

### Interests in the Gwaun Maid

The Gwaun Maid, reputedly the best ship built in Fishguard was completed in 1846, owned and captained by Henry Llewelin with shareholders listed as:

William Davies, Milford, Master Mariner – 8 shares

Levi Vaughan, Fishguard, Merchant – 4 shares

James Llewelin, Fishguard, Master Mariner – 4 shares

David Vaughan, Fishguard, Merchant – 4 shares

Margaret Vaughan, Fishguard, Spinster – 4 shares

Susan Vaughan, Fishguard Spinster – 4 shares

The ship, which was a brigantine weighing about 250 tons, was built on the shore at the bottom of the Slade, convenient to a saw-mill higher up and all the materials, timber, sails and ropes were locally produced. The builder was Thomas Francis of Lower Fishguard and it seems likely that he was assisted by at least one of his sons, William, who moved to Hakin and set up a ship building business with his brother James in Milford (J&W Francis Shipbuilders).

Henry Llewelin was born in 1812 or 1813, a son of James Llewelin of Goodwick. There is a memorial to Henry, who died in Gibraltar, next to the grave of James Llewelin and others of his family in Llanwnda churchyard. Henry's wife, Elizabeth, is buried in the grave where this memorial stone stands and her name and date of birth (1823) corresponds with that of a daughter of Levi Vaughan (1841 census 17 years old) and a Henry Llewelin and an Elizabeth Vaughan were married in 1843 (Haverfordwest registry record).

A Captain William Davies, Retired Master Mariner, 70 years old, is shown living in St. Ann's Road Hubberston in the census of 1871. Living with him is Elizabeth Llewellyn, Sister in law Widowed Female 47 years, place of birth Fishguard. This age would correspond with the wife of Henry Llewelin who had died in 1870. As 'Sister in law' Elizabeth was presumably the sister of William Davies wife Ann, who aged 68 in 1871 would have been born in 1803. James Llewelin had a daughter Ann born in that year and so in fact Elizabeth was Ann's sister in law and not William Davies – James Llewelin was his father in law. William Davies is buried at Hubberston Churchyard.

Levi Vaughan is shown in the 1841 census as a Shopkeeper in Market Street, Fishguard, aged 51 years (his grave in St. Mary's Fishguard shows him dying in 1871, aged 86, so he would have been born 1785 and 56 in 1841). In Pigot's Directory for 1830 he is shown as Grocer, Draper and Ironmonger and in that of 1844 he is shown as agent for the Clerical Medical Insurance, Corn Merchant, Ironmonger and Timber Merchant. He had the daughter Elizabeth who married Henry Llewelin and other daughters Margaret and Susan. There is no mention of David Vaughan, but in the 1871 census there is a David Vaughan, Retired Merchant, living in Water Street, Fishguard, aged 52 years with a son Levi, so quite likely David Vaughan the Gwaun Maid shareholder was the son of the older Levi and was not at home for the 1841 census (he was 21 then). In Pigot's Directory for 1844 David Vaughan is

shown as a Corn Merchant (family business?). Levi Vaughan's grave is just inside the gate of St. Mary's churchyard.

James Llewelin was born in 1774 and went to sea at the age of 14 in 1778. He was the Master of the vessel Hope of Milford from 1815 to 1834 and lived until 1859 in Goodwick, where he owned a number of properties. As noted above he was the father of Henry Llewelin and William Davies wife Ann. He had two other sons John and Thomas who were both Master Mariners and were lost at sea during James' lifetime, they are buried with him at Llanwnda.

As noted above Margaret and Susan Vaughan were daughters of Levi and David was quite likely his son. The interests in the Gwaun Maid were therefore very much a family affair with all the parties being related by blood or marriage.

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| Levi Vaughan m Ann<br>1785-1871      1799- | James Llewelin m Ann Phillip<br>1774-1859      1776-1834 |                             |
|  | Ann m<br>1803-1887                                       | William Davies<br>1801-1878 |
| Elizabeth m<br>1824-1901                   | Henry<br>1812-70   |                             |
| David?<br>1819-1901?                       |  |                             |
| Margaret<br>1821-                          |  |                             |
| Susan<br>1826-                             |  |                             |

#### Crew of the Gwaun Maid

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| LLEWELIN  | Henry     | Fishguard   | 1812 | 43229 | 18/08/70 |        | M51  | PEM | 124/6&7 |
|           |           | C/449/Gwaun Maid/1846-70. Died on 18 August 1870 at Gibraltar. [Ml at Llanwnda church: Elizabeth (widow of Henry Llewellyn, Master mariner of Fishguard) died 22 May 1901 in her 78th year. Also of the above Henry Llewellyn who died at Gibraltar, August 1870]. [Admin to Elizabeth Llewellyn of Fishguard, widow, the relict]. [Gwaun Maid, a brig, the last ship built at Fishguard owned by his father in law Levi Vaughan. See County Echo 26 Dec 1935 for an account of the "Gwaun Maid", together with a picture of the Master and of the vessel]. [Of Water St., a daur born 26 July 1847. - Pembs Herald]. |      |       |          |        |      |     |         |
| GRIFFITHS | William   | Fishguard   | 1821 | 59878 | 20/11/70 | 249922 | mt52 | PEM | 124/20  |
|           |           | m/449/Gwaun Maid/1870. Died on 20 November 1870.  |      |       |          |        |      |     |         |
| LEWIS     | James LI. | Fishguard   | 1839 | sa 63 | 21/08/80 |        | MO   | PEM |         |
|           |           | LI.= Llewellyn. Born 31 March 1839. Nephew of Henry Llewelin, bound as Apprentice on Gwaun Maid for 4 years in 1851. In 1879 was living at Yatala near Port Australia, (SAMB). Master of coastal ketch Prima Donna, lost between Port Mac Donnel and Adelaide 21st August 1880.   |      |       |          |        |      |     |         |

James Llewelin Lewis above was the Nephew of Henry Llewelin and in 1851 at the age of 12 was bound to him as an apprentice for four years: the first year at £3, second at £4, third at £5 and fourth at £9 – total £21. In 1857 James appeared in Australia and worked on river steamers and coastal vessels; in 1865 he married Annie Crafer and settled in Kingston,

South Australia and in 1879 he purchased the Prima Donna, a coastal ketch. In August 1880 the Prima Donna went missing after leaving Port MacDonell.

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|  <p>Henry Llewelin</p>  |  <p>Mary Llewelin Lewis, sister of Henry &amp; mother of James</p>  |  <p>James Llewelin Lewis</p> |
|  <p>The Gwaun Maid</p> |  <p><b>Trading Ketch "Prima Donna"</b><br/>         Built in 1870 by David Goulay and Thomas Horne at Three Hut Point in Tasmania, Prima Donna spent most of her life trading out of South Australia. She was lost in 1880 when on a voyage from Port Macdonnell to Port Adelaide.<br/> <i>Illustration from Floataboat catalogue (model ship plans), Ringwood, Victoria, Australia</i></p> |   |

In 1870 Henry Llewelin died while on a voyage to Gibraltar, where he was buried. A relative, William Davies, went out to Gibraltar and sailed the ship back to Dover, however this was probably not the William Davies shown above as a shareholder as he was by then 69, but most likely one of his sons (William 1831-74). At Dover tragedy struck again and the mate William Griffiths was taken ill and died. The ship was sold to Irish buyers.