

36244. JOHN MORGAN

Born (1519?)

Died (c1525?)

Married (1) 36245. Elizabeth (Ely) Lewis

Born

Died

Children (1) (order of birth unknown):

18122. William Morgan

b.

d. 29 Mar 1582 Monmouthshire, Wales

m. 18123. Elizabeth Mansel

Jane Morgan

b.

d.

m. (1) Lewis Blethyn (Blethin)

(2) Giles Dodington after 1542

(3) ----- Clark

Married (2) Janet David

Born

Died

Children (2) (order of birth unknown):

Philip Morgan

b.

d.

m.

Roger Morgan

b.

d.

m.

(daughter) Morgan

b.

d.

m. James Langley

John Morgan, Esquire, of Caerleon in Monmouthshire (now Gwent), Wales, was the second son of Sir Thomas Morgan of Pencoed, Knight, and Joan (Jane) Herbert, daughter and heir of John Gwilym Herbert of Itton. Elizabeth Lewis was a daughter of Lewis ap Richard Gwyn of the Van, Esquire. Janet David was a daughter of David ap Morgan Philip Rees of Caio.ⁱ The parents of Janet David also have been identified as David Morgan ap Rhys ap Philip ap Rhysvychan of Caio.ⁱⁱ

The mother of Elizabeth Lewis has not been determined. Lewis ap Richard Gwyn was

married twice; (1) daughter of Lewis ap Rosser ap Llewelyn, by whom he had a son Richard who was the ancestor of the Prichards of Llancayach, and (2) Gwladys, daughter and heir of Evan John Philip of Llanvrynach and widow of John Walboeffe, by whom he had a son Edward Lewis of the Van who married Anne, daughter of William Morgan, knight, of Pencoed, and established the branch of the family that used the surname Lewis.ⁱⁱⁱ

John Morgan of Caerleon, Esquire, second son of Sir Thomas Morgan of Pencoed, was called as a Member of Parliament for Monmouthshire in 1553-4.^{iv}

Elizabeth Mansel, who married William Morgan of Pentrebach and Llantarnam was a daughter of Sir Rice Mansel of Margam, Knight,^v and his second wife Anne Bruges, daughter of Sir Giles Bruges of Coberly in County Gloucester, Knight,^{vi} and his wife Isabel Baynham, daughter of Thomas.^{vii}

Lewis Blethyn, who married Jane Morgan, was named as an executor of the will of Morgan Jones of Rocksford (Roxford, a manor in the parish of Hertingfordbury) in Hertfordshire, which was dated 01 July 1532 and proved on 30 December 1532.^{viii}

... Il'us (Lewis) Blethyn my gown furred in black - my brother Christopher Vachen (Vaughn) - Thomas my wife's son - ex'ors the right reverend father in God, Morgan, abbot of Lanternam, Thomas Roberts of London, gent., and Il'us Blethyn.

Soon after the dissolution of Llantarnam Abbey, the farm of Cefn-y-mynach was held by Lewis Blethyn who had been the tenant under the monks. He was a relative of William Blethyn, who later was named Bishop of Llandaff, and was the husband of Jane Morgan, whose brother William purchased the abbey estates. Lewis Blethyn, who occupied lands at Pulpen and at Roath near Cardiff, seems to have been a considerable agriculturist. He was described as a gentleman of Caerleon in his will, which was dated 29 September 1542 and proved on 16 November 1542 by his widow Jane and William Morgan, a priest:^{ix}

To be buried in the church of St. Cadock in the town of Carlyon - to the curate there for forgotten tithes 2s. - cathedral church of Landaff 3s.4d. - to my wife Jane v John my farm in Pulpen to my wife for life, also my farm at Rothe, co. Glamorgan, also woods, meadows, &c., as John William Blethin my uncle holdeth of me by lease; also lands in St. Woolos wherein Thomas Goldithe lives, and after to John Morgan son of the late Morgan John -lands in Mathern to remain as before - to William Jenkins of Newport house & lands in said town, he to pay my ex'ors xvij[II?] sterling - to my mother 40s yearly for life - to the above John William Blethin 40s yearly for his life - residue of farms, rents, &c., to my said wife and her brother William Morgan, they ex'ors. Witnesses - William ap leu'n, vicar of Carlyon; Sir Philip ap d'd, curate of Christchurch; Lawrence ap John; John Morgan, and James ap Rees.

In his will Lewis Blethyn identified his wife in the Welsh form, as Jane v John which represents Jane verch John and means Jane, daughter of John (John Morgan). The names leu'n and d'd apparently mean levan and David. The relationship of the priest William Morgan to the family of John Morgan of Caerleon is unknown.

When The Grange was granted to William Morgan on 11 June 1554 it was described as now or late in the tenure of Lewis Blethyn.^x

Giles Dodington, Esquire, the second husband of Jane Morgan, resided at Fayland in Somersetshire. They had two children: Henry Dodington, Esquire, of Cursen in Somersetshire and Anne Dodington who married John Jones of Treowen, Esquire. Henry Dodington was the father of Christopher, Morris, Edward, Hugh, Philip, Arthur, Anne and Elizabeth Dodington. The will of Arthur Dodington of Llantarnam, Gentleman, was dated in November 1645. Administration of the estate of Elizabeth Dodington was given to Sir Philip Jones of Treowen, Knight, on 20 May 1658.^{xi}

Sir Philip Jones was a grandson of Anne Dodington and John Jones. John Jones was the son and heir of William ap John (Jones), Lord of the manors of Hendre Obeth, Castle Arnold, Llanarth and Cefndugloid, and his first wife Constance Morgan, daughter of Thomas Morgan, Esquire, and sister of Rowland Morgan, Esquire, of Machen. John Jones and Anne Dodington (Doddington) were the parents of William Jones, Esquire, of Treowen, Hendre Obeth and Llanarth, who married Jane, only daughter and heir of Moor Gwillim, Esquire, of Monmouth, and was Member of Parliament from that county in 1586; Florence Jones who married Edward Points, Esquire; Jane Jones; and Elizabeth Jones who married Sir Charles Jones of Dingestow, Monmouthshire.

William Jones and Jane Gwillim were the parents of Sir Philip Jones, Knight, of Treowen, who was Lieutenant Colonel of the troops raised in Monmouthshire for King Charles I, was a Member of Parliament from that county in 1653 and married Elizabeth Morgan.^{xii} Elizabeth Morgan was identified as a daughter of Sir Edward Morgan, 1st Baronet of Llantarnam,^{xiii} but she was his sister and the daughter of William Morgan and Frances Somerset.^{xiv} Philip Jones and Elizabeth Morgan both were great-great-grandchildren of John Morgan and Elizabeth Lewis and both of them descended from William (Gwyllym) ap Jenkin Herbert and his wife Gwenllian, daughter of Howel Ichon.

William ap John (Jones), Lord of the manors of Hendre Obeth, Castle Arnold, Llanarth and Cefndugloid, was related to Sir William Herbert, 1st Earl of Pembroke. William ap John (Jones), a son of John ap Thomas ap David ap Jenkin ap Howell ap William (Gwyllym) ap Jenkin Herbert. William Herbert, 1st Earl of Pembroke was the son of William ap Thomas ap William (Gwyllym) ap Jenkin Herbert. Frances Somerset who married William Morgan, great-grandson of John Morgan and Elizabeth Lewis, also descended from William (Gwyllym) ap Jenkin Herbert through William Herbert, Earl of Pembroke.^{xv}

Generation

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| 1 Jenkin Herbert ap Adam | Jenkin Herbert ap Adam |
| 2 William (Gwyllym) ap Jenkin Herbert | William (Gwyllym) ap Jenkin Herbert |
| 3 Thomas ap William (Gwyllym) | Howel ap William (Gwillim) |
| 4 William ap Thomas Herbert | Jenkin ap Howell |
| 5 William Herbert, 1st Earl of Pembroke | David ap Jenkin |
| 6 William Herbert, 2nd Earl of Pembroke | Thomas ap David |
| 7 Elizabeth Herbert = Charles Somerset | John ap Thomas |
| 8 Henry Somerset = Elizabeth Browne | William ap John (Jones) |
| 9 William Somerset = Christian North | John Jones = Anne Dodington |
| 10 Edward Somerset = Elizabeth Hastings | William Jones |
| 11 Frances Somerset = William Morgan | Philip Jones = Elizabeth Morgan |
| 12 Elizabeth Morgan = Philip Jones | |

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| 6 John Gwilym Herbert | |
| 7 Jane Herbert = Thomas Morgan | |
| 8 John Morgan = Elizabeth Lewis | |
| 9 William Morgan = Elizabeth Mansel | Jane Morgan = Giles Dodington |
| 10 Edward Morgan = Elizabeth Smith | Anne Dodington = John Jones |
| 11 William Morgan = Frances Somerset | William Jones |
| 12 Elizabeth Morgan = | Philip Jones |

The parentage of John Gwilym Herbert is not known but he must belong to the family of the Earls of Pembroke.

The given name of the third husband of Jane Morgan has not been determined. They had a son William Clarke of Barrow, Esquire, who married Frances Brock.^{xvi}

Caerleon is on the Usk River in Gwent (formerly Monmouthshire), Wales, near the city of Newport. It is the site of an ancient Roman fortress and amphitheater. Caerleon was the locale of King Arthur's Round Table. Many of the Arthurian legends occurred in this area. Caio is a village in south-central Wales, near the Afon Cothi in hilly country about twenty-five miles northeast of Carmarthen.^{xvii}

Philip Morgan, son of John Morgan and Janet David, had a son John Morgan; a daughter who married Morgan ap David John of Llanfrechfa (Llanvrechva); and a daughter who married Roger ap Thomas David Gwilym.^{xviii}

Roger Morgan, son of John Morgan and Janet David, lived at the Garn in 1605 and had children who were not identified.^{xix}

It has been said that John Morgan and Janet David also were the parents of sons named James and Lewis Morgan, with Lewis having issue,^{xx} but James and Lewis are not included in the Morgan family pedigree.^{xxi}

The birth date of John Morgan was given as 1519,^{xxii} and his date of death as about 1525,^{xxiii} neither of which were substantiated by source evidence. The date of birth

must be incorrect since his son William was of age to be the bailiff of Abercarn and Mynyddislwyn in 1552, to begin acquiring the lands of Llantarnam Abbey in 1554, to sit as a member of Parliament from Monmouthshire in 1555-1571 and to be Sheriff of Monmouthshire in 1568.^{xxiv} If John was born in 1519 and had one of those early Welsh marriages at age 14 or 15, William could have been born about 1533-1534 and could have been 19 or 20 in 1552 but that seems rather young to be installed as a bailiff. Surely William, who died in 1582,^{xxv} was born by 1530, perhaps before 1525, and his father was born about 1500-1510. It is unlikely that John Morgan died very young since he was keeper of the royal park at Caerleon^{xxvi} which suggests that he was mature and respected.

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