

## Sarnfrait

### **FROM: "Religion and Politics in Mid 18th Century Anglesey" by G. Nesta Evans.**

Chapter 9:-Administration of Justice.

Outside the court of Quarter Sessions the only courts of special sessions sanctioned in these notes are the Highway Sessions. These were special sessions of the Justices of the Peace ordered by an Act of 1691 for the Annual Appointment of Surveyors of the Highway to the years 1718-1720, and has copied out several documents of those years relating to them. These include a list of surveyors of the highways for 1718 which gives two names for each parish of the two Hundreds of Menai and Tindaethwy; a letter of instructions to the High Constables of Tindaethwy (dated May 1719) ordering them to summon the surveyors for the year just ended to appear at "ye house of widdow Mary Hughes at Sarnfrait" to report on the work done, and to bring a list of the "most sufficient inhabitants" of each parish from which successors can be chosen and enclosing a copy of a letter, dated January 1718 and addressed to the surveyors of Penmynydd, informing them of their appointment and adjuring them to "fail not at your perrill" in the execution of their duties; and finally a brief reference to the appointment of new Surveyors in the January Quarter Sessions of 1720. Richard Hampton-High Sherriff for Anglesey in 1722.

### **VICTUALLERS LICENSE**

In 1810 my Great Great Grandfather John Jones, of Sarnfrait applied to the local Justices of the Peace for a victuallers license. The farmhouse thus became known as The Panton Arms for at least the next 40 years, until the demise of the stage coaches and mail coaches through Penmynydd, in favour of the new railway line from London to Holyhead, via Llanfairpwll. Sarnfrait was a hub of activity, horses being changed, fed and watered and coach passengers being fed, and given accommodation overnight.

Be it remembered that on the 17th day of September in the 50th year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, of the United Kingdom Great Britain and Ireland, and in the year of Our Lord 1810, the Persons whose names are here under written came before two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace to obtain a licence: John Jones of the Panton Arms 10/= to run until October 1811, renewable annually.

### **SARNFRAINT 1813**

North Wales Gazette, December 1813

A lad harrowing in a field near Sarn Frait, Anglesey a few weeks ago discovered a circular piece of copper about 100lbs in weight, formed in the shape of a pot lid. In the eagerness of his mind to find the value of it, and fancying it to be a piece of gold, he took it to a blacksmith's shop, and broke it in pieces, and thus robbed the antiquities of this country of a valuable treasure of antiquity; for it appears that there was an inscription upon it, a few of which only a few letters can now be traced, and among these are evident the letters R O M. A fragment of it is now in the possession of Paul Panton Esq.

Identified as Sarnfrait on a map of 1819 (Papers relating to a Bridge over the Menai and Second Report of London and Holyhead Road. UCNW Welsh Stack Folio)

### **NORTH WALES CHRONICLE edition August 31st 1826 ANGLESEY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

To John Jones Tenant of Jones Panton, Esq. at Panton Arms, Penmynydd for the best yearling heifer, shown at the said meeting, - 3 guineas.

**NORTH WALES CHRONICLE edition March 5th 1829**

The Anniversary of The Menai Association was celebrated at the Panton Arms Inn, Penmynydd, Anglesey, last Monday. After electing new members, and transacting other routine business, the members, (consisting of the gentry, and most of the principal yeomanry in the neighbourhood) sat down at 4 o'clock to a very substantial dinner, prepared in Mrs Jones' best style.

**CENSUS 1841 PANTON ARMS, PENMYNYDD**

John Jones-Head-Age 60 -Publican-Born Llansannan  
Elizabeth Jones-Wife-Age 58-Born Llangernyw  
William Jones-Son-Age 21-Born Penmynydd  
Elinor Jones-Daughter-Age 27-Born Penmynydd  
Jane Jones-Daughter-Age 23-Born Penmynydd  
Robert Jones-Single-Ag.Lab-Age 18  
William Thomas-Single-Age 18-Ag.Lab.  
John Price-Single-Age 14-Ag.Lab.  
Jane Hughes-Single-Age 24  
Shan Evan-Single-Age 21

**CENSUS 1851 PANTON ARMS, PENMYNYDD**

John Jones-Head-Widower-Age 69-Publican and Farmer of 160 acres,employing 10 labourer-Born Llansannan, Denbighshire.  
Ellen Jones-Daughter-Age37-Unmarried-Born Penmynydd  
Jane Jones-Daughter-Age 33-Unmarried-Born Penmynydd  
William Jones-Son-Age 31-Unmarried-Ag Lab-Born Penmynydd  
Thomas Jones-Son-Age 27-Unmarried-Ag Lab-Born Penmynydd  
Richard Griffith-Grandson-Age 12-Scholar-Born Ceidio  
William Jones-Servant-Age 71-Married-Cowman-Born Llaneluog  
Gwen Jones-Servant-Age 64-?Unmarried-Head Nurse-Born Trebrys,Denbighshire  
Catherine Hughes-Servant-Age 25-Unmarried-Kitchen Maid-Born Llanidan  
Ann Roberts-Servant-Age 19-Unmarried-Dairy Maid-Born Llanddyfnan.

**SARNFRAINT CENSUS 1861**

Thomas Jones-Head-Age 37-Unmarried-Farmer 183 acres,employing 2 men,2 boys-Born Penmynydd  
Elizabeth Ellen Jones-Sister-Age 47-Unmarried-Housekeeper-Born Penmynydd  
Jane Jones-Sister-Age 43-Unmarried-Housekeeper-Born Penmynydd  
Elizabeth Jones-Niece-Age 7-Scholar-Born Llangadwaladr.  
Gwen Jones-Nurse Servant-Age 74-Unmarried-Nurse Servant-Born Denbighshire.(??Trebrys or Lemys)  
Ann Griffiths-Servant-Age 21-House Servant-Born Brynsiencyn  
Ann Thomas-Servant-Age 12-House Servant-Born Penmynydd  
Owen Jones-Servant-Age 22-Unmarried-Carter-Born Llanfihangelesceifiog

**SARNFRAINT CENSUS 1871**

Thomas Jones-Head-Unmarried-Age 45-Farmer 101 acres,employing 2 men-Born Anglesey  
Ellen E.Jones-Sister-Unmarried-Age 57-Housekeeper-Born Anglesey  
Jane Jones-Sister-Unmarried-Age 51-Dairy Maid-Born Anglesey  
Elizabeth M.Lloyd-Cousin-Unmarried-Age 21-Domestic Servant-Born Llanellian,Denbighshire.  
Hugh D.Owen-Boarder-Married-Age 40-Rector-Born Anglesey  
George Simpson-Boarder-Unmarried-Age 39-Annuitant-Born British Guyana,South America.  
William Roberts-Servant-Unmarried-Age 15-Farm Servant-Born Anglesey  
Ellen Williams-Servant-Age 21-General Servant-Born Anglesey  
John Williams-Servant-Age 17-Farm Servant-Born Anglesey.

**SARNFRAINT CENSUS 1881**

Thomas Jones-Head-Unmarried-Age 55-Framer 103 acres,employing 3 labourers-Born Penmynydd  
George Simpson-Boarder-Unmarried-Age 52-Learning Farming-Born West Indies,British Subject.  
John Williams-Servant-Unmarried-Age 15-Stable Boy Groom(Dom)-Born Liverpool  
Elizabeth Williams-Servant-Unmarried-Age 19-Kitchen Maid-Born Anglesey  
Margaret Williams-Servant-Unmarried-Age 19-Dairy Maid(Ag.Lab.)-Born Anglesey.  
Anne Davies-Visitor-Widow-Age 69-No Occupation-Born Denbighshire

**CENSUS 1891 SARNFRAINT, PENMYNYDD**

William Jones-Head-Age 71-Farmer-Born Penmynydd  
Mary Jones-Wife-Age 69-Farmers Wife-Born Llangeinwen  
Mary Jones-Servant-Age 17-General Servant-Born Llanddeusant  
Robert Parry-Servant-Age 21-Ag.Lab.-Born Penmynydd  
Robert Williams-Servant-Age 18-Ag.Lab.-Born Penmynydd  
Evan Evans-Head-Widower-Age 40-Farmer-Born Penmynydd  
Mary Evans-Daughter-Age 6-Scholar-Born Penmynydd  
Rose Evans-Daughter-Age 2-Born Penmynydd  
Elizabeth Evans-Daughter-Age 4 months-Born Penmynydd  
Margaret Evans-Daughter-Age 4 months-Born Penmynydd  
Margaret Roberts-Nurse-Widow-Age 50-Nurse-Born Trefdraeth  
Margaret Williams-Servant-Age 14-Domestic Servant-Born Bangor  
Catherine Owen-Servant-Age 29-Domestic Servant-Born Llansadwrn  
William Owen-Servant-Age 32-Ag.Lab.-Born Cerrig Ceinwen  
William Rowland-Servant-Age 18-Ag.Lab.-Born Llanddanilefab.

**CENSUS PENMYNYDD 1901 SARN FRAINT**

Evan Evans-Head-Widower-Age 50-Farmer-Employer-Born Penmynydd-Welsh  
Mary Evans-Daughter-Age 16-Pupil Teacher-Worker-Born Penmynydd-Speaks Both  
Rose Evans-Daughter-Age 12-Born Penmynydd-Speaks Both  
Lizzie Evans-Daughter-Age 10-Born Penmynydd-Welsh  
Maggie Evans-Daughter-Age 10-Born Penmynydd-Welsh  
Mary Jones-Mother-in-Law-Widow-Age 79-Retired Farming-Born Llangeinwen-Both  
Ellen Williams-Servant-Single-Age 62-Housekeeper-Worker-Born Bodwrog-Welsh  
Mary Evans-Servant-Single-Age 22-Domestic Servant-Born Aber,Caerns-Welsh  
John Jones-Servant-Single-Age 25-Labourer on farm-Born Llangejni-Welsh  
John Jones-Servant-Single-Age 18-Cowman on Farm-Born Pentraeth-Welsh

**SARN FRAINT taken from The Fords of Anglesey by Gwilym T.Jones.**

A causeway which enabled the Old Post Road from Porthaethwy to Ceint to cross the Braint Valley between Penmynydd and Porthaethwy. The causeway has been built transversely across the valley and merges with the roadway on both sides of the valley at two sharply-angled bends. The name was extended to a dwelling which once functioned as a hostelry but is now a farm. The river was bridged at this point in 1773.(Date printed on the south parapet of the bridge)