the Rev. John Williams, (a paternal uncle of the late W Llewelyn Williams, K.C.), who was for some time a Congregational minister in Newcastle Emlyn. It is believed that Rev. J R Kilsby Jones wrote the weekly London letter.

The collection contains two other periodicals new to the Library, viz: - Y Cofnodydd (Nov. 1908 - June 1909) and the Cardigan Record, nos. 1-8 (June 1901 - Jan. 1902), all published.

The Reports include a long run, with a few gaps, of Adroddiadau y Feibl Gymdeithas, 1871-1918, in two volumes, and a similar run (1879-1913) of the Cardigan Auxiliary Bible Society.

There are also five volumes of Cymanfa Ganu tune books, mostly issued in connection with Capel Mair, Cardigan, as well as a volume of Reports, ranging from 1892 to 1914, issued by that church.

Included in the bound volumes of Amryw are a number of ballads; a copy of the 2nd ed. of Marwnad y Parch. Daniel Rowlands by William Williams (Trevecca, 1791), and a copy of Llythyr Cymanfa ... Independiaid, 1799 (Carmarthen).

Of the few English items in the collection, mention may be made of A Plaine and Familiar Exposition of the Tenne Commandements by Dr John Dod, 1617.

Mynegai

Castellnewydd Emlyn, Aberteifi, Trefeca, Caerfyrddin.

WYNDHAM D CLARK

1923007

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr Wyndham D Clark, Talygarn, Glamorgan

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

In my reports of May and October last year reference was made to the gift by Mr Wyndham D Clark, of Talygarn, Glamorgan, of the archaeological notebooks and other documents accumulated by his grandfather, the late Mr G T Clark, in connection with his work on mediaeval military architecture and the history and genealogy of Glamorgan. Mr Clark also presented 192 volumes selected by the Librarian from the Talygarn library before it was sold (Dept of Printed Books).

The Clark collection of manuscripts has now been arranged for binding. There are approximately seventy manuscript volumes, besides portfolios containing deeds and prints.

Mr Wyndham Clark has since sent some additional deeds and documents as follows:

1. 1384, Michaelmas. Lease for 8 years, by Sir Laurence Berkerols, Lord of Coyty, and Elizabeth his wife, to Thomas Watkyn, of the Manor of Merthyr maur.
2. 1392, April 9. Confirmation and grant in tail by Sir Laurence Berkeroull, Lord of Coyty, and Elizabeth his wife, to Edward de Stradelyng, of lands in Coyty.
3. 1411, Oct. 20. Quit-claim by William Gamage, Lord of Coyty, to John de Stradeling, alias de Anne, of right to lands and tenements held by the said John by gift of Sir Laurence Bercroules, Lord of Coity, within the Lordship of Coity.
4. 1489, Oct. 31. Foundation deed of Cowley Chantry, in Swinford, co. Leicester.
5. 1554, Nov. 9. Indenture between the Master of the Court of Wards and Liveries and Thomas Basset, son and heir of John Thomas Basset, decd., being a livery, with Extent, of the said John Thomas's lands in Bolston and Cardiff, co. Glamorgan.
6. 1591, Jan. 22 (33 Eliz.). Indenture of Bargain and Sale between William Stretton of Wibtofte, co. Warwick, yeoman, and John Garrett of Ullesthorpe.
7. 1610. Survey of the Manor of Kegerwen [i.e. Caegurwen], co. Glamorgan.
8. 1631. Survey and Presentment of the Manor of Ogmore, co. Glamorgan.
9. 1650. Survey and Presentment of the Manor of Roathkeynsham, co. Glamorgan. With printed copy.
10. 17th century. Particular (by virtue of a warrant), for the purpose of granting a lease of lands in Lutterworth, co. Leicester, escheated to the Crown on the attainder of Henry Grey, Duke of Suffolk, in 1554.
11. Notebook containing MS. and typescript transcripts of charters, etc. relating to Leicestershire, with topographical notes on the same county (NLW MSS 5226B, 5227D).

At a meeting of the Council held in London on March 8, reference was made to the fact that among the Clark papers was found at least a part of the collections for the history of Glamorgan made by William Davies of Cringell, near Neath, who died in 1823. William Davies's MSS are known to have passed to Rev. David Davies, Unitarian minister at Neath (son of "Dafis Castell Hywel") and later to Rev. John Montgomery Traherne, of Coedriglan, Chancellor of Llandaff.

Subsequently they found a home at Dyffryn, Neath, the house of the Gwyns. That they had passed into the collection of Mr G T Clark was not known to those who had investigated their later history; on the contrary, they had been given up as lost.

Mr Clark left several of the Cringell MSS. intact, but portions of others he had detached and incorporated among his own notes (NLW MSS 5231E, 5232-3D, 5234E).

Indications of ownership by Rev. David Davies and Rev. J M Traherne are found in the MSS. For example, loosely inserted in one of the volumes is a document of interest to Welsh Unitarians, being the original certificate dated July 23, 1801, stating that Rev. David Davies had that day been recommended to the work of the ministry among Protestant Dissenters. The certificate is signed by several prominent Unitarians, among whom are Josiah Rees and Thomas Rees, Gelligron.

The recovery of these papers is of special interest, as this year happens to be the centenary of the death of William Davies, to whose memory a tablet was unveiled at Neath a few days after the Council meeting in London.

Mynegai

Sir Forgannwg, Merthyr Mawr, Coety, Caerdydd, Ogwr, Swydd Gaerlyr, Castell-Nedd, Llandaf.

Nodiadau

Wyndham D Clark Deeds, Schedule Available, Miscellaneous 1.

GLANDWR INDEPENDENT CHURCH, LLANFYRNACH

1923008

Ffynhonnell / Source

Professor D Morgan Lewis, M.A., Aberystwyth

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Two volumes of early records relating to the Independent Church at Glandwr, in the parish of Llanfyrnach, Pembrokeshire, have been transferred by Prof. D Morgan Lewis, MA, Aberystwyth (NLW MS 4759i&iiE). The records had found their way to the library of the late Rev. J Lloyd James ("Clwydwenfro"), March, Cambridgeshire, who in 1902 published a history of the church at Glandwr (Hanes Eglwys Glandwr). After his death, they were purchased by Professor Morgan Lewis. These have since been repaired, photographed and bound.

The Church at Glandwr was founded about 1707, the first minister (1707-45) being Rev. Lewis Thomas. From 1746, for a period of about 10 years, the pastor was Rev. John David. In 1759 Rev. John Griffiths became the third minister.

The two volumes of records are concerned with the pastorates of John David and John Griffiths.

Volume I contains entries of baptisms during the two pastorates, and a list of members received into communion during the pastorate of John Griffiths, together with some miscellanea, such as a list of forty volumes left to the church by Rev. Lewis Thomas.

Volume II contains a list of members added to the church during the pastorate of John David.

CROSSWOOD

1923009

Ffynhonnell / Source

Right Hon the Earl of Lisburne

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The older deeds and other documents relating to the Crosswood estates in the County of Cardigan have been deposited by the Right Hon. the Earl of Lisburne. All the documents have been arranged and calendared by Mr Francis Green. It is proposed to print the Calendar forthwith.

Mynegai

Trawscoed, Sir Aberteifi, Ceredigion.

Nodiadau

Schedule Available.

HENRY BLACKWELL

1923010

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr Henry Blackwell.

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From Mr Henry Blackwell, of New York, we have received vols. x, xi and xii, and the 3 corresponding portfolios of plates, of the great work in the North American Indians by Charles Curtis (Dept of Printed Books). This sumptuous publication has been given to the National Library by Mr Blackwell as it appeared. The work will be completed in 20 volumes and 20 portfolios of plates.

Mynegai
Efrog Newydd, Gogledd America.

LLOYD OF CAERWYS

1923011

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A collection of letters, manuscripts and printed matter, formerly the property of Miss Angharad Llwyd. The autograph letters range from 1770 to 1856, some of the correspondents being W Owen-Pughe, Aneurin Owen, Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart., of Middle Hill, J B Bosanquet and Richard Llwyd "Bard of Snowdon" (NLW MS 4857D). Included in the MSS are some englynion by Thomas Edwards, "Twm o'r Nant".

The printed matter consists of broadsides, pamphlets, etc., relating mainly to eisteddfodau and to some of the county families of Denbighshire and Flintshire (Dept of Printed Books). Two broadsides are of special interest. One announces the performance at the Theatre, Llanover, on Tuesday, October 10th, 1843, of two plays "Deeds of Dreadful Note" and "Shocking Events". The other, the performance at The Hendre, on Wednesday, January 11th 1843, of four plays "The Welch Girl", "Kill or Cure", "Elisa e Claudio", "My Wife's Dentist".

Included in the cast at the two places were Sir Benjamin Hall, Miss Williams, Miss Jane Williams of Aberpergwm, Captain Jones, Mr and Mrs A Rolls, Mr Forester, Mr Rovere, Mr William Francis and Captian Baker.

These are interesting records of the social side of the gathering at Llanover in the days when Lord and Lady Llanover, then Sir Benjamin and Lady Hall, took such keen interest in the Abergavenny Cymreigyddion and other literary movements.

The bulk of the Angharad Llwyd manuscripts, which contain a large number of letters - she corresponded with most of the antiquaries and literati of her day - had come previously to the National Library, being included in the Hughes of Kimmel and other collections. The present addition, which had obviously become detached at some period from the main group, helps to fill some gaps in the correspondence.

Mynegai

Sir Ddinbych, Sir Fflint, Llanofer, Y Fenni, William Owen Pughe.

MCEWEN

1923012

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Through the instrumentality of Mr Henry Taylor, MA, FSA, of Chester, a small but useful group of deeds and documents has recently been purchased. They range in date from 1574 to 1848, and relate mainly to co. Denbigh, especially Abergele and neighbourhood.

The oldest deed, 4 February, 1573/4, is a release, by Robert Earl of Leicester, Baron of Denbigh, to Rethergh [i.e. Rhydderch] ap Lewes ap Ievan ap Robert, yeoman, of certain customary rents and services from lands recently granted to him. A very fine armorial seal of the Earl is attached.

Many other additions of interest and value have been made by gift and by purchase. It is not possible to deal with them all in this report, but the following deserve mention. A file of the Cambrian newspaper, Swansea, covering 1804-13; the volumes to date of the "Linguistic Survey of India"; and a series of pay-tickets issued at Turn-pike gates in the Carmarthen, Cardigan and Pembroke districts (given by Mr Walter Spurrell).

Mynegai

Caer, Sir Ddinbych, Abertawe, Caerfyrddin, Aberteifi, Penfro.

Nodiadau

Schedule Available.

THOMAS WITTON DAVIES

1923013

Ffynhonnell / Source

Rev Prof Thomas Witton Davies, B.A., Ph.D., D.D.

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Dr Witton Davies, who died 12th May 1923, bequeathed to the National Library the whole of his library of over 30,000 volumes (with the exception of certain books to be chosen by his wife and children) (Dept of Printed Books). Such books as the National Library did not require were to be offered to the University College, Bangor, and to the Baptist College, Cardiff. The selection made for the National Library comprised 11,100 volumes, 2,500 pamphlets, and 1,400 periodicals or parts of periodicals, making a valuable addition, particularly as regards those subjects in which Dr Witton Davies specialized - books on the Bible, including texts, translations, and criticism; Semitics, in which Hebrew predominates; Magic and Demonology; Ethnic Religions, etc. The biographical section contains a large number of biographies of baptists.

Among the pamphlets are many relating to baptists in all parts of the world, including reports of chapels, colleges and schools (Dept of Printed Books).

The periodicals comprise long runs of important journals and transactions of societies - English, American, French and German - dealing with Jewish and other Asiatic questions (Dept of Printed Books).

Prof. Witton Davies also bequeathed his collection of letters, manuscripts and other material. These will be sent to the Library later.

Mrs Witton Davies has been enrolled as a member of the Court of Governors, as provided in the Charter when a bequest exceeds £500 in value.

Mynegai

Coleg y Bedyddwyr, Caerdydd.

FRIDA MOND

1923014

Ffynhonnell / Source

The late Mrs Frida Mond

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The Right Hon. Sir Alfred Moritz Mond, Bart., M.P., on behalf of the executors of the late Mrs Frida Mond, has sent about 700 volumes relating to English and Teutonic folk lore and mythology (NLW MSS 4739B, 4740D). The collection contains several complete sets of important serial works, such as the publications of the Folk Lore Society (82 vols), the works of J. G. von Herder (45 vols), and a number of books on proverbs and other special subjects (Dept of Printed Books).

CAMPBELL DODGSON

1923015

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr Campbell Dodgson, C.B.E., M.A.

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Basque Literature brought together by his brother, the late Edward Spencer Dodgson, M.A., who had, during his lifetime, enriched the Library with a number of books bearing upon the Basque language and literature (Dept of Printed Books). This gift secures to the National Library practically the whole of the literature of a language which occupies a unique position among European languages.

Nodiadau

Letters NLW MS 4957B.

EVAN LEWIS, BRYNBERIAN

1923016

Ffynhonnell / Source

Professor D Morgan Lewis, M.A.

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A selection from the library of his father, the late Rev. Evan Lewis of Brynberian, and parts of Welsh periodical publications required to complete sets, including Y Cenhadwr Americanaidd, Yr Oenig, and Tywysydd yr Ieuainc (afterwards known as Y Tywysydd a'r Gymraes and Tywysydd y Plant) (Dept of Printed Books).

ALFRED SEYMOUR-JONES

1923017

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr Alfred Seymour-Jones, C.B.E., Pendower, Wrexham

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A group of letters and papers by, or relating to, J. Meredith Jones (died 1855), great-uncle of the donor (NLW MS 4856E).

John Meredith Jones, a native of Wrexham, left Wales for South America. The letters he wrote to his relatives are dated from Buenos Ayres, Cordova, Tucuman, La Paz, etc. At one time he acted as headmaster of a school at Tucuman, but during the greater part of his lifetime he appears to have been engaged in business.

Mr Seymour-Jones has also sent a group of 15 deeds ranging in date from 1618 to 1850. All these relate to property in Wrexham and neighbourhood, some of which was in the possession of the family of J. Meredith Jones, the writer of the letters.

Mynegai

Wrecsam, De America.

Nodiadau

A Seymour-Jones Deeds, Schedule Available, Miscellaneous 1.

ARTHUR W WILLIAMS WYNN

1923018

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr A W Williams Wynn, D.L., J.P., Coedymaen, Llansantffraid.

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Reference was made in my half-yearly Report in May to the valuable gift of autograph letters, manuscripts and printed books received from Mr Arthur W. Williams Wynn of Coedymaen. Included in that donation was a large number of letters written by Robert Southey the poet, together with the original manuscript of Thalaba the Destroyer, written by Southey. Mr Williams Wynn has since sent additional Southey manuscripts with parts of Madoc, Thalaba and Kehama in various stages of development, and also sundry poems and ballads. Many of these are accompanied by letters in the poet's autograph (NLW MS 4819E). Some printed books have also been received from Mr Williams Wynn (Dept of Printed Books).

ELLIS HUMPHREY EVANS ('HEDD WYN')

1923019

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr E Owen, Bontddu, Dolgelley

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Manuscript of verses in memory of the late Miss Lizzie Roberts, Twrmaen, Trawsfynydd, in the autograph of "Hedd Wyn", the young Welsh shepherd who was killed in action in France shortly

before it became known that he was the writer of the successful ode for the Chair at Birkenhead National Eisteddfod, 1917 (NLW MS 4858B).

Only a few of the autograph MSS. of poems by "Hedd Wyn" survive. The Library has two others given by Dr R. D. Evans of Blaenau Festiniog.

Mynegai

Ffrainc, Penbedw, Blaenau Ffestiniog.

HENRY BLACKWELL

1923020

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr Henry Blackwell, New York

Blwyddyn / Year

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Disgrifiad / Description

A subscriber's copy of "Luther Burbank: his methods and discoveries" (12 vols), a number of Welsh-American books and pamphlets, and a fine specimen of his own bookbinding in crushed blue morocco, gilt tooled and inlaid, with doublures tooled and inlaid (Dept of Printed Books).

MARGARET LEWIS, BODEIRIG, COLWYN BAY

1923021

Ffynhonnell / Source

Miss Margaret Lewis, Bodeirig, Colwyn Bay

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A quarto manuscript volume, 91 folios, consisting mainly of poetry by the following XVIIIth century Welsh bards: - Goronwy Owen, William Wynn of Llangynhafal, Evan Evans, "Ieuan Brydydd Hir", Robert Hughes and Rhys Jones o'r Blaenau (NLW MS 4550B).

The selections are arranged in the order given above as though intended for publication and are throughout in the autograph of Dafydd Samwell (died 1799), Surgeon on board the Discovery with Captain Cook the circumnavigator. On the flyleaf at the end is the signature "D. Samwell Versailles Mai 3. 1798".

In addition to the poems, the manuscript contains transcripts made by Dafydd Samwell of two letters written by Goronwy Owen to Lewis Morris and Williams Elias, Plas y Glyn, Anglesey. There are also a few lines in the autograph of Iolo Morganwg, and a stipple-engraved portrait of Robert Hughes, "Robin ddu o Fôn".

Mynegai

Sir Fôn, Edward Williams.

LLOYD LETTERS

1923022

Ffynhonnell / Source

Mr Henry and Miss Nest Lloyd-Theakston, per Geo. Eyre Evans

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The originals of the Lloyd Letters, covering 1754 to 1796, written by Rev. David Lloyd, minister of Llwynrhydown, Cardiganshire, his brother Rev. Posthumus Lloyd, minister of the Great Meeting Congregation, Coventry, and his son, Rev. Charles Lloyd, LLD (NLW MSS 4844-5E).

The manuscripts were treasured by David Lloyd's grandson, Rev. David Lloyd, LID., MA, Principal of the Presbyterian College, Carmarthen, and at the request of his only daughter, the late Mrs Lucy Lloyd-Theakston, who died 1922, her husband Mr Henry Theakston, and daughter, Miss Nest Lloyd-Theakston, handed the manuscripts to Mr Geo. Eyre Evans to present to the National Library.

The gift was made at the half-yearly meeting of the Court held at Carmarthen, in May 1923. It is included here for purposes of record.

The letters were published in a limited edition in 1908, with notes by Mr Geo. Eyre Evans and by Principal W. J. Evans, M.A., Carmarthen.

Mynegai

Caerfyrddin, George Eyre Evans.

PAUL E HOOK

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Ffynhonnell / Source

Monsignor Paul E Hook, Ph.D., Aberystwyth

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Some years ago Monsignor Hook deposited in the library the original XVIIth century autograph manuscript containing the works in Welsh of Gwilym Pue, physician, a Roman Catholic member of the Pugh family of Penrhyn, near Bangor, Carnarvonshire (NLW MS 4710B).

Included in the volume is a long historico-genealogical poem in which the author traces the descent and reviews the activities of various members of the Pugh family, one of whom was the Jesuit priest Robert Pugh, (died 22 January 1678/9), concerning whom Colonel J. A. Bradney, C.B., D.Litt., has written in his recently published brochure entitled A Dissertation on Three Books.

In the same poem there is also a reference to Dr Griffith Roberts, of Milan, author of the Welsh grammar printed at Milan, 1567.

Monsignor Hook has now presented this interesting manuscript to the Library.

A companion volume, completed in 1674, two years earlier than the present one, is among the Llanover Manuscripts, deposited in the Library by the Right Hon. the Lord Treowen, C.B., C.M.G.

Mynegai

Griffith Robert, Llanofor.

`GOAL CALENDAR'

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Ffynhonnell / Source

Miss Goring-Thomas, London

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The "Gaol Calendar of the prisoners for the trial at the Winter Assizes, Carmarthen, on the 22nd day of December, 1843." This is of interest because many of the prisoners were committed for trial for being concerned in the "Rebecca Riots". Included in the list are the names of "John Jones, alias Shonisycyborfawr, 32, Sinkar," and David Davies, alias Dai y Cantwr, as his name implies, was well known as a writer and singer of ballads.

Mynegai

Caerfyrddin.

W DAVIES, LLANDEILO

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Ffynhonnell / Source

The late Rev W Davies, Llandilo, per Prof D Morgan Lewis, M.A.

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1 - MS. volume of sermons by Rev. Joseph Evans, Capel Seion. Inside the front cover are the words: "Joseph Evans his book May 13, 1853." (NLW MS 4922A). 2. - MS. sermons by Rev. Simon Evans, Hebron, consisting of one volume and twenty-seven loose sheets (NLW MSS 4923-4A). 3 - Malagasy Hymn Book, An-Tananarivo, 1833 (Dept of Printed Books). Presented in 1840 to the late Rev. W. Williams, "Caledfryn", by Rev. D. Johns, missionary to Madagascar. Bears the inscription: "Presented by D. Johns to his esteemed friend and brother the Rev. W. Williams, Carnarvon, Jan. 20, 1840."

Mynegai

Caernarfon, Caernarvon.

PENRHIWGALED CHAPEL

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Ffynhonnell / Source

The Rev F H Davies, Brynfa, Cross Inn, Llandyssul.

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Deeds, etc. relating to Penrhiwgaled Chapel, Cardiganshire. 1 - 1783, Jan. 25. Lease of Penrhiwgaled Meeting House; 2 - 1839, May 10. Appointment of new trustees for Penrhiwgaled Meeting House; 3 - 1854, March 15. Memorandum of the choice and appointment of new trustees of the Meeting House of Penrhiwgaled.

THOMAS PENNANT

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Ten years ago, by the courtesy of the Earl and Countess of Denbigh, the Council purchased a number of MSS, Autograph Letters, Drawings, and Printed Books, selected from the Library at Downing Hall, Flintshire, formerly the home of the eminent topographer and naturalist Thomas Pennant.

This year the Council have purchased part of the collection which had been detached.

It consists of printed books, pamphlets and broadsides (in Welsh and English), prints, autograph letters and literary manuscripts (NLW MSS 4877-8E, 4879B, 4880E); much of the material has a distinct Flintshire and Denbighshire interest, but some of the autograph letters and literary manuscripts make a wider appeal.

One interesting printed book is an autograph presentation copy sent to Thomas Pennant by "Iolo Morganwg" of his translation of a "cywydd" by Dafydd ab Gwilym, entitled *The Fair Pilgrim* (3rd edition, Bath, 1791) (Dept of Printed Books).

The broadsides, posters, etc., are numerous (Dept of Pictures and Maps). They relate to a variety of subjects, including parliamentary elections, eisteddfodau, St Asaph diocese, schools, clothing clubs, poor-law relief, colliery strikes, etc.

Among the prints are portraits of Thomas Pennant (Dept of Pictures and Maps); one an engraving after Gainsborough, another being a water-colour drawing by Moses Griffith.

Both Thomas Pennant and David Pennant had a large circle of correspondents, and the present collection contains letters written by Rev. John Lloyd of Caerwys, father of "Angharad Llwyd" Richard Williams, Fron; Philip Yorke of Erthig and Henry Parry, Vicar of Llanasa. There is also a letter by Evan Evans, "Ieuan Brydydd Hir", to Paul Panton, and a copy of a letter sent by John Williams, headmaster of Ystradmeurig School, to Rev. Richard Davies of Holywell, relating the circumstances of the death of "Ieuan Brydydd Hir".

The literary manuscripts include a Welsh elegy on the death of Captain Thomas Myddelton, composed by Thomas Edwards, "Twm o'r Nant", and in his autograph (NLW MS 4878E); two English poems by, and in the autograph, of "Iolo Morganwg"; whilst a volume of 64 pages contains notices relating to the diocese of St Asaph compiled by Bishop Tanner.

Amongst the miscellanea is a written list of the charges made by Moses Griffith, the artist, for landscapes, portraits, etc.

Mynegai

Sir Fflint, Sir Ddinbych, Llanelwy, Erddig Hall, Edward Williams, Dafydd ap Gwilym.

BRADNEY DEEDS ETC

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Many other additions of interest and value have been made by gift or purchase. The following deserve mention:- A portrait, enamelled on Melyn best charcoal tinsplate, of Major John Hanbury (1644-1734), "Father of the English Tinsplate Trade" - presented by the Melyn Tinsplate Company, Neath, per Mr Theodore Gibbins (Dept of Pictures and Maps); several books on geology and natural history - given by Mr A. B. Badger, B.A., B.Sc., Newport (Dept of Printed Books); works on English topography and religious biography - the gift of Mr E. S. Baldwin, Cambridge, whilst Dr A. C. Haddon, M.A., has sent a number of pamphlets on diplomacy and international relations (Dept of Printed Books).

Of purchases, mention may be made of 323 deeds ranging in date from 1488 to 1861 relating to property in the counties of Monmouth, Hereford and Gloucester, acquired through the good offices of Colonel J. A. Bradney, C.B., D.Litt. (Bradney Deeds)

Mynegai

Castell-Nedd, Casnewydd, Caergrawnt, Sir Fynwy, Swydd Henffordd, Swydd Gaerloyw.

Nodiadau

Bradney Deeds, Schedule Available.