

OSBWRN WYDDEL (' Osborn the Irishman '), living in 1293. Irish nobleman and ancestor of landed families in Merioneth

Name: Osbwrn Wyddel
Child: Kenric ab Osbwrn Wyddel
Child: Einion ab Osbwrn Wyddel
Parent: John fitz Thomas fitz Maurice fitz Gerald de Windsor
Gender: Male
Occupation: Irish nobleman and ancestor of landed families in Merioneth
Area of activity: Royalty and Society
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An Irishman with, however, some Welsh blood in his veins, who settled in west Merioneth, married a daughter of the Welsh house of [Corsygedol](#), and became the ancestor of some of the landed families in that county - see, e.g. the articles on [Wynne](#) family of Glyncywarch, [Wynne](#) family of Peniarth, [Vaughan](#) family of Corsygedol. These families (and others) trace their descent from KENRIC AB OSBWRN, spoken of as 'of [Corsygedol](#).' The fullest account of Osbwrn is probably that given by [W. W. E. Wynne](#) in *Pedigree of the Family of Wynne, of Peniarth in the County of Merioneth* (London, 1872). A member of the influential family of the Geraldines, Osbwrn was considered by Sir William Betham, Ulster-king-at-Arms, to be the son of 'John Fitz Thomas Fitz Maurice Fitz Gerald de Windsor the first Lord of Decies and Desmond.' Gerald (Fitz Walter) de Windsor was constable of Pembroke castle - he was alive in 1108; his wife was [Nest](#), daughter of [Rhys ap Tewdwr](#). The well-known antiquary [Robert Vaughan](#) of Hengwrt (see Pen. MS. 6) surmised that Osbwrn came to Wales c. 1237 but [W. W. E. Wynne](#) suggests a rather later period. There is evidence that he was taxed up to a fifteenth in the parish of Llanaber in 1293 or 1294. [W. W. E. Wynne](#) suggests that he might have been responsible (in part, at any rate) for the building of Llanaber church.

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