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Penybenglog

Mansion

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An old pedigree house. The existing house if of the 18th century. It has good penelled ceilings, a charming old china closet, dados, etc. A hideous new wing was added some time ago and the old entrance (relic of an earlier house) destroyed. Overhead was a beam fortunately preserved, on it the date 1623, and in a vase shaped figure the initials G.G. Outside is a nicely carved pew-back brought from Meliney Church when this edifice was restored - on it the following legend: SED: MATHILD: UX: GEO: PER: PENEENGLOG: GE, 1626. How are these two inscriptions to be reconciled? My guess is as follows. We learn from Dale Castle MS that George ap William Griffiths of Penybenglog married Maud, daughter of James Bowen of Llwyngwair, Esquire. Now I would guess that he carved this beam in honour of his wedding, begot a son William Griffies (the last name in the pedigree) and then was gathered to his fathers. That the widow, Maud or Matilda, being left in possession of Penybenglog during the minority of her said son William, took as a 2nd husband one George Per(kins) and erected herself a seat in Meliney Church.

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