

HUGHES, OWEN ('Yr Arian Mawr '; died 1708), a Beaumaris attorney

Name: Owen Hughes
Pseudonym: Yr Arian Mawr
Date of death: 1708
Spouse: Marged Hughes (née Wynn)
Parent: Thomas Hughes
Gender: Male
Occupation: attorney
Area of activity: Law
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son of Thomas Hughes of Porthllongdy by a daughter of Maesoglan; his wife was Margaret, daughter of squire Evan Wynn of Penllech in Llŷn (they were married in 1661). For years there were excellent relations between him and the **Bulkeley** family of Baron Hill; he held a lease on the Abermenai ferry, with their blessing; and it was he in 1683 that drew up the marriage settlement of one of the Bulkeley daughters with young **John Griffith** of Cefn Amwlch. In the same year he was high sheriff of Anglesey and the hero of a *cywydd* panegyric by **Edward Morris**; the bard's praise is indeed extravagant, but nearer to the truth than the irresponsible stories told by **Angharad Llwyd**. The peace with the **Bulkeleys** was not long kept; Hughes became mayor of Newborough, gathered a clique of the burgesses around him by revivifying the claims of that ancient borough, and before the sleepy citizens of Beaumaris had awakened to the fact, he was M.P. for the borough and enjoyed the honour for three years (1698-1700). He amassed a large sum-total of lands and an inordinate sum of money, so that his last will gave new life to decadent estates and put them on their feet. Bodfan by Llandwrog went to Lloyd Bodvel, husband of the attorney's niece Ann; Madryn in Llŷn fell to a grand-daughter of his sister **Jane**; and the house of Llysdulas in Anglesey was much indebted to the fact that the mother of squire William Lewis was another niece of Owen Hughes.

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