

of this memoir. Two Davids ap Evan were living at the time. One was buried at Guildsfield, 4 May, 1636. The other made a will on 16 Nov., 1640, and he was in some way interested in Guildsfield parish, as he left to the poor 20*s.*, and to the reparation of the church 16*s.* 8*d.* But he also left 20*s.* to the poor of another parish, that of Llangadvan. No relatives of the male blood appear in the will. His wife Colley merch John received half of his substance, and the other moiety was distributed among "Richard ap Jemy—Margaret merch Richard my sister—Evan ap Morgan her son my nephew—John ap Jemy my nephew—Thomas ap Jemy my nephew—Rowland ap Jemy my nephew—and Cathearin Rees my nece," in certain legacies, with a disposition of the residue to "*the said* Richard, John, Thomas, and Rowland, my four nephews." His wife (who only proved at St. Asaph, 22 Apr., 1641) and "good kinsman Morgan Price, gent.," were appointed executors.

Janet, wife of David ap Evan (probably him who died in 1636) had been buried 4 March, 1638, and administration of the goods of a third David was granted to his son John in 1647.

The next leading document is the will of THOMAS EVAN, of Broniarth, in the parish of Gwyldsfield, 24 May, 1663. He had lands, and also personalty of the value of 51*l.* 4*s.*, and desired to be buried in the parish church. This status, and the fact of his having nephews, cast a doubt upon his youth which one would otherwise assume from his only issue being a child in the womb, and upon the suggested identity with Thomas, son of Thomas ap Evan, who was baptized in Oct., 1639, whose sister Katherine was baptized in Sep., 1640, and whose father might be the Thomas Evans who was buried in July, 1640. There was another Thomas Evans in the parish at the same time, who had issue Edward, bap. 1637, Evan, bap. 4 Aug. 1640, and Gwen, bap. 1641. The testator of 1663 had a brother in law Edward Evans, who already had three sons, and might possibly be he who was born in 1637.¹ It may be well to observe that the name of Humphrey Evans, which occurs afterwards, is found in 1637, when Jane the daughter of a person of that name was baptized.

The scope of the will of Thomas of 1663 was as follows:—Reserving his wife Elizabeth's thirds, he gives to "Evan Hughes my godsonne and nephew" all his lands in default of the expected child. "To my three nephews the sons of Edward Evans sixe of the best hoggs or weather sheepe and three pewter plates equally to be divided amongst them." Then he gives small legacies to "Anne my sister in law—my nephews and niece the children of Hugh ap Evan my brother—*Thomas Evans my nephew* [probably one of the children of Hugh] the

¹ There was an Edward Evans, of Pool, who had a son *Thomas*, bap. 23 Dec., 1646.