

GRIFFITH, WILLIAM (1719 - 1782), farmer

Name: William Griffith
Date of birth: 1719
Date of death: 1782
Spouse: Alice Griffith (née Ellis)
Child: Mary Griffith
Gender: Male
Occupation: farmer
Area of activity: Nature and Agriculture
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of Drws-y-coed Uchaf, at the head of Nantlle Vale, from 1744 till his death; known to **Goronwy Owen**, to **Margaret Davies**, of Coedcae-du, and to **David Thomas** (Dafydd Ddu Eryri as a man of literary tastes, is also noteworthy because his house was the centre of the Moravian mission in Northwest Wales from 1768 to 1776 - see under **David Williams** (1702 - 1779), **David Mathias**, and **John Morgan** (1743 - 1801). This was due less directly to Griffith than to his wife ALICE (1730 - 1808), daughter of Rhys Ellis of Tyddyn Mawr, Llanfihangel-y-pennant, Caernarfonshire (another literary family), whom he married 16 November 1753. Griffith died 20 April 1782; his widow died 6 March 1808; both were buried at Beddgelert. They had a son (who emigrated to U.S.A.) and eight daughters; five of these became active Moravian workers at Dublin or at Bristol, while another was the mother of Alicia Evans, who married **William Griffith** of Holyhead (1801 - 1881). William Griffith of Drws-y-coed had a sister, Jane, whose daughter Janet married **John Griffith** (1752 - 1818) - **William Griffith** of Holyhead and his wife Alicia (parents of **Sir John Purser Griffith**) were thus second cousins. Alice Griffith of Drws-y-coed, again, had a sister, Margaret (Price), of Glyn, Talsarnau, one of whose daughters became a Moravian worker at Dublin, Bristol, Bedford, and London.

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Sources

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