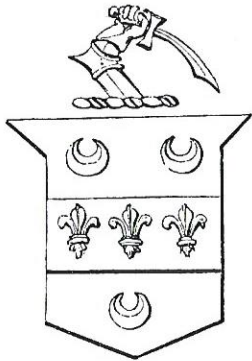


## OAKELEY, OF OAKELEY.

OAKELEY, WILLIAM, esq. of Oakeley, in the county of Salop, *b.* 12th November, 1806; succeeded to the estates upon the demise of his father, the Reverend Herbert Oakeley, D.D.

## Lineage.



It appears indubitable, by the identity of estate and arms, that this family is the same as that of OCKLEY, of Ockley, which had flourished for several generations in the county of Salop.

ROWLAND OAKLEY, esq. of Oakley, *b.* about the year 1500; *m.* Mary, daughter of William Crowther, esq. of Betson, in Salop, and had (with three daughters) four sons,

RICHARD, his successor.

Samuel, a merchant in London.

John, of Fawley Court, Bucks.

Jeremy, in holy orders, rector of Mainstone, and vicar of Cardington.

He *d.* in 1622, and was *s.* at his decease by his eldest son,

RICHARD OAKLEY, esq. of Oakley, M.P. for Bishop's Castle. This gentleman, a zealous supporter of the royal cause, *d.* in 1653, and was *s.* by his son,

WILLIAM OAKELEY, esq. of Oakeley, who was returned to parliament by the borough of Bishop's Castle, from 1660 to 1681; in the former of which years he served the office of sheriff for the county of Salop, and it is recorded in Grey's Debates, that although sheriff, "he was chosen for Bishop's Castle, and sate without dispute." He wedded first, Mary, second daughter of Walter Wareing, esq. of Oldbury, and that lady dying without surviving issue, in 1660, he *m.* secondly, Barbara, eldest daughter of John Walcot,

esq. of Walcot, in Shropshire, by whom (who espoused, secondly, Sir William Gresley, bart.) he had issue,

i. RICHARD, his heir.

ii. John, of the Middle Temple, *d.* unmarried.

iii. William, who *m.* Catherine, daughter of Walter Moseley, esq. of the Meer, and had, with other issue,

The Rev. WILLIAM OAKELEY, rector of Holy Cross, in Shrewsbury (refer to article Oakeley, of Plas Tan-y-bwlch).

iv. Samuel, } *d.* unmarried.

v. Charles, }

vi. Barbara, *m.* to Thomas Downes, esq.

vii. Elizabeth.

The eldest son,

RICHARD OAKELEY, esq. of Oakeley, sheriff of Shropshire in 1724, *m.* Margaret, daughter of Sir Herbert Croft, bart. of Croft Hall, and had two sons,

RICHARD, his successor.

Herbert, in holy orders, rector of Lydham, and vicar of Lydbury, who espoused Anne, daughter of Robert Loder, esq. of Lechlade, and *d.* in 1778, leaving a son,

JOHN, who inherited the estates at the death of his uncle.

Mr. Oakeley *d.* in 1738, and was *s.* by his eldest son,

RICHARD OAKELEY, esq. of Oakeley, at whose decease, issueless, the family estates devolved upon his nephew,

JOHN OAKELEY, esq. of Oakeley, whose son,

THE REV. HERBERT OAKELEY, of Oakeley, rector of Lydham, prebendary of Worcester, was *s.* at his decease by his eldest son, the present WILLIAM OAKELEY, esq. of Oakeley.

*Arms*—Argent on a fesse between three crescents gu. as many fleurs-de-lys or.

*Crest*—A dexter arm embowed, in armour ppr. in the hand a scimitar also ppr. pomel and hilt gold.

*Estates*—In the parishes of Lydham, Bishop's Castle, Lydbury North, and Norbury, all in the county of Salop, possessed by the Oakeleys since 1589.

*Seat*—Oakeley, near Bishop's Castle.

## OAKELEY, OF PLAS TAN-Y-BWLCH.

OAKELEY, WILLIAM-GRYFFYDD, esq. of Plas Tan-y-bwlch, in the county of Merioneth, *b.* 18th December, 1790; *m.* 13th February, 1817, Louisa, eldest daughter of R. B. Ness, esq. of Middle Hill.

Mr. Oakeley, who succeeded his father in August, 1811, was sheriff of Merionethshire in 1814, and of Carnarvonshire the following year.

## Lineage.

## The Reverend

WILLIAM OAKELEY, Rector of Holycross, Shrewsbury, and of Forton, in Staffordshire, (grandson of the William Oakeley, esq. of Oakeley, who *d.* in 1694,) *m.* Catherine, only daughter of Sir Patrick Strahan, knt. and had issue,

WILLIAM, his heir.

Charles, who, having distinguished himself in the East India Company's service, was created a BARONET in 1770. His son is the present SIR HERBERT OAKELEY, bart.

Catherine.

The eldest son,

WILLIAM OAKELEY, esq. *b.* in February, 1750, *m.* Margaret, only child and heir of Evan Gryffydd, Esq. of Plas Tan-y-bwlch, in the county of Merioneth, and had an only son and heir, the present WILLIAM GRYFFYDD OAKELEY, esq.

Mr. Oakeley died in August, 1811; and the announcement of his death was thus accompanied, in the Gentleman's Magazine:—

"At Tan-y-bwlch, William Oakeley, esq. The loss the inhabitants of the 'Happy Vale', and its neighbourhood, have sustained by his death, cannot easily be estimated. The excellent roads formed under his direction, through a district formerly almost impassable, are known to every traveller; the tracts which he has fertilized, the barren eminence which he has planted, and, above all, the delightful exhibition of Nature, in bold and picturesque scenery, which his taste developed and adorned, have afforded themes of rapture to every visitor: his beneficence has bettered the condition, and made happy the dwelling, of many a rustic; and the memory of his private goodness will long live in the bosoms of his relatives and friends."

## FAMILY OF GRYFFYDD.

ROBERT GRYFFYDD, living in 1720, the representative of a very ancient family, seated at Bach-y-saint, county of Carnarvon, married Catherine, eldest daughter

and co-heir of Evan Evans,\* of Tan-y-bwlch esq. by whom he had issue,

Evan, his successor.

John, married, and left issue.

Owen, in holy orders, Rector of Llanfrothen, county of Merioneth: died 13th of April, 1728.

William, married —, daughter of David Williams, and had issue.

Foulk.

Jane, wife of Griffith Parry, of Penamser.

Anne, married on the 18th of July, 1727, to Lewis Lloyd, of Maes-y-porth.

Gwen, wife of Lewis Anwyl, Vicar of Abergele, county of Denbigh.

Mr. Gryffydd was succeeded by his eldest son,

EVAN GRYFFYDD, of Bach-y-saint, and\* (in his mother's right) of Tan-y-bwlch. He married Janet, daughter and co-heir of Thomas Meyrick, esq. of Berthllwyd, county Merioneth, by whom he had issue,

ROBERT GRYFFYDD, esq. of Tan-y-bwlch, who was sheriff of the county of Merioneth in 1742, and married Anne, daughter of — Anwyl, of Hendre mŵr, in the same county, and by her had issue,

Evan, his successor.

Robert, *d.* 17th March, 1770, aged 22.

EVAN GRYFFYDD, esq. the elder son and successor, married Mary, one of the daughters of William Anwyl, of Hendre mŵr, esq. by whom (who re-married in 1779, the Rev. John Gryffydd, and died in 1781,) he had issue an only daughter,

MARGARET, who succeeded to the estates of her family, and, as stated, became the wife of William Oakeley, esq. and mother of the present proprietor.

Mr. Gryffydd was sheriff of Merioneth in 1770, about which year he died.

*Arms*—Arg. on a fesse between three

\* The family of Evans had been the possessors of Tan-y-bwlch for many generations.