

LLOYD family, of Peterwell, Cardiganshire

WALTER LLOYD (died 1747), barrister-at-law

Son of Walter Lloyd of Voelallt, Cardiganshire. He married, probably in 1713, Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Daniel Evans of Peterwell (high sheriff of Cardiganshire, 1692). He was mayor of Cardigan, 1710, 1711, 1714, 1718, 1721, attorney-general for South Wales (the counties of Cardigan, Carmarthen, and Pembroke), and judge of equity in North and South Wales, 1735. He was M.P. for Cardiganshire, 1734-42, voted for the Convention, 1739, but was unseated, on petition, in February 1742. He died 1747.

Walter Lloyd was succeeded in his estates and the office of attorney-general for the three counties by his eldest surviving son

JOHN LLOYD (died 1755) politician

He was M.P. for Cardiganshire from 1747 until his death in 1755. John Lloyd married (1) Elizabeth, daughter and coheiress of Sir Isaac Le Hemp (or Le Hoop), who is mentioned in Paul Whitehead *The State Dunces*, and (2) a Miss Savage. He was an intimate friend of many well-known men of the day including Henry Fox (afterwards lord Holland) Sir Charles Hanbury-Williams and Richard Rigby, the paymaster-general. In 1750 he became the owner of the Maes-y-felin estate (see the preceding article) on the death of his brother-in-law, Sir Lucius Christianus Lloyd the third and last baronet. He died without issue in 1755 and was buried at Lampeter.

John Lloyd was succeeded by his younger brother

HERBERT LLOYD (1719 - 1769), politician

He resided at Voelallt in the parish of Llanddewibrefi. He matriculated from Jesus College, Oxford in 1738 and was called to the Bar (Inner Temple) in 1742. In the same year he married his first wife a Miss Bragg of Essex who died in 1743; he married (2) Anne, daughter of William Powell of Nanteos and widow of Richard Stedman of Strata Florida. Herbert Lloyd was M.P. for Cardigan boroughs from 1761 to 1768, and was an unsuccessful candidate and petitioner in 1769. On 2 November 1761 he presented a congratulatory address from his constituency to George III on his accession to the throne and on 26 January 1763 he was created a baronet. Of imposing presence, Sir Herbert was a man of great force of character, imperious, and tyrannical, and the reputed author of several violent deeds which have become almost legendary in Cardiganshire, and of which one has been the subject of a Welsh play. In his younger days he was the leader of several riotous gatherings, including the attack on Lewis Morris when the latter was superintendent of the king's mines at Esgair-mwyn in 1753. He died by his own hand in London on 19 August 1769, his estates heavily encumbered by debt. With his death the Lloyd s of Peterwell, who had bid fair to become one of the most powerful and influential families in South Wales, died out in the male line.

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