

Transcript of Howel Holland Edwards Notebook- XDS/11/1

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John Owen ap John ap Robin- an obligation from John Owen ap John ap Robin for the payment of £200 to Hugh Holland the son of Morgan Holland dated 20th day of May in the 31st year of the reign of Henry 8th (1540) in consideration of the marriage to be had between Geoffrey Holland son and heir of Hugh Holland and Jane daughter of the said John.

This Jane vch John Owen of Trebuk and Grallwyn in Llansanffraid was the aunt of Mary Owen the mother of archbishop Williams, being the sister of his father.

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No writing

Page 3 -Pedigree of Hollands of Pennant

Hwlkin alias Howel Holant, the fourth in the descent from Sir Thomas Holland- see the Kimmel pedigree- married vch (daughter of) David Chwith and had issue two sons, Robin and Howel. The eldest settled in Kimmel and from him are the Hollands of that house. The second son, Howel is called in the pedigree Howel Holland o'r Pennant in Eglwys Bach. It does not appear

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how, by what means, or on what manner he came into possession of that estate, probably by marriage. His wife was Lleiki vch ap Gryff ap Ednifed ap Einion Llwyd ap in Penwyn o Melai. Their issue John alias Ieuan Holant ap Howel married Gwen vch David ap David ap Hoel Coetmore in the 4th year, 1476, of reign of Edward the 4th. Hoel Coetmore had his residence at Hendre Rhys Gethin and was known in his day as a gallant soldier by the name of the Knight of Bettws. His (???) in stones is now to be seen in the church of Llanrwst and in the volumes of Goughs Sepulchre Monuments there is an enscription of it.

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The issue of this marriage was 1, Morgan ap John ap Howel Holland, 2, Gryffydd Holland whose daughter Issabella married Rhys ap Jenkin ap Llwellyn of Trovarth and Bettws Yn Rhos and was the mother of Gwen the wife of Owen ap John ap Owen of Trallwyn in Llansanffraid and of Gell y Gell in Eglwys fach, their daughter, sole heiress was the mother of archbishop Williams of Coch (wrillan) and Penrhyn.

Morgan ap John Holland, eldest son as above, married in 1488 Elizabeth vch daughter of Hugh Conway heir of Bryn Eurin in Llanrwst in 1488. He was sergeant porter to King

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Henry the seventh, their issue was 1- Hugh Holland, eldest son, 2-John Holland, married in 1525 Ellen, only daughter, and after the death of her brother, sole heiress of Ithel ap Howel of Berw of Anglesey.

Extract from Rowlands manuscripts depicting the family of Berw “*In this town the [?house] (Berw)] the House of Berw of Berw is sited. This was the seat of Howell of Berw <ap Llewellyn> etc etc. Ithel, the son, succeeded to this Howel. His daughter Helen, by the death of the brother, gained the inheritance, and was married to John Holland, descended from the Dukes of Valencia. The gentle name, of merit to her family, with the inheritance increased to a certain extent, she left to John Owen and*

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Owen Edward, Edward who succeeded in turn in this seat.” [text in italics transcribed from Latin]

See the marriage settlement of Hugh Holland of Pennant in Eglwys fach in 1568 with Eleanor daughter of the above Edward Holland of Berw in 1568.

Catherine daughter of Morgan Holland married in 1515, 8th of Henry the 8th, John ap Rhys ap Ieuan ap Gryffydd ap Vain (the lender) of Eglwys fach, see an indenture 1568 Oct 12th between Owen Holland of Berw and Rhys ap Gryffydd Vain of Eglwys fach.

Hugh Holland ap Morgan Holland, eldest son, married Alice vch Robert ap John

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ap Meric ap Llwellyn ap Hwytnei, had issue eldest son 2- William Holland and a daughter Gwenllian

Alice their mother, surviving her husband married 2nd as appears by indenture 10th Elizabeth anno 1568 Ieuan Lloyd ap David ap Meredydd of the house of (Havodanos)

Gwenllian vch Hugh Holland married Hwylkin ap David ap Ieuan ap Howell in 1558.

It appears by indenture that Jeffrey Holland in 1549 granted lands in Erethlyn to his brother William Holland in fee farm at ten shillings annual rent.

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Jeffrey ap Hugh Holland of Pennant, eldest son, was High Sherriff of Denbigh-1563- He built the old hall with the Elizabethan style which fell down in 1769- He married in 1540 Jane vch John Owen of Trebwilland Trall??? In Llansanffraid whose mother was Isabell, daughter of Gryffydd ap Ieuan Holland of Pennant and the mother also of Gwen, grandmother of archbishop Williams.

The issue of Jeffrey Holland by she, was Hugh Holland, eldest son, William Holland fellow and tutor of St Johns College Cambridge.

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John Holland who disgraced himself and his family by a great crime on or about 1595 and was obliged to leave the county.

An (allusion) to this transgression was made by William Holland his brother. It was this (?????) that Tyddyn Tyddin , alias Pennant Ucha was alienated from the family estate.

4, Owen Holland, 4th son

5, Piers Vychan (the little one)

1, Elizabeth married Tyddyn Lloyd o'r Eglws Fach, probably of the Bodnod family

2, Alice, 2nd daughter = Evan Lloyd ap Hugh o'r Eglwysfach. The mother as I conceive by the

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marriage of Ieuan Lloyd Jeffrey of Plas Yr Dyffryn in Eglwysfach and Pale, county Merioneth. A noted herald, is a poet and antiquary in his age.

He acquired Pale within Llandrillo and (?????) by his marriage with Mary the sole daughter and heiress of Morris ap John Ellis of Pale. The (????) estate Plas Y Dyffryn to be Eglwysfach was sold by his descendants to Sir John Wynne of (Watisay) the last baronet Wynn of (Gwalia), he died in 1718 at the advanced age of 90.

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3, Daughter Catherine = Richard ap Rinallt o Llansanffraid

Hugh ap Jeffrey, eldest son, in 1568, married Eleanor daughter of Edward Holland of Berw, county of Anglesey. The extract from the Rowland manuscript being quoted

(Itsus) Robert Holland, eldest son married in 1588 Mary vch Owen ap Hugh Owen of Bodowen, county of Anglesey and Criellor county of Pembroke.

There were several other sons and daughters of whom no (????) remains.

(Itsus) Jeffrey Holland eldest son of Robert (????????)

William Holland, 2nd son, married

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July 1621 Jane vch Cadwalader Wynne and Agnes Wynn of Voelas died in July 1629 or 1623. The said Jane having married 2nd William Wynne a young man of Dyffryn Aled and resided within (?????) house Bryn Y Fran in Eglwysfach. Further during this (coverture) shall Pwll y Calch alias the furnace was aliened from the old family (?????) Pennant.

Hugh Holland was 3rd son of Robert Holland, of him nothing is now known hereof.

Here ends the pedigree from the Seabright notes copied by me at the time of the sale by his last (????)

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William Holland deceasing in 1623 left issue by his wife Jane Wynne of Voelas whom he had married 19th year, 1621, of James the first, an only son, a minor, Robert Holland. He married Ellen, daughter of Edward Wynne of Plas Ucha in Llanyfydd. The deed of their marriage settlement is missing from the family papers, either lost or mislaid. I well recollect having seen it among those papers at Pennant. Mr Wynne of Coed Coch is descended ex part maternia from the family

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Of Wynnes of Plas Ucha. The family estate is now in his possession. Robert Holland left issue by Ellen his wife, Humphrey Holland, eldest son and several other children of whom no descendants, at least none in the main line remain at this day.

Humphrey Holland in the year 1675, Aug 2nd, married Dorothy Davies one of the daughters of John Davies of Llanrwst, called in the church register of that parish, Mercaton. I have in my possession a penny token of that period issued by him with the initials of his name thereon.

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Elizabeth, another daughter of J Davies as appears from the parish of Llanrwst register = Peter Bodvell de Llyn, County of Caernarfon in July 1665 and had a son born 20th January 1666. The above Elizabeth was the sister of my great great grandmother Dorothy Davies, the wife of Humphrey Holland of Pennant, the father of Robert Holland, my mother's grandfather as will appear hereafter. The above Peter Bodvell, was as I believe the grandson of John Bodvell of Bodvell in Llyn who married the second daughter of old Sir John Wynne of Gwelin, Baronet, the historian of his family.

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His eldest, the second daughter Mary, married Sir Roger Mostyn of Mostyn and Gladdaeth in Creuddyn, knight. The effigy of the two sisters is engraved on brass plates with that of others of the family and are to be seen in the Chapel adjoining the church of Llanrwst.

Dame Mary Mostyn survived her husband and lived in retirement in her jointure house of Gloddaeth where archbishop Williams died on his birthday, March 25th 1649-50. She lies buried in Gwydir Chapel adjoining the chancel of Llanrwst with others of her family the Wynnes of Gwydir.

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The issue of Humphrey Holland and Dorothy his wife, Robert Holland, eldest son, married at the age of 18, Dec 26th, 1694, Mary Edwards, daughter of Richard Edwards, Esquire of Nanhoran in Lley. He had several brothers and sisters of whom no trace now remains except in the female line to the name of Roberts, in very poor circumstances living at Denbigh.

Robert Holland by his wife as above had issue his sons

1-Jeffrey Holland, 2-Thomas Holland, no issue, 3- William Holland an attorney in

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Grays Inn, who for some misdemeanour was obliged to leave the county and was never heard of afterwards.

My good friend and kinsman Mr Richard Lloyd of Grays Inn knew him well.

Daughters, Margaret Holland, eldest daughter married Ellis Roberts of Friog near Dolgellau and had issue a son Robert Roberts and a daughter Hannah Roberts.

Robert Roberts was a clergyman but had no preference in the church, he succeeded to his paternal estate of Friog and

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Having no issue by his first wife Catherine Lloyd of Pwllleli married second his maidservant by whom he previously had an illegitimate male child and afterwards had daughters born in wedlock. The three eldest emigrated to America, married in New York, and were living there in 1834. The other two sisters are now, in 1837, residing with their mother at Maentwrog, county of Merioneth.

These five sisters, the baptised daughters of the reverend Robert Roberts of Friog are the right heirs to my real estates of Pennant

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after the entail surviving, and (?????) are eldest as stated in my will. For their brother Thomas Roberts not being born in wedlock, although he inherits under the special wish of his father the real estate of Friog, cannot be considered by me in any other light than illegitimate.

I have written this for the information of my (?????????) whom it may hereafter concern as necessary to be known.

Hannah Roberts the other daughter of Margaret Holland of Pennant by her husband

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Ellis Roberts of Friog married one Evans and had numerous issue and I can give no (????) material about any of them and it is not likely that any will even be required. I have some recollection that a shoemaker, of the same name of William as I believe Roberts, or his children, were descended from the aforesaid Hannah.

Another daughter of Robert Holland was Mary, and I think married to one Davies of Cricceith, issue one daughter who died in the alms house, Llandwrog. Also Catherine unmarried.

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Jeffrey Holland, eldest son and heir of Robert Holland by his wife Mary Edwards of Nanhoran married in 1735 Mary Wynne, eldest daughter of John Wynne of Trovarth by his wife Elizabeth Lloyd of Bodnod in Eglwysfach and had issue, 1- Elizabeth Holland, died unmarried, 2-Howel Holland, died 1746, 3- Mary Holland, my mother, died in 1766 aged 26 leaving me and my sisters Mary and Sarah orphaned children, 4- Catherine Holland, married in 1774 Thomas Lloyd of Denbigh. Their issue, David Lloyd and Holland Lloyd both died without issue.

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Margaret Holland died at an advanced age at (????) unmarried and was buried on Michaels day in 1828 in the same grave by her own chief request with her father and mother in the churchyard of Eglwysfach.

Mary Holland, eldest surviving daughter of Jeffrey Holland of Pennant and his heir, married in 1761 Edward Edwards M.A., Clerk, rector of Llansanffraid and afterwards from 1788 to 1798, rector of Llanrwst and had issue, 1- Howel Holland Edwards M.A. born Nov 6th 1762 so named at his baptism in the register of Llenbedr Y Cennin.

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2-Mary Holland Edwards, born 26th Jan 1763, married in 1789, March 9th, in Eglwysfach, John Boulger, Gent, attorney of Chester. He died in December (?????) leaving by his wife a posthumous son John Boulger now living. His mother died in the autumn of 1833 and was buried in a grave in the chancel of Llansanffraid adjoining that of her mother, father and sister. 3- Sarah Edwards, born April 1764, married in 1803 John Chambers Jones of (Bryn Leddfor Coch).

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Had issue by him two daughters, 1- Maria Jones who died unmarried in 1835 and was buried in the church of Werthau Elser

2- Margaret Jones, now, 1837, resides with her half brother Archdeacon Jones, vicar of Werthau Elser. Their mother died in 1806 leaving them orphans at a very tender age.

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Sons of John, Duke of Exeter upon the disgrace and exile of their father settled in Wales. In how or in what manner they acquired their properties they did in that county. It is (????) now to enquire, probably Sir Thomas Holland acquired the possession of Kimmel by marriage and his descendants became possessed of other large estates in different parts of N Wales.

Hwlkin Holland, the son of Roger Holland, the son of Thomas Holland the son of Sir Thomas Holland, knight, Kimmel who according to the pedigree married Joyce, daughter of Jasper Croft, Knight of Croft(?????????)

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Great grandson of Sir Thomas Holland married Margaret, daughter of David Chwith ap Dd ap Gr ap Cariadog ap Thomas and issue two sons

1- Robin Holland the eldest of Kimmel, married Agnes, daughter of Meredydd ap Rhys ap Richard ap Lad ap (????) ap Gryffydd ap Conan Fwysog Cymry (prince of Wales, the son of Owen Gyfned)

2- Howel Holland above mentioned o'r Pennant in Eglwys Bach was the second son and from him the pedigree of the Holland of Pennant commences.

Howel Holland by his marriage with Lleiki as before noted had issue a son

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Ieuan (alias John) Holland ap Howel. He married, 1475, Gwen, daughter of David ap Howel Coetmore, celebrated in his day and known as the knight of Bettws. His figure in

stone is now in the church of Llanrwst. His place of residence was Hendre Rhys Gethin in the parish of Bettws.

The issue of this marriage was two sons, 1- Morgan Holland the eldest and Gryfydd Holland, this son who had a daughter named Isabell married to Rhys ap Jenkin ap Llewelyn of Trebwill and Bettws whose daughter Gwen married Owen ap John Owen of Trell??? And Trebwill in Llansanffraid and the daughter by this

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Marriage, Mary Owen, was the mother of (????) Williams being the wife of Edmund Williams of Maes Cadwgan, township of Arianws, near Conway.

Morgan Holland ap John, the eldest son in 1488 married Elizabeth daughter of Hugh Conway, Hen of Bryn Eurin in Llandrillo Yn Rhos and had issue two sons and a daughter Catherine. 1- Hugh Holland, 2- John Holland, 3- Catherine Holland. Hugh Holland, eldest son married Alice daughter of Robert ap Ieuan ap Meiric ap Llew ap Hwlkin about 1525.

John Holland married Helen daughter and heiress of

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Ithel ap Llewellyn of Berw and had issue. Catherine daughter of Morgan Holland married 8th of February 1515 John ap Rhys ap Ieuan ap Gryfydd, vicar of Eglwysfach.

The issue of Hugh Holland the eldest son of Morgan by his wife Alice was Jeffrey Holland, Sherriff in the County of Denbigh in 1563, married in 1549, Jane daughter of John ap Owen ap John ap Robyn ap Gryfydd Goch of Rhos . The issue of Gryfydd Holland before mentioned.

The issue of Jeffrey Holland being, 1- Hugh Holland married to his cousin Eleanor

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Married in 1568 to his cousin Eleanor, daughter of Edward Holland of Berw in county Anglesey, 2- William Holland, fellow and I believe tutor of St Johns College in Cambridge. See his letter to his brother Hugh among the family papers, an interesting and (?????) letter. 3-John Holland (?????) disgraced his family by a great crime and is alluded to in the above letter. There were other sons and daughters whom I cannot particularly point out. He had Pennant Ucha from his father in gavel kind which he surrendered to his brother Jeffrey Holland.

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As may be seen from his deed amongst the Pennant papers, probably this (?????)near (????) being loaned (????) the county.

Robert Holland ap Hugh eldest son by Eleanor Holland, Berw, married in 1588, Mary daughter of Owen ap Hugh of Bodean in Anglesey, the ancestor of the Owen of Crielton in North Wales and had a numerous issue of which nothing is now known, except that the eldest son Jeffrey died without issue and was succeeded by his brother William Holland married in July 1621 to Jane, daughter of Cadwalader Wynn of Voylas.

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John Holland, second son of John ap Howel Holland married some time between 1500 and 1525 Ellen daughter of Ithel ap Howel and sole heiress of Berw in county Anglesey.

Jane Wynne of Voelas married 2nd William Wynne a youngest son of Dyffryn Aled and lived at Bryn Y Fran her (?????) house in Eglwysfach. By some means or other the tenement of Pwll Y Gulch alias Furnace was alienated from the Pennant estate by this woman after her second marriage.

The next three pages 36, 37 & 38 look like his first attempt at the pedigree, pages 36 and 37 were in part crossed out but are repeated here for completeness.

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The Holland family of noble English descent were long settled in Wales and branched out into several respectable families They claim their descent according to (?????) from a Sir Thomas Holland who came with another brother unto Wales in troublesome times, supposed to have been William and Thomas the two younger sons of John Holland, Duke of Exeter, Lord High Admiral of England who died in 1446.

Piers Holland, descended from Sir Thomas, made his settlement at Kimmel by marriage unto Catherine, daughter of Gryfydd and (????) by his wife Alice, heiress of Kimmel.

Howel Holland o'r Pennant in Eglwysfach appears to have descended as a second son of this house.

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Howel Holland of Pennant in Eglwysfach married Lleiki vch G rap Ednewch ap Einion Llwyd ap Yr Penllyn O Melai.

The above Howel Holland from the Kimmel pedigree appears to be the second son of Hwlkin Holland of Kimmel descended from Sir Thomas Holland and he from the unfortunate Duke of Exeter mentioned by Philip de (Cominers). How the Hollands came to be settled in Wales does not appear the (?????) in the country in that the (????) of Sir Thomas Holland and his brother

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4th in descent from Sir Thomas Holland of Kimmel said to be one of the sons of the Duke of Exeter who with another brother came into (?????) in Wales in troubled times. The two younger sons of that Duke of Exeter who died in 1446 Pierce Holland descended from Thomas Holland made his settlement at Kimmel by marriage with Catherine the heiress of this place the daughter of Gryffydd Lloyd.