

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF DAVYDD AB MORUS AND GENET FERCH RICHARD

Davydd ab Morus was born in about 1490 of Berriew. He married Genet ferch Richard ap Griffyth ap Guillim.

Davydd and Genet had the following children:

1. **John** ap Davydd ap Morus; married Margaret.

*2. **Elizabeth**, born in about 1520 of Berriew; married Edward ab John of Berriew.

SOURCE: Montgomeryshire Families, Bill Barker.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF MORUS AB OWEN BLAYNEY AND MAUD DAVID

Morus ab Owen Blayney was born in about 1450 of Berriew. He married Maud David, daughter of David ap Tudor, son of Tudor ap Meredith Ddu, son of Meredith Ddu.

Morus and Maud had the following children:

*1. **Davydd**, born in about 1490 of Berriew; married Genet ferch Richard ap Griffyth ap Guillim.

2. **Rees**, born about 1505 of Berriew; married Gwenllian John; died 1568. "*Magistrate in 1542, Escheator of Montgomery 1553/4 and High Sheriff of Montgomery 1565. "A cadet of the Mirlir Grug or Blayney branch of the tribe of Brochwel", "He is learned, bold, free of deceit and generous." [the poet Huw Arwystl] and "very good-looking, full of life but silent..." [Sir Ieuan of Carnol] and "not one in a thousand is as generous as Rhys" [the poet Siôn Ceri]. In 1545 he aquired Carno and Tregynon.*" (www.keithblayney.com)

3. **Hoell** ap Morys.

4. **Margared**, married Meredith ap Jeven.

SOURCE: Montgomeryshire Families, Bill Barker; www.keithblayney.com.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF OWEN BLAYNEY AND CATHERINE DAVID

Owen Blayney was born in about 1400 of Aberbechan, Montgomeryshire, Wales, the son of Iewan Blayney and Elen. He married 1) Elen ferch Maredudd ap Howel of Kerry, 2) Catherine David, the daughter of David Lloyd, called "*Catherine ferch David Lloyd ap Griffith (Gruffydd Vychan) Deuthwr (Deuddwr) son of Ieuan ap Madoc ap Owyn ap Mewric ap Pasgen ap Gwyn ap Gruffydd, Lord of Guilsfield; of Aberbechan*". (www.keithblayney.com).

Owen was first to settle at Aberbechan. "*Owen lived in the Aberbechan Mansion, five or so kilometers away from his brother Gruffydd at Gregynog, with whom he had such a harmonious relationship they become the subject of poetry by Lewis Glyn Cothi.*"

White as the Lily

Are the swans of Tregynon;

Leaders of men are the two

Scions of Iewan Blayney.

Owen, stout is the point of his spear,

And Griffith, a stag of gentle birth.

Deputy Steward to Richard, Duke of York and later Esquire of the Body to Richard's son, King Edward IV" (www.keithblayney.com)

Owen and Elen had the following children:

1. **Cadwaladr**, married Margred ferch Lewys Gwyn ap Ieuan.
2. **Joyce**, born in about 1440.
3. **Hugh**, married 1) Margared ferch Dafydd ap Morris ap Madoc ap Einion of Kerry, 2) Alice ferch Dafydd.

Owen and Catherine had the following children:

1. **Hywel**, married Myfanwy ferch Bedo.
2. **Margred**.
3. **Gwenllian**, married Hywel Vaughan.
- *4. **Morus**, born in about 1450; married Maud David (Mawd ferch David ap Tudor ap Meredith Ddu).

SOURCE: Montgomeryshire Families, Bill Barker; www.keithblayney.com.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF IEVEN BLAYNEY AND ELEN VERCH DAVID

Ievan Blayney was born in about 1375 of Tregynon, Montgomeryshire, the son of Gruffyd ap Llewelyn Vychan.

In a history of Gregynog, the author says, *"The name Blayney is curious and strange, and yet a symbol of the world in which the family rose to prominence. It is first recorded in a roll, the purpose of which is unknown, of burgesses of Welshpool in 1406 - 'Evan Blayney of Tregynon'. He was known to his kinsmen in the hills west of Welshpool as Ieuan ap Gruffydd ap Llywelyn Fychan ap Llywelyn ab Einion ap Llwelyn ap Meilir Gryg. Those forefathers in his patronymic catalogue had lived at the farm of Llwyn Melyn in the northern part of Tregynon parish since the twelfth century. The year 1406 was in the middle of the revolt of Owain Glyndwr, and Ieuan may have felt it prudent to anglicise his name in the colonial atmosphere of the little town sheltering beneath the red walls of Powis castle. He lived in a marcher lordship - Ceri and Cedewain lay as twin lordships astride the Severn - and this was a colonial unit at this period, with descendants of conquerors living in great castles such as Powis, with colonists filling the miniscule towns, while all around in the hill country like Tregynon there coexisted the native subjects, among whom were native gentry like Ieuan. His family memorised in defeat their ancient genealogies, which showed their forefather Meilir Gryg as a descendant of the Welsh lord of Cegidfa (Guilsford) Brochwel ab Aeddan, and that he in turn was descended, albeit through illegitimate lines, from Brochwel Ysgithrog ancient king of part of Powis. The bards reminded each generation of its royal origins and its long history, indeed they showed each gentry family of the hills how it was akin one to another. Through Brochwel the Blayneys were akin to nearly every native family of note in Powys...His official surname Blayney may have been in origin a mere nickname: it refers clearly to his home in the Blaenau, the headwaters of the streams Rhiw and Bechan which flow about Llwyn Melyn and Gregynog...Blayney then is an unusual kind of Welsh surname, a geographical one of a kind common in England but very rare in Wales...It is a Welsh word, but turned into a surname of an English type, and seems to be symbolic of the marcher world.*

"Ieuan, or Evan Blayney was a Welsh gentleman seeking minor office in a small marcher lordship. His ancestors has apparently lived for at least seven generations at Llwyn Melyn in Tregynog, the first being Meilir Gryg who may have lived in the late twelfth century...The status of the Blayneys can be seen by the houses into which they married at this early date, Mathafarn near Machynlleth, Nannau in Llanfacreth, houses of the greatest standing. Evan himself married Elen Lloyd of Mathafarn, an aunt of the poet, prophet, and gentleman Dafydd Llwyd on whose prophecies Henry Tudor was to set such store in 1485." (Gregynog, Hughes, Morgan and Thomas, 1977)

Ievan married Elen, the daughter of David ap Evan Lloyd, son of Evan Lloyd, son of Llewelyn ap Tudor of Mathavarn.

Ieven and Elen had the following children:

1. **Howell**, born about 1390.

*2. **Owen**, born about 1400; married Catherine Blayney.

3. **Griffith**, born about 1407; married Joned Howell.

4. **Efa**, born about 1410; married Dafydd Ddu.

In Gregynon, the author describes, *"The three sons were Howel, from who descended the lines in the northern part of the patrimony towards Manafon in the Rhiw valley, such as Price of Manafon, and Blayney of Stingwern (between Llanfair Caereinion and Llanerfyl); secondly Owen, who founded a family at Aberbechan, where Bechan flows into Severn near Newtown, and who climbed to the office of deputy steward of Richard Duke of York in the marcher lordship of Cedewain, and who later became an esquire of the body to the duke's son, King Edward IV; the third son Griffith lived at Gregynog, and became the ancestor of the line of Blayneys who made the name most famous. Evan's daughter Efa married Dafydd Ddu...Like many of the Welsh native gentry during the so-called War of the Roses they were Yorkists. A bard who was one of the finest ever seen in Wales...has left us a beautiful ode to the two brothers Owen of Aberbechan and Gruffydd of Gregynog. The two brothers are "swans as white as a water lily from Tregynog yonder" (Gregynog, Hughes, Morgan and Thomas, 1977)*

SOURCE: *Montgomeryshire Families*, Bill Barker; *Gregynog*, Glyn Tegai Hughes, Prys Morgan, and J. Gareth Thomas.

MOUNTGOMERYSHIRE AND SHROPSHIRE. ABERBECHAN, IN LLANLLWCHAEARN.



a, Page 254.

¹ Meilir Gryg was eighteenth in lineal descent from Cadell Deyrnallg, King of Powys.

² Gruffydd Deuddwr was son of Iowan ap Madog ap Owen ap Maurice ap Paegen ap Gwyn ap Gruffydd, Lord of Guilsfield.

The pedigree of Evan Blayney is:

Gruffyd ap Llewelyn Vychan was born in about 1350, the son of Llywelyn Vaughan of Llwyn Melyn and Margaret verch Ynyr Vaughan of Nannau.

|

Llewelyn Vaughan was born in about 1325, the son of Llewelyn ap Einion of Llwyn Melyn and Anckret verch Adda ap Madock ap Idnerth ap Cadwgan ap Elystan.

|

Llewelyn ap Einion was born in about 1300, the son of Einion ap Llywelyn of Llwyn Melyn and Gwenvyr verch Phillip ap Griffith ap Meredith ap Einion ap Cynvelyn of Maesmawr.

|

Einion ap Llewelyn was born in about 1275, the son of Llywelyn ap Meilir and Alson verch Meredith ap Robert ap Llywarch ap Trahairn, Lord of Cedewen.

|

Llywelen ap Meilir was born in about 1250, the son of Meilir Gryg of Llwyn Melyn and Duddgu verch Meredith ap Rotpert ap Owen Gwynedd, Lord of Cedewen.

SOURCES: Heraldic Visitations of Wales and Part of the Marches