

Roderick Williams Association

Where there's a Williams there's a Way.

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Dear family,

The discoveries continue. When I started working on the Williams family a couple of years ago, my earliest family record was the marriage of Roderick Williams and Elizabeth Evans on 28 Feb 1778. Last month I discovered that John David Powell was the grandfather of Roderick Williams. This month I discovered a new earliest record. In his will, dated 22 May 1726, Thomas Price, a gentleman of Llywel, Breconshire, Wales, conveyed a farm called Tyr-yr-Allt in Llandeilo'r-fân parish to his son Morgan. The occupant of Tyr-yr-Allt was none other than John David Powell. Furthermore, in his will, dated 17 Dec 1737, Morgan Price, a gentleman of Llywel parish, conveyed Tyr-yr-Allt to his nephew Jeffrey Price. The occupant of Tyr-yr-Allt was still John David Powell. (Allt is a farm immediately east of Drain-duon.)

DNA: I'm still searching for the distant cousin most suitable for DNA testing. In the meantime, it would also be helpful if closer male-line relatives got tested, too. If you are a Williams male, please consider getting involved.

This month I worked on three chapters of the book, but I've settled on sending only Chapter 2 at this time. I will be splitting Chapter 3 into three chapters, and I hope to have them all ready for the March report.

I'm working on obtaining guidelines and permission from the Copyright Department of the LDS Church for publishing images of temple records and other microfilms. I'm also working with the National Archives in London for permission to publish images of census and other records. Please contact me if you've had experience in these areas.

I'm also considering self-publishing through Trafford. If any of you has experience in self-publishing companies, please contact me with suggestions or advice. I've already received some very valuable advice from Richard Walker, Sr., but the more experience, the better.

Sincere thanks to those who are helping with this project in various ways: Hal Williams, Richard Walker, Robert Price, Patsy Bybee, Carla Gonterman, Ronald Dennis and Celia Morgan. If I've left anyone out, please pardon me, and remind me to include you next time.

With warm smiles and best wishes,

Kyle Williams