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Gwybodaeth grynodeb | Summary information

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Hanes gweinyddol / Braslun bywgraffyddol | Administrative history | Biographical sketch

Nodyn | Note

The Llannerch estate, near St Asaph, and the Gwysaney estate, Mold, were united in 1631 on the marriage of Anne, daughter of Sir Piers Mytton of Llannerch and Robert Davies (1616-1666) of Gwysaney. Their grandson Robert Davies (c. 1658-1710) of Llannerch, antiquary and book collector, greatly expanded the manuscript collections at Llannerch through purchase, gifts and transcription; the Liber Landavensis came to Llannerch through his wife Letitia. Robert Davies's great-grandson, John Davies (1737-1785), died childless and in 1789 the two estates were divided between his sisters: Llannerch went to Mrs Letitia Leo and Gwysaney to Mrs Mary Puleston (d. 1802), widow of Philip Puleston of Hafod-y-Wern, Wrexham. Mary Puleston's daughter, Frances, married Bryan Cooke (1756-1821) of Owston, Yorkshire. Their son and heir was Philip Davies Cooke (1793-1854). During the nineteenth century the Davies-Cooke family lived mainly at Owston. However in 1888, due to the ill-health of Philip Bryan Davies-Cooke (1832-1903), the family returned to Wales and made Gwysaney their main home again. Gwysaney was finally sold by the Davies-Cooke family in about 2010.

Hanes Gwarchodol | Custodial history

The Gwysaney manuscript collection had its beginnings in the library at Llannerch. This was in existence by the mid sixteenth century but was greatly developed by Robert Davies (c. 1658-1710). As part of the division of the Llannerch and Gwysaney estates in 1789 the library at Llannerch was also divided with a significant portion (at least 37 volumes) being permanently transferred to Gwysaney. At some point during the nineteenth century most of the collection at Gwysaney was removed to Owston Hall; Jeaffreson's catalogue of 1877 lists fifty-six manuscripts at Owston (that is [Gwysaney] MSS 1-49, 51-57; fifty-two of these were in the 1942 and 1947 deposits) as well as other documents later given Gwysaney MS numbers. The collection returned to Gwysaney when the Davies-Cooke family relocated there, by this time supplemented by manuscripts from Hafod-y-Wern and Owston and by more recent manuscripts relating to the Gwysaney estate. A total of eighty-nine manuscripts (numbered 1-94, with gaps) were deposited in the National Library of Wales by Philip Tatton Davies-Cooke of Gwysaney in 1942 (NLW MSS 17110E, 17115E and 17126D) and by his son Major P. R. Davies-Cooke in 1947 (the remaining 86 manuscripts). The manuscripts were withdrawn by P. R. Davies-Cooke in April 1959 in order to be valued and then sold. The Welsh and family manuscripts only (52 in number) were purchased by the Library; the remainder were then sold at auction at Sotheby's in June 1959, with the Library purchasing a single further volume.

Natur a chynnwys | Scope and content

Manuscripts, [c. 1120]-[1942x1959], formerly part of the library of the Davies-Cooke family at Gwysaney, Mold, consisting mainly of family papers and manuscripts in Welsh or of Welsh interest. The manuscripts include the Liber Landavensis (Book of Llandaff), [c. 1120]-[c. 1133]; volumes of Welsh pedigrees, [16 cent.], and Welsh poetry, [16 cent.]; Richard Davies's translation into Welsh of St

Paul's Pastoral Epistles, [1546x1563]-[1567x1581]; a manuscript of the Brut in English, [1460x1479]; sermons, [17 cent.]-1811; inventories, catalogues and schedules relating to books, deeds and other property at Oulton, Owston, Llannerch and Gwysaney, 1750/1-1801; journals of continental tours by Phillip Davies Cooke, 1815-1824; records of dues for the parish of Mold, 1581-1590; rentals and accounts of the Llannerch and Gwysaney estates, 1730-1843; surveys of the Llannerch and Gwysaney estates, [18 cent.]-[early 19 cent.]; valuations of part of the Gwysaney estate in Flintshire, 1809; and several groups of letters, including transcripts and memoranda, and other papers, relating to the Puleston, Davies, Cooke, Davies-Cooke and other families, 1542-[c. 1850].

Nodiadau | Notes

Nodiadau teitl | Title notes

Ffynhonnell | Immediate source of acquisition

NLW MSS 17110E, 17112-62: Lt.-Col. P. R. Davies-Cooke; Gwysaney; Purchase; [May] 1959.
NLW MS 17111F: Sotheby's; London; Purchased at auction, lot 202; 15 June 1959.
NLW MS 21608D: Sotheby's; London; Purchased at auction, lot 27; 11 July 1978.

Trefniant | Arrangement

Arranged according to NLW MSS reference numbers: NLW MSS 17110-17162, 21608D.

Amodau rheoli defnydd | Conditions governing use

Usual copyright laws apply.

Rhestrau cymorth | Finding aids

For catalogues listing the manuscripts in the Llannerch library in 1740 and 1778 see NLW MS 17126D.

Disgrifiadau deunydd | Related material

Further papers relating to the Gwysaney estate and the Davies-Cooke family are now Hawarden, Flintshire Record Office, D/GW and D/GW/B. Gwysaney MSS 2, 6 and 19 are now San Marino (CA), Huntington Library, MSS HM 19915, HM 19916 and HM 19914 respectively; Gwysaney MS 3 is now New Haven (CT), Yale University, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Marston MS 252; Gwysaney MS 4 is now University of Houston, Special Collections, Bs 75 1200 Z; Gwysaney MSS 5, 13 and 16 are now Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS. Lat. misc. b. 16, MS. Lat. th. c. 24 and MS. Lat. misc. d. 83 respectively; Gwysaney MS 15 is now Sheffield Archives, MD 3414.

Nodiadau eraill | Other notes

- **Statws cyhoeddiad | Publication status:** Published

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Pwyntiau mynediad | Access points

- Davies-Cooke family, of Gwysaney and Owston -- Archives. (pwnc) | (subject)
- Davies, Robert, 1658-1710. (pwnc) | (subject)
- Davies family, of Llannerch and Gwysaney.
- Davies-Cooke family, of Gwysaney and Owston.
- Manuscripts -- Wales -- Mold -- Collections. (ffurfiau dogfennol) | (documentary form)
- Gwysaney (Wales : Estate) -- Records and correspondence. (pwnc) | (subject)
- Llannerch Estate (St Asaph, Wales) -- Records and correspondence. (pwnc) | (subject)

Llyfryddiaeth | Bibliography

Hywel D. Emanuel, 'The Gwysaney manuscripts', National Library of Wales Journal, 7.4 (1952), 326-343.

Disgrifiad cyfres | Series descriptions

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NLW MS 17110i-iiiE [RESTRICTED ACCESS]. vtls006167622	File - Liber Landavensis.	[c. 1120]-[1942x1959], 2007.	Access to the original manuscript by authorised permission only. Readers are directed to use surrogate copies.	NLW MS 17110i-iiiE [RESTRICTED ACCESS]; \$z - Access to the original manuscript by authorised permission only..
NLW MS 17110iE [RESTRICTED ACCESS]. vtls006167852	Item - Liber Landavensis Manuscript.	[c. 1120]-[c. 1133]		NLW MS 17110iE [RESTRICTED ACCESS]; \$z - Access to the original manuscript by authorised permission only..
NLW MS 17110iiE [RESTRICTED]	Item - Liber Landavensis Old Covers.	[c. 1120]x1696, 2007		NLW MS 17110iiE [RESTRICTED]

ACCESS]. vtls006167857			ACCESS]; \$z - Access to the original manuscript by authorised permission only..
NLW MS 17110iiiE. vtls006228396	Item - Liber Landavensis associated letters and notes,	1891- [1942x1959].	NLW MS 17110iiiE [RESTRICTED ACCESS].
NLW MS 17111F. vtls005787936 ISYSARCHB75	File - Ministers' accounts for Cheshire, Flintshire and Denbighshire,	1408-1416.	NLW MS 17111F.
NLW MS 17112D. vtls005787937 ISYSARCHB75	File - Achau Cymreig,	[1540x1560].	NLW MS 17112D.
NLW MS 17113E. vtls005787938 ISYSARCHB75	File - Barddoniaeth Gymraeg,	[16 gan.].	NLW MS 17113E.
NLW MS 17114B. vtls005787939 ISYSARCHB75	File - Barddoniaeth Gymraeg,	[16 gan.].	NLW MS 17114B.
NLW MS 17115E. vtls005787940 ISYSARCHB75	File - Epistolau bugeiliol St Paul.	[1546x1563]- [1567x1581]	NLW MS 17115E.
NLW MS 17116B. vtls005787941 ISYSARCHB75	File - Latin homilies and Welsh material relating to heraldry, poetry and music,	[late 13 cent.]- [16 cent.].	NLW MS 17116B.
NLW MS 17117D. vtls005787942 ISYSARCHB75	File - Issues and profits of the parsonage of Mold,	1581-1582.	NLW MS 17117D.
NLW MS 17118B. vtls005787943 ISYSARCHB75	File - De rebus in novissimo die eventuris tractatio,	[17 cent.].	NLW MS 17118B.
NLW MS 17119A. vtls005787944 ISYSARCHB75	File - Commonplace book containing sermons, etc.,	[17 cent.].	NLW MS 17119A.
NLW MS 17120D. vtls005787945 ISYSARCHB75	File - Dictionary of legal terms,	[late 16 cent.].	NLW MS 17120D.
NLW MS 17121D. vtls005787946 ISYSARCHB75	File - Barddoniaeth Gymraeg (Llyfr Fychaniaid Porthaml),	[16 gan.].	NLW MS 17121D.
NLW MS 17122D. vtls005787947 ISYSARCHB75	File - Barlow's Method of Studying the Law,	[c. 1680].	NLW MS 17122D.
NLW MS 17123B. vtls005787948 ISYSARCHB75	File - Extracts from various authors,	[late 17 cent.].	NLW MS 17123B.
NLW MS 17124D. vtls005787949 ISYSARCHB75	File - Inventory of goods at Oulton, [Yorkshire],	January 1750/1.	NLW MS 17124D.

NLW MS 17125D. vtls005787950 ISYSARCHB75	File - Catalogue of books at Owston Hall, Yorkshire,	1752.	NLW MS 17125D.
NLW MS 17126D. vtls005787951 ISYSARCHB75	File - Catalogue of books, etc., in the Llannerch Library,	1740, 1778.	NLW MS 17126D.
NLW MS 17127B. vtls005787952 ISYSARCHB75	File - Sermon by the Rev. Gerard Noel,	1811.	NLW MS 17127B.
NLW MS 17128B. vtls005787953 ISYSARCHB75	File - Order book of the 1st Regiment of West Riding Cavalry,	1794-1798.	NLW MS 17128B.
NLW MS 17129B. vtls005787954 ISYSARCHB75	File - Journal of a tour through Italy,	1818 /	NLW MS 17129B.
NLW MS 17130A. vtls005787955 ISYSARCHB75	File - Journal of a tour through Italy and Sicily,	1817 /	NLW MS 17130A.
NLW MS 17131A. vtls005787956 ISYSARCHB75	File - Journal of tours through France, Switzerland, Germany and Italy,	1816-1821 /	NLW MS 17131A.
NLW MS 17132A. vtls004557581	File - Journal of tours through North Wales and France,	1815-1821 /	NLW MS 17132A.
NLW MS 17133A. vtls005787957 ISYSARCHB75	File - Journal of tours through France and Italy,	1824 /	NLW MS 17133A.
NLW MS 17134A. vtls005787958 ISYSARCHB75	File - Notes on a treatise on natural science by Daniel Sennertus,	[18 cent.].	NLW MS 17134A.
NLW MS 17135B. vtls005787959 ISYSARCHB75	File - Easter dues for the parish of Mold, Flintshire,	1590.	NLW MS 17135B.
NLW MS 17136C. vtls005787960 ISYSARCHB75	File - Letters concerning the Gwysaney estate,	1785-1792 /	NLW MS 17136C.
NLW MS 17137B. vtls005787961 ISYSARCHB75	File - Commentary on the General Epistle of Jude,	[17 cent.].	NLW MS 17137B.
NLW MS 17138B. vtls005787962 ISYSARCHB75	File - 'Historia Britonum' of Nennius,	[17 cent., second ½].	NLW MS 17138B.
NLW MS 17139C. vtls005787963 ISYSARCHB75	File - Account of the tower on Garreg Mountain,	[c. 1900].	NLW MS 17139C.
NLW MS 17140C. vtls005787964 ISYSARCHB75	File - 'Epistle to the Lady Charlotte Rawdon from the Banks of the St Lawrence',	[early 19 cent.] /	NLW MS 17140C.
NLW MS 17141D. vtls005787965 ISYSARCHB75	File - Sermons, etc.,	[18 cent.].	NLW MS 17141D.
NLW MS 17142D. vtls005787966 ISYSARCHB75	File - Rent book of the Gwysaney estate,	1730-1731.	NLW MS 17142D.

NLW MS 17143E. vtls005787967 ISYSARCHB75	File - Llannerch accounts,	1760-1776.	NLW MS 17143E.
NLW MS 17144D. vtls005787968 ISYSARCHB75	File - Llannerch and Gwysaney estate accounts,	1777-1779.	NLW MS 17144D.
NLW MS 17145B. vtls005787969 ISYSARCHB75	File - Sale book of properties in Flintshire belonging to Phillip Davies Cooke of Gwysaney,	1841.	NLW MS 17145B.
NLW MS 17146C. vtls005787970 ISYSARCHB75	File - Gwysaney estate account book,	1842-1843.	NLW MS 17146C.
NLW MS 17147B. vtls005787971 ISYSARCHB75	File - Survey of the Gwysaney and Llannerch estates in Flintshire and Denbighshire,	[18 cent.].	NLW MS 17147B.
NLW MS 17148C. vtls005787972 ISYSARCHB75	File - Survey of lands in Wrexham belonging to Philip Puleston,	[18 cent.] /	NLW MS 17148C.
NLW MS 17149B. vtls005787973 ISYSARCHB75	File - Surveys of the Gwysaney and Llannerch estates,	[18 cent.].	NLW MS 17149B.
NLW MS 17150B. vtls005787974 ISYSARCHB75	File - Reference to the plan of the Ewloe estate, Flintshire,	[18 cent.].	NLW MS 17150B.
NLW MS 17151C. vtls005787975 ISYSARCHB75	File - Valuation of part of the Gwysaney estate lying in Flintshire,	1809.	NLW MS 17151C.
NLW MS 17152B. vtls005787976 ISYSARCHB75	File - Valuation of part of the Gwysaney estate lying in Flintshire,	1809.	NLW MS 17152B.
NLW MS 17153A. vtls005787977 ISYSARCHB75	File - Survey of the Gwysaney estate,	[early 19 cent.].	NLW MS 17153A.
NLW MS 17154B. vtls005787978 ISYSARCHB75	File - Schedule of title deeds and papers belonging to the Gwysaney family,	1779-1801.	NLW MS 17154B.
NLW MS 17155D. vtls005787979 ISYSARCHB75	File - Letters and papers of the Puleston family,	1542-1800.	NLW MS 17155D.
NLW MS 17156D. vtls005787980 ISYSARCHB75	File - Letters, etc., relating to the Davies family of Gwysaney,	1624-[c. 1703].	NLW MS 17156D.
NLW MS 17157B. vtls005787981 ISYSARCHB75	File - Memoranda of letters written by John Davies of Llannerch, Flintshire,	1769-1771.	NLW MS 17157B.
NLW MS 17158E. vtls005787982 ISYSARCHB75	File - Letters of Earl Fitzwilliam, etc.,	1798-1842.	NLW MS 17158E.
NLW MS 17159E. vtls005787983 ISYSARCHB75	File - Miscellaneous Cooke and Davies-Cooke family letters,	1760-[c. 1850].	NLW MS 17159E.
NLW MS 17160B. vtls005787984 ISYSARCHB75	File - Bryan Cooke of Owston letter book,	1806-1820.	NLW MS 17160B.

NLW MS 17161C. vtls005787985 ISYSARCHB75	File - Letters to Viscount Kingsborough, 1830-1834 /		NLW MS 17161C.
NLW MS 17162D. vtls005787986 ISYSARCHB75	File - Letters to Viscount Kingsborough, 1831-1836.		NLW MS 17162D.
NLW MS 21608D [RESTRICTED ACCESS]. vtls006865626	File - Brut Chronicle, [1460x1479].	Access to the original manuscript by authorised permission only. Readers are directed to use surrogate copies.	NLW MS 21608D [RESTRICTED ACCESS].