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Cwm Bychan –

Our Books of Pedigree mention the Llwyds of Cwmebychan as descended from Cadwgan son to Blethyn ap Cynfyn Prince of Northwales & Powys. – this Cadwgan is sometime stil,[d] Lord of Nanney, I suppose he resided ^there some time, most likely in the House afterwards occupied ^by Howel Sele, which was burnt by O: Glyndwr, [2] & never afterwards rebuilt, the Remains of it are to been in Nanney Park.

He chiefly in the beginning of his ^life resided in this Country, & Jointly with his brothers & sons made[...] terrible & Bloody efforts towards the sovereinty of the Country, it is probably~~y~~e that Cwm. Bychan Drws Ardudwy &c were chief of their strong holds. In the latter part of his days he became Prince of Southwales, & was slain by treachery some where near Oswestry. – I know not for Certain from which of his sons we are descended.[3]

In *Ffarwel Dai Llwyd* we have the date of one of our Welsh Tunes It was compos,[d] as I was Inform,[d] when he went with Jasper Tudor & Owain Lawgoch to fight with Rhisiart Fradwr. viz Richard the Traytor.[4] – I see a mistake in a note of yours, in regard to *Dafydd y Garreg wên*, it is a very modern Tune, many People living remember the composer, I think he was a Fidler. – Quære whether Cwm bychan was not the last residence of the wild Deer,[5] as it is likely to be of ^the dear Goats in this Country.

Editorial Notes

[1] If this pagination refers to Cwm Bychan, it does not coincide with the section on the Cwm in the published *Tour*, which is found at *A tour in Wales 1770 [1773]* (1778), II, pp. 114–120.

[2] For Pennant's account of the treachery of Howel Sele of Nannau, Merionethshire, and Glyndwr's punitive response, see *A tour in Wales 1770 [1773]* (1778), I, pp. 324–5.

[3] Further on John Lloyd's descent from Cadwgan ap Bleddyn, see 1386.

[4] For Pennant's direct use of this material, see *A tour in Wales 1770 [1773]* (1778), II, p. 116.

[5] See *A tour in Wales 1770 [1773]* (1778), II, p. 117, where Pennant notes of Cwm Bychan that deer 'formerly abounded in these parts. Nor have they long been extinct; a person of the last generation informed my host, that he had seen eighteen at once, grazing in the meadow'.