Professor Myron Wyn Evans of Craigcefnparc in the Lower Clydach Valley is planning his armorial bearings. He traces his family history back to 1040 and Sir Walter Harvard of Defynnog.

Read about Sennybridge and Defynnog history...

"I am descended from Sir Walter Havard (Havre de Grace), a Norman Knight of the eleventh century born in 1040 in Normandy, one of twelve Knights of the Norman Baron Bernard de Neufmarche en Lions (Bernard Newmarch) who invaded Brycheiniog in 1093.

A battle took place just outside Brecon in Easter 1093 between Rhys ap Tewdwr Fawr, Prince of Deheubarth, and ancestor of the present Queen, and the Normans.

Other Knights included Sir Reginald Aubrey, who married Sir Walter Havard's daughter. Both the Havards and Aubreys were prominent Brecon families for many centuries. In Tudor times Joan Havard was married into the Vaughan family of Tretower Court. They are related to the Queen through the Tudor Earls of Pembroke and Dukes of Bedford. The metaphysical poet Henry Vaughan was one of this family.

The early Brecon Normans took up the Welsh language within a generation or so, Henry Vaughan spoke Welsh fluently, as I do today. The Havard family founded the Havard Chapel of Brecon Cathedral, now the Regimental Chapel of the Prince of Wales' Own, formerly the famous 24th Foot, South Wales Borderers. The Regimental Museum in Brecon has 16 replica VC's and 3,000 other medals.

John Harvard founded Harvard College (later Harvard University) in the early seventeenth century, and there is a Harvard Chapel of Southwark Cathedral in which Edmund Shakespeare is buried (William's younger brother). The University owns the Harvard House in Stratford upon Avon. The original spelling is Havard, as in Brecon, and comes from the Norse meaning High Guardian, a high ranking Norse Viking.

I am descended through my great grandmother, Mary Havard of Cwm Cerdinen near here. She was the mother of my grandfather T. Elim Jones, Head Deacon of the Welsh speaking Elim Baptist Chapel, Craigcefnparc, who married Martha Jane Newlands of a Pembroke family.
My mother was Mary Evans, nee Jones, his daughter, married to Edward Evans of "Y Grithig" opposite Craig y Nos Castle, Cwmtawe, fifty yards from the outflow of Ogof Fynnon Ddu into the Tawe. His father was William Evans of Fferm y Clos, near Brecon.

Mary Havard was one of several children of Thomas Havard, who was born in Ystradfellte in 1840. Thomas Havard was descended from Dafydd (David) Havard of Defynnog, born in 1797. Defynnog is only about seven miles from Pontgwilym, which is just north of Brecon. Dafydd Havard Defynnog descends from Sir Walter Havard through a minor branch (younger sons).

I am currently the only person from Wales on the Civil List, having been appointed by Parliament in 2005 on the advice of the Prime Minister and after nomination by the Royal Society.

This is a high honour akin to Order of Merit, and recognizes distinguished contributions to Britain and the Commonwealth in science. Currently I am the only scientist on the Civil List, which consists of about twenty five people. I was educated at University of Wales Aberystwyth, later Junior Research Fellow of Wolfson College Oxford.

My armorial bearings are in recognition of this appointment and will consist of elements of the arms of the Prince Rhys ap Gruffydd ap Rhys ap Tewdwr, of the arms of Sir Walter Havard, Lord of Pontgwilym, and other elements of my own, a sheaf of hay, indicating a humble origin (here in this house in fact) as the son of a hill farmer and coal miner. The latter is symbolized by a pattern of black hills.

The motto is a line of my own cynghanedd, "Poer y Llwch o'r Pair Llachar", roughly translated as "The dust pours from the fiery cauldron" - representing the legendary South Wales coal mining industry.

The helm is an eleventh century Norman helm, and the crest is a representation by the Windsor Herald of the Celtic Cross at Nanhdyfern in Pembroke, representing peace and good will to all nations. This is supported by two dragons rouge rampant from the arms of the University of Wales.

The badge will have the sheaf of hay, the pattern of black hills and the Nanhdyfern Celtic cross, surrounded by nine quartz crystals representing science and the carboniferous (coal bearing) limestone of the supremely beautiful Brecon Beacons from which two branches of my family originate.

I have checked with the College of Arms of the British Government that the College has no objections to my taking the name "Glyn Eithrym", which is the ancient name of my native valley, the Lower Clydach Valley off the Swansea Valley in South Wales.

This happens to be very similar in Irish: "Glen Uathreim", glen or valley of Eithrym or Uathreim. He was a Celtic Saint of probably about fifth century or earlier. The name Eithrym means "fearsome power", probably denoting metaphorically the fact that Eithrym must have been a powerful personality.

The site of Llan Eithrym is across the steep glacial valley
from my window. In Irish, "uath" is a letter of the Ogham alphabet of Celtic times, and also means "fearsome", as does the Welsh "aeth", which is spelled "eith" and pronounced "iith" in my native Silurian dialect.

This is exactly as it is pronounced in Irish. The modern Welsh for strength or power is "grym", and in modern Irish "greim".

In both Celtic languages the g mutates out. The name "Glyn Eithrym" denotes the mediaeval rank of Gentleman awarded on merit with armorial ensigns, following my appointment by Parliament of the Civil List for pre-eminent contributions to Britain in science."

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your comments

**Hawys Miller (nee Ball)**
In reply to Rhiannon Williams from Pontarddulais. I am Janice Ball's daughter. My grandmother and grandfather were Hannah and Ben Havard. Mum has 3 girls and I am the youngest. There's Sian, Rebecca and me (Hawys) and mum now lives in Cardiff. Jan Ball now conducts the Treorchy Male Choir. What a small world!
Mon Apr 5 21:05:20 2010

**Rhiannon Williams from Pontarddulais**
My great grandmother Hannah Griffiths nee Hopkin lived next door to her sister Catherine Hopkin nee Hopkin in Craigcefnparc. Catherine had a daughter Hannah who married Ben Havard. They too lived in the village and I believe Ben played the organ at Capel Elim. They had a daughter Janice Ball nee Havard who played the piano on the tv proramme Sion a Sian.
Tue Mar 23 14:02:44 2010

**Rod Gentry Cardiff**
To Ann Langley, Sandown, Isle of Wight I cant help with the genealogy, but there is a nice sculpture in the National Museum of Wales in Cardiff by James Harvard Thomas, but I cant find any info about him on the web
Wed Feb 3 16:37:06 2010

**Curtis Havard**
i live in rosetta mississippi wilkinson county.my grand father was william (bill) havard.would like someone to email me with more information on the havards of wilkinson county.
Mon Jan 4 09:37:18 2010

**Alan Owen Sunderland GB**
I have done extensive research on the life my great great great grandfather Dr. John Havard of Llangeler, Carmarthenshire. His gravestone is in the churchyard there. He was born at Goitre Farm in the neighbouring parish and was the local surgeon. He had served at the Battle of Waterloo at the age of 24. He died in 1840 and there was much written about him at the time. I have his will and also the wills of his father John (d.1832 ) The Havard family had long lived on Goitre Farm and I have another will drawn up from there in 1710 of Harry Havard.The is another%! Ograve in Llangeler churchyard which has an interesting inscription. It reads 'M.Havard Evans Esg descended from
Harry Havard of Goitre in Emlyn whose ancestor was
Thomas Havard of Pontwillym, Brecon was High Sheriff of
his county in 1549 and 1555. He then goes to the claim his
Norman ancestry and also his wife's connection with no
other than 'Roderick the Great about the 9th Century.' A few
miles away is the mansion of Dolhaiidd Uchaf (Upper
Dolhaiidd) near Newcastle Emlyn which has a long connection
with the Havard family. It was built in 1606 by David
Havard, son of John Havard. Next door is Dolhaiidd Isaf
(Lower) which is not only connected with the Havards but
also with Dafydd ap Gwilym, the 14th%! 20century poet,
known as the Shakespeare of Wa! les.

Kate from Devon
My husband's ancestor Sophia Havard was born in 1828 in
Glascwvm to Evan and Margaret Havard (Margaret nee
Williams). Would love to know more about them.
Sun Dec 13 19:40:32 2009

malwyn thomas ,cefn-fforest
my great-granfather,John Poulton,who came from
brilley,Hereford,when widowed,had a 2nd marriage to sarah
havard,who's family at th time came from Talgarth
,brecknock.
Fri Dec 4 07:59:11 2009

lionel walford weston super mare somerset
I am trying to trace a Sue Havard daughter of John Havard
born 1849 in Dowlais Merthyr Tydfil South Wales. Sue
Havard billed as the Great Welsh-American Soprano of the
Metropolitan Opera Company New York gave a special
concert in the Bethania Chapel Dowlais Aug 31 1931 in
which her parents were married
Mon Nov 23 17:01:15 2009

Linda Jones from Carmarthenshire
I am trying to find out more about my Great Grandfather
and his parents and any siblings. His name was Henry Jones
born 1852 in Velindre, Llangyfelach, Swansea and who lived
nearby at Cwm Cerddinen. I have been told that he had two
sisters (their names may have been Ann and Mary) who
married two brothers from the Havard family in Craig Cefn
Parc. I have not found out anything about this yet. If
anyone knows of this or has any information it would be
much appreciated.
Tue Nov 17 10:00:18 2009

Mitchel Havard
I am Mitchel Shane Havard son of Marty Shane Havard.
Grandfather, C.J. Havard, Great uncle Carl havard. Huntingto
TX
Sun Nov 15 19:55:26 2009

Alison Davies from Neath
My husband Edward is a direct descendant of the Havards of
Ystrafellta. All children of Mary Havard are deceased except
for one. The grand children live in London Glynneath, West
Wales Rhos and Crynant. The chidren of Mary consisted of
one son andfour daughters.
Mon Nov 9 14:29:10 2009

Joan High from Texas, USA
I traced my maternal line direct back to Joan Havard born
1300. She may have been the daughter of a William Havard.
I am trying to find a record of her mother and her mothers
family in Wales during this time period.
Mon Nov 2 16:40:07 2009

Lucedale
I want to know if I am kin to any havard's. My grandmother is Rachel Louis Havard and her husband is Freddie A. Havard. My grandmother was a Havard before she married a Havard. Can you tell me if I am any kin.
Wed Sep 2 11:27:40 2009

Ron Lamont from London
In connection with the comment from Damian of Werribee. My Grandfather Fred Havard was a brother to William Jonas, he migrated to NZ and farmed in Central Otago. Most of the family are still in NZ, I understand the brothers originate from Penwern Farm nr Brecon
Wed Jul 29 12:10:22 2009

Roger Barber, London
An excellent article about the Havards, but unfortunately incorrect with regard to the Awbreys. The Awbreys came into Wales in c 1284 with Edward 1. They were actually from Whittlebury in Northants where they were foresters of Whittlewood. The earliest reference is to Aubrey of Whittlewood in c 1100 in the Luffield Priory Charters. They held lands by knight's service, and went into Wales under Humphrey de Bohun. Thomas Awbrey was a king's bailiff and constable of Brecon Castle and there are many documents available to prove this. The Awbrey "pedigree" was purchased by Dr William Awbrey in 1580 and is a fabrication prior to c 1400.
Mon Jun 8 09:57:19 2009

David Havard
we now live in llanymynech powys side came hear from kidderminster in 2000 i was told by my family my grait grandad came to england from irland due to potato fammin any idears /info recived...
Tue May 19 11:01:50 2009

Ann Langley, Sandown, Isle of Wight
I have just stumbled on to this very interesting site. I am trying to trace the connection between James Thomas Havard and my family. He was Professor of Sculpture at the Slade School of Art in London and had previously lived and worked in Italy (Naples, Sorrento and Pompeii) where he married an Italian girl. He had a son who also became a sculptor.My mother was named after James Thomas: Isabel Agnes Havard Harris, born in 1908 in Dover, Kent, UK. Her mother, Edith Agnes Harris, nee Burtenshaw, visited J T Havard in Italy with her twin sister at a time when few people travelled out there alone from England. I would appreciate any items of information regarding this elusive connection with the two families so anybody with light to shed please contact me. Thank you.
Sun May 17 20:25:25 2009

Charlotte Havard Hart from Santa Fe, NM (USA)
To Alice Braud Jones of Houston: I also have the birthplace of John Havard (married Cecelia Hulsey of SC) as Georgia in 1770. My source also is researcher in Lucedale, MS. So we are definitely descended from same line. Supposedly his father was from Wales, but I don't have any further information on him. If anyone has more sourced information, please post! Thanks for this great site!
Sun Apr 26 19:18:37 2009
**William Harvard Edwards, Canberra**
Believe I am cousin to Sue Perry (entry 18 May 07). Our grandfather (b. 1873?) was Wm Harvard Edwards. My son is 4th (whom I know of) in a row to carry Wm H. My brother Matthew and I would dearly like to know more abt our connection with UK and a family move from Tasmania to Massachusetts in the 1880s.
Tue Mar 24 16:32:19 2009

**Eira Joan Luke, Tenby**
My surname at birth was Smiles. My Grandmother was the daughter of Howell Havard, we believe, of Defynnog originally but living in Brecon. His daughter Mary Ann was known by the name of Havard but as Howell was not married to her mother I believe that her birth would have been registered in her mother's name (Thomas I think). Mary Ann was born on 22nd. November 1879. Any information would be appreciated.
Sun Jan 25 16:30:58 2009

**Mitchell Havard, Kiln, Mississippi**
My Great,Great,Grandfather was Murdock Havard {born 1847}. My Great Grandfather was Swint Havard. My Grandfather was William Murdock Havard {Bill Havard} And my father was Wilbur Murdock Havard he went by the name{Sonny Havard}. My Havard Kin are from Wilkinson county Mississippi then also goes back to Wales. From my understanding no one could link the Wilkinson county Havard's to the Lucedale Havard's But yet History has us {Havard's} coming from the same place Wales {I am proud of my last name and heritage}
Tue Dec 2 09:48:50 2008

**Bernard Havard from Philadelphia**
My father, Maurice, and grandfather, Louis, were wood sculptors. Louis was born in St. Malo, Brittany (France) and studied at Les Beaux Arts in Paris. He was a sculptor for Leopold, King of the Belgians. Louis dismantled a pagoda in Indochina and reassembled it in Brussels for King Leopold. Louis then went to work for the Rorke family in England. The Rorkes had a refurbishment contract at Buckingham Palace where he did much of his work. He was compared favorably to the famous English wood sculptor, Grinling Gibbons. The Havard family has been in St. Malo since the%2! 09th century and fought along side William the Conquerer in 1066, and as a result were given land grants in Wales. The Havard family owned fleets of boats in St. Malo and owned the vessel that Jacques Cartier used to discover Canada. The Havards were also corsairs (pirates) out of St. Malo. For further research on the noble Havard family in France, go to the Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris.
Mon Dec 1 10:32:19 2008

**Jesse L Havard from Columbus, MS**
I am just trying to research my family history. I am relatively new to this and could use any help with this daunting task. My mother has told me we are descended from Wales. My grandfathers name was Elbert Havard and he served in WWII. Please forward anything you know.
Thanks
Tue Oct 21 09:19:22 2008

**Andrew Ashley, Pentrecagal, Castellnewydd Emlyn, W**
Really enjoyed reading the site. I have been looking into the Havards a little, although not related. We have lived in the
Havard house in West Wales for the past 10 years. It dates from 1600's, possibly earlier, on the banks of the Teifi and Bargoed, where Dafydd ap Gwilym's uncle met his untimely end... See pictures of the house at www.dolhaiddmansion.co.uk

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Tue Sep 30 15:13:54 2008

Malcolm Phillips Cardiff
Through my Gg grandfather Daniel THOMAS of Penboyr/Llangeler and his father Thomas Jones who married Mary HAVARD of the Havard family of Dolhaidd Uchaf on the banks of the Teifi C 1805 I have gone back to 1058. This has been with the help of a welsh written book "Hanes Pwyfi Llangeler a Phenboyr" The Parish history of Llangeler and Penboyr, which also goes back to Sir Walter HAVARD and Roderick the Great. Unfortuanatelt I'm missing something along the way and would love to know if someone could fill in some gaps for me such as when was the crossover from Pontwilym to the Castellnewydd Emlyn area that is from Breconshire to Carmarthenshire and are they the same family. Any help would be much appreciated as one of the marriages on the females in latter years was to Christmas Evans the famous one eyed preacher. Many thanks Malcolm Phillips

Thu Aug 21 10:36:57 2008

John Havard, Chicago
My father grew up in Swansea. Other than his father, Oliver Havard, and a great-uncle John Havard, I haven't traced the Havards any further back - although I'm excited to know where the trail leads!


Curtis Havard, Rosetta, Mississippi
Very interesting articles here. I am the great grand son of Murdock Havard born in 1847 in Wilkinson County, Mississippi. He was the son of William Havard, and Elizabeth McCranie. Murdock was 16 when he joined the Confederate army in 1864. He served 13 months with the 11th. and 17 Arkansas mounted infantry.

Fri Jul 11 10:16:39 2008

Jake Havard Hampshire
Hello Havards. Lots of people get the Havard name wrong for Harvard I know its the same name spelled different but why cant people get it right? I come from 2 families the smiths and havards but I dont know much about the smiths but if anyone else knows please make a comment.

Thu Jul 3 09:28:28 2008

James William Evans, Mount Vernon, Iowa, USA
My 4-Great Grand Father Edward Evans was from Brecon-Brecon Wales and my ancestors are buried by the Church of Saint John's in Brecon. Edward immigrated to Maryland very near the Delaware border in the mid 1700's to present day Worcester. He was distantly related to Sir Harvard.

Fri Jun 27 14:52:39 2008

Alice Braud-Jones, Houston, TX, USA.
To Charlotte Havard Hart of Santa Fe, NM. Please cite your source for the birthplace of John Havard, husband of Cecelia Hulsey. This is also my line and the info I have from
researcher of Lucedale, MS says he was born in GA. Thanks, Alice Braud-Jones, Houston, TX
Mon Jun 16 10:48:58 2008

Leah Havard, Hampshire
People always mistook my name for Harvard and it always really annoyed me but now I know its practically the same name I won't be so quick to bite! I was always brought up with the connection to William The Conquerer and was told it was that a Havard was married to his sister. My family are also from Wales via London.
Thu May 22 09:02:09 2008

Charlotte Havard Hart (Santa Fe, NM)
My great great grandfather was Thomas Jefferson Havard, b 1822 in Mississippi, and married Clarissa Tillman in 1841. His father was a John Havard, from Wales, who married Cecelia Hulse from south Carolina. That is all the information I have, but it seems to match the John Havard mentioned above by Victor Havard and Edna Walker. I would love to be able to trace the Havard line back further, as the family legend is that we are descended from a Havard that fought with William the Conqueror. Oddly, my mother's family legend is that they are descended from another companion of William the Conqueror (Malet). So definitely an interesting family line if I can verify any of this. Please contact me if you have any information, and I will be glad to share what I have been able to find to this point.
Thu May 8 11:02:35 2008

Maldwyn Thomas
I have copy of my family tree, and it goes back to lord Rhys Tewdwr. It also mentions arglwydd rhys died 1197 dynasty of deheubarth. My line also includes, bleodyn ap cynfyn died 1075, dynasty of powys. Can anyone give any upto date info on any one famous belonging to me?
Mon Apr 28 09:22:50 2008

Lesley from Aveyron, France
My gg grandfather's name was Charles Havard Gwinnett. Both his sons gave their firstborn son the same name, so it must have been important to them. However I have been unable to find Charles' baptism, so I have no idea who his parents are. The Gwinnetts originated in N. Wales and moved to Gloucestershire in the mid 16th century and my gg grandfather first surfaces in the Bristol area not long before his marriage in 1812. According to various sources he was born about 1788. Can anyone tell me anything about who his parents might have been or where the name Havard came from?
Thu Apr 10 10:32:30 2008

Victor Havard New Orleans La (USA)
for Edna Walker about her mother . There is a library full of info on Havard's of S.W. Mississippi in the Lucedale Library compiled by William Thomas who's grandmother was a Havard. I understand that there are now over 100,000 links. Bill does not put his info on the internet but is always interested in making additions to his list. We know that John Havard and his brother Charles arrived in Jackson county MS c. 1811. Later settled in the Lucedale Ms Area at Rocky Creek. It is only 35 miles from Mobile to Lucedale so you might want to make a nice little drive up there.
Sun Mar 23 11:19:27 2008

Bunty Harvard Coventry
I am the mother of Sue Jones listed here, I supplied the information for her research. I know that my grandfather Thomas Harvard came from Brecon I have his photograph. He married Gwenllian Thomas in Bedlinog around 1916. The wife of John Thomas Harvard was Sarah. I have more information but need to look it out. I would like to hear from anyone connected to my family to share information.
Tue Jan 15 10:02:45 2008

**Eric Fisher, San Luis Obispo, CA, USA**
My wife and our children are descended from the Havards of Angelina County, Texas. We believe the family came to Pennsylvania in the 1690's from Pemrokehsire. They were likely part of the Quaker migration of that time. They prospered in Mississippi and in Texas in the 19th century. Our son is called Marshall Havard Fisher.
Fri Dec 28 09:08:32 2007

**David Havard from Birmingham**
Hello fellow Havards. Nice to see so many other people interested in our family name. I born and raised in Birmingham and so was my dad and grandfather and his father etc. I belive we are descended from Wales so this site is of interest. Thanks!
Tue Nov 6 08:57:44 2007

**Chris Thomas from Morriston**
My grandmother was Eluned Havard, the eldest of 6 adult children (2 further children died in infancy) of David Morgan Havard and Rachel Havard (nee Thomas), all from Craig Cefn Parc. I wish to discuss and research the Havard family tree. I live in Skwen now and would welcome some contact.
Tue Oct 30 08:10:50 2007

**Suzanne Jones nee Harvard, Lincolnshire**
We originate from Brecon following the Harvard line. My grandfather's name being Stanley Thomas Harvard the only child of Thomas Harvard born 1887-1932. He was a mining engineer and died in a pit accident. He was a member of a large family who mostly settled in Bedlinog S.Wales. One brother moved to America and owned a plantation.One of Thomas Harvards sister was called Margery (she never married)another sister married Edga Evans and had a son called Vivian. Another brother had a daughter named Vannessa she lives in Bedlinog her married name now James. If anyone out there knows any other info relating to Harvard family please let me know.
Sun Sep 30 11:06:44 2007

**Teena**
I am wondering if anyone may know of childhood diseases which may have been the cause of blindness? Thomas James Havard b 1876, son of James Havard & Hannah Beaven is listed in the 1891 census at the District School for the Indigent Blind.Southwark Civil Parish St George Eccl. Parish: St Jude. Thomas was 15 yrs. & listed as a basketmaker. I would *Love more information about this topic! (and connections with other Havard researchers.
Sun Sep 9 15:41:01 2007

**Mary Sollars**
I descend from Humphrey de Soler one of the 12 knights that was with Neufmarche and he was given Tredustan. I have been told quite recently that the list of the 12 knights is a fabrication. This to me is insulting to the history of our
families. Does anyone have information to confirm the list of 12? I know these Knights existed. Right now I am trying to confirm their existence via the net and so far so good.
Sun Aug 19 20:04:57 2007

**Gary Nicholls from Cannock**
My mother's name is Myra Jean Havard, born in Brecon in 1929 (still alive). Mum met my father whilst he was serving in the Royal Welsh Fusileers based at the barracks on the Watton in Brecon and they were married in Brecon Cathedral in 1949. Upon my Dad leaving the army in 1958 he and mum moved back to his home town of Cannock where work was plentiful. I have done quite a bit of work on my Havard tree, having followed the life of my Great Grandfather James. James's military medals can be seen in the South Wales Borderers Museum next to the barracks with campaign medals being won in 1901/2 in the 2nd Boar War. He saw further service in the first world war and became one of the first intake into the newly formed territorial army in 1908. He also served in the Home Guard during the second world war. Using census records I have the family back to James born c1801 in Llanthetty, Breconshire (assuming my research is correct). I would welcome any input that could further my knowledge of the Havard Line and help me move the family history back through the ages.
Tue May 29 13:50:14 2007

**Jamie Havard from Northampton**
I'm just starting to research my Ancestry following the loss of my Grandad and the recent birth of my Daughter. My 'immediate' family (up to great grand-parents) are from London, but I know we have history of the name from Wales. I'm still yet to reach the times lines you have achieved, but I do wonder if Thomas Havard has a connection to my family?
Fri May 25 10:46:46 2007

**Edna Walker, Mobile, Alabama, USA**
My Mother was a Havard descending from Thomas Havard, father of John Havard b. 1780, married Cecelia Hulsey. I believe Thomas Havard lived in Virginia. I know nothing else about Thomas Havard. I wonder if we are from your lineage. Please forward any information you may have. Thank you.
Wed May 23 08:27:21 2007

**Sue Perry from Tasmania**
My mother's family always had the tradition of Harvard as their second name. The family name is Edwards. I never knew where Harvard came from. My sister is also Judith Harvard plus other cousins.
Fri May 18 09:09:43 2007

**Derek Edwards, Rogerstone**
I am descended from Sir Hugh Surwal, a Norman Knight of the eleventh century born in Normandy, one of twelve Knights of the Norman Baron Bernard de Neufmarche en Lions (Bernard Newmarch) who invaded Brycheiniog in 1093. He was given the parish of Aberyscir in Breconshire.
Wed May 16 09:43:18 2007

**Sue Riley from Bishop Auckland**
I am descended from Anne Havard from Glastcwm who married John Grubward of Hereford. She is my GGGGG-grandma and I was recently contacted by someone who said that Anne Havard was descended from Sir Walter Havard also.
My grandmother's parents were born in Wales and the family as I have been told goes back to at least 1066 with William the Conqueror. Originally from the name Havre de Grace I believe. Great grandfather's name was William Jonas Havard. He migrated to New Zealand with his wife Anne where my grandmother was born and when she was 1 they all came to Australia. Nan's name was Joan Evans Havard. Any information would be very helpful and greatly appreciated.

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