Three Pedigrees relating to William Powys of Ludlow

Bleddyn ap Cynfyn Prince of Powys

& Haer ferch Cillin

The pedigree below this, in the 1663 Visitation of Shropshire, has two notable features:

- 1. That John Powys is said to be of Myvott,
- 2. That Humfry Powys was a brother of William.

It is possible that this was to make it plausible that Humphrey Powys was the same person as Humphrey ap Owen ap Meredith of Meiford and was thus, with his brother William, descended from Bleddyn at Cynfyn, Prince of Powys.

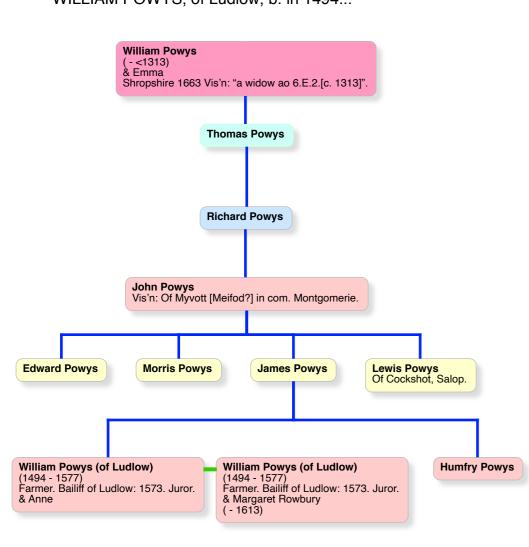
By 1914 the above plausible hint for the 1663 Visitation had become fact and Burke's Peerage for that year has this purple prose for the origin of the family:

"Lineage—The House of POWYS deduces lineage through the BARONS OF MAIN-YN-MEIFOD, in Powysland, from IORWERTH GOGH, Lord of Mochnant, in Powysland, youngest son of MEREDITH, Prince of Powys, representative of Mervyn, King of Powys, 3rd son of Rhodri Mawe, King of Wales. The descendant, by lorwerth Vychan, the younger son of this lorwerth Goch,

MÁDOČ AP IEVAN, of Main-yn-Meifod, m. Angharad, dau. of levan ap Einion ap Iorwerth, of Mechain, and had issue,

- 1. OWAIN AP MADOC, from whom descended the family of Griffiths (formerly) of Glover, in Llansilin.
- 2. DAVID GOCH AP MADOC, of Meifod, Trefanney, and Deuddwr. 3. JOHN.

The 3rd son. JOHN POWYS, of Myfod, was the father of JAMES POWYS, whose son WILLIAM POWYS, of Ludlow, b. in 1494..."



The tree above was signed off by Thomas Powys of Henley for the 1663 Visitation of Shropshire and accepted by Dugdale, the herald for this Visitation.

Maredudd ap Bleddin (- 1132) & Cristin ferch Bledrus **Jorwerth Goch ap Maredudd** Of Cae Hywel & Crenddyn. Living 1157-71 Apologies if I insult you by explaining Daughter of Roger Manley of Cheshire that 'ap' is "son of" and 'ferch' is "daughter of". Iorwerth Fychan ap Iorwerth Goch Sir Gruffudd ap Iorwerth Goch Lord of Sutton (- 1221) Of Marchof Gwyllt and Gae Hywel Madog ap Iorwerth Fychan Bartrum generation 5 & Mallt ferch leuan Goch Bartrum generation 6: Llywelyn ap Madog & Nest ferch Llw Eurdorchog Gruffudd Fychan ap Sir Gruffudd Living 1231. Bartrum generation 6: & Matilda dau, of Robert Bulkeley LLewelyn Fychan ap Llywelyn & Gwerful ferch Gollwyn Of Cheshire. Bartrum generation 6 Gruffudd ap Gruffud Fychan Of Kinnerley. Living 1313. Bartrum generation 7: leuan ap Llywelyn Fychan & Elen ferch Owain & Gwen ferch lorwerth Mael Bartrum generation 8: Philip ap Gruffudd Kynaston Mick Powis, a genealogist of this family, has dug deep into the archives Living 1310. Bartrum generation 8: & Gwerful ferch Roger Fychan of Shrewsbury record office and come up with several documents Maredudd Llwyd ap Ieuan Bartrum generation 7 Of Main. & Mallt ferch Einudd Madog ap Philip Kynaston Of Stocks. Living 1341-73. Bartrum generation 9: & Silod ferch Jenkin Llywelyn Foelgrwn ap Maredudd Llwyd Of Welsh Frankton Jenkin (or John) ap Madog Kynaston Living 1340-89. Bartrum generati & Anne ferch Llewliin Ddu **Gruffudd Llwyd ap Llywelyn Foelgrwn** & NN ferch Adda of Mochaunt Bartrum generation 10: Madog ap John Kynaston Living 1389-96. Bartrum generation 10: Llewellyn ap Gruffudd Llwyd & Isold dau, of Duke/Earl of Northumberland Living 1435 when she enfeoffed land at Lye by Ellesmere laredudd ap Llewellyn John Kynaston Bartrum generation 11: Gruffudd ap John Kynaston Of Stocks. Living 1443. & Margred ferch John Hoord Tudor ap Maredudd & Mawd ferch leuan Heir to Walford. Jenkin (or John) Kynaston Living 1471. Of Stocks. Sir Roger Kynaston ap Gruffid Of Hordley. Sheriff of Shropshire & Jane Mannering Her father was John Mannering, in 1461 and 1470. Llewelyn & NN ferch Dafydd & Elizabeth Cobhan son of Sir John Mannering of Peeuer, kt. Humphrey Kynaston Of Morton. Piers Kynaston Of Stocks. & Margred ferch Edward ap Morgan & Elsbeth ferch Meredudd Maredudd ap Llewelyn **Edward Powys of Cockshut** Owain ap Maredudd Margred ferch Humphrey Kynaston Jasper Kynaston NN ferch Piers Kynaston Kynaston & Margred ferch Humphrey Probably son of John P of Cockshut and Cockshut. Living 1521. son-in-law of Piers Kynaston. Living 1521.

The above Meiford and Kynaston pedigrees are taken primarily from:

Jonet ferch John ap leuan

(ca1518 - >1582)

& Humfrey ap Owen ap Meredith (of Meiford)

- 1. The 1623 Visitation of Shropshire for Kynaston,
- 2. Bartrum's Welsh Pedigrees for both lines,

Margred ferch Humphrey

Humfrey ap Owen ap Meredith (of Meiford)

(ca1518 - >1582)

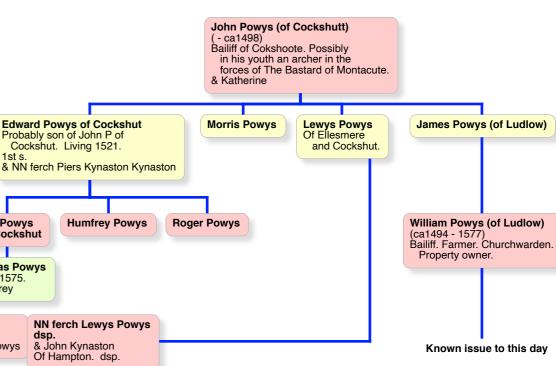
3. Dwnn's Visitation of Wales for Humphrey of Meifod.

for the probable Welsh archer who fought for the English in France. one John Powys of Cockshot. These documents include some definite and some very probable descendants of John who then married daughters of the Kynaston family. So Powyses and Kynastons become related. Humphrey of Meivod was also related to the Kvnastons and Humphrey was acknowledged to be a descendant of Bleddyn ap Cynfyn, as were the Kynastons. Mick suggests that these amorphous relationships caused the misunderstandings about the Powys connection to Bleddyn.

Remarkably I was struck to find that deciding to ignore Burke's purple prose does not even reduce by one the 127 lines of descent that we have through our Barrington and Trotter descents from the same Bleddyn.

Mick once sat through a talk given by Bartrum; he regrets that he was not then aware of how important Bartum's work was to be and failed to take any notes, much as he relates that Bartrum was an entertaining and interesting speaker.

At a later date I shall pass on Mick's two significant accounts, one on the life of John Powys of Cockshot and the other on finding the links between Humfry of Meifod, the Kynastons and the Powyses.



John Powys

of Cockshut

Thomas Powys Living 1575. & Awdrey

John Kynaston

& NN ferch Lewys Powys

The pedigree above has been constructed from the few documents that survive from the 15th and 16th centuries and gives a plausible account of the Ancestry and family of William Powys of Ludlow. But the evidence is thin for James as the father of William and for Humphrey and Roger as sons of Edward.