

PUGH family, of Mathafarn, Montgomeryshire

The first prominent member of the family was **Dafydd Llwyd ap Llywelyn**, the poet who *fl.* c. 1480 and who was the author of a number of vaticinary poems about **Henry Tudor** (Henry VII). He apparently possessed an extensive estate on both sides of the river Dyfi above Machynlleth. The line was continued by **EVAN AP DAVID LLOYD** and by **HUGH AB EVAN**, whose son, **JOHN AP HUGH**, served as a county magistrate between 1553 and 1566. His wife was Catherine, daughter of **Sir Richard Herbert**, Montgomery. Their son, **ROWLAND PUGH**, served as a magistrate, and in 1572, and in 1588-9, represented the borough of Montgomery in Parliament. In 1576 he was commissioner of taxes for the county. His grandson, also **ROWLAND PUGH**, was a barrister and was entered a member of the Inner Temple in 1598. He held the office of Steward of Cyfeiliog, served as a magistrate, and in 1609 and 1626 was sheriff of Montgomeryshire, and in 1631 sheriff of Merioneth. He was a staunch Royalist, and in 1644 his house was burnt down by Parliamentary soldiers. He died 26 December 1644, and was buried at Conway. His first wife was a daughter of **Sir Richard Pryse**, Gogerddan. His grandson, **JOHN PUGH**, was also a barrister, and was lord of the manor of Cyfeiliog. He represented the borough of Montgomery in Parliament from 1708 to 1727. When the male line became extinct, the Mathafarn estate was sold in 1752 to **Sir Watkin Williams Wynn**.

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