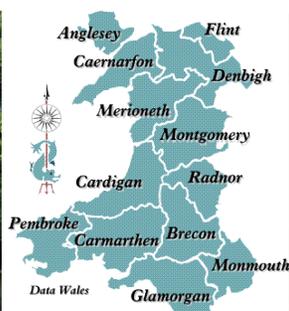


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These Bulletins are meant to update you on The Trust's activities and plans.***

HAPPY ST. DAVID'S DAY



The Sir William Vaughan Trust Incorporated Project Activities

Lower Coast Archaeological Testing Project

Robyn Fleming attended the Special membership meeting on 30 November and briefed the meeting on results. She tested along the now unused Curries Lane which runs between the stone fences and the beach and discovered Jackson's Plantation, an early 19th century English fishing premises and gardens. Her report was received by the Board in February (see some details below).



Research Program

Not much activity took place on the documentary research front over the summer and fall of 2014. However, visits to Wales and Northern Ireland by Board members Pat Curran, Tor Fosnæs, and Cabot Martin in October and November strengthened the academic and historic research ties with our European members (see reports later).



International Virtual Symposium on Early Modern Wales and Newfoundland 2012

IVS EMWN 2012 remains available for new postings and comments.

Send papers or other material as .PDF files to papers@swvp.ca.

Send comments or discussion about IVS submissions to comments@swvp.ca.



Recent Readings

The Welsh and the Shaping of Early Modern Ireland: 1558-1641. Rhys Morgan, Boydell Press, Woodbridge, 2014.

From soldier to settler: the Welsh in Ireland, 1558-1641. Rhys Morgan. PhD Thesis, Cardiff University 2010. Available online here:

<http://orca.cf.ac.uk/54180>

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The Plantation of Ulster— Ideology and practise. Edited by Eamonn O Ciardha & Michael O Siochru. 2012 Manchester University Press. Manchester.

A collection of essays by leading scholars many dealing with the proposition that the Ulster Plantation served as a template for colonial expansion in the Americas, the Caribbean and the Indian sub-continent.

Carmarthenshire in Prehistoric and Roman Times - A Historical Article on the Stone Age, the Bronze Age, the Iron Age and Roman Times (Paperback) John E Lloyd, Read Books, United Kingdom, 2011. Books on demand.

Some interesting concepts – until the arrival of the Romans Wales was invaded, settled, used from the Western seashores; even by pre-Roman seafarers – strong cultural influences in trade with Ireland – some northern influences over the Northern mountains; before Roman times there was a north-south land route (portage) across mid-Wales so mariners had less risk sailing around the western heads of Wales; the Romans came for gold, British veins of which existed only in Wales, at the time.

Cavalier - A Tale of Chivalry, Passion and Great Houses, Lucy Worsley, Faber and Faber Limited, 2007.

Essentially tells the story of William Cavendish, noblemen, from 1615 to 1680 with detail on household operations, building construction, estate management etc.



Reports

Visit to Wales by Tor Fosnæs, Treasurer

As part of a vacation to Ireland and Wales, Mr. Fosnæs met with Dr. Lloyd Bowen of the University of Cardiff. The Trust's objectives were discussed and there was much discussion as to how Dr. Bowen's current research activities can contribute to the Trust's knowledge base in planting, shipping, and economic relations of Wales with Ireland and the New World.

Dr. Bowen pointed out that much of Welsh coal mining was on property once owned by Englishmen (mostly from Lancashire) and there may be references found in Lancs. Public and private archives. He will explore the possibility of unearthing Vaughan papers in those areas; he has contacts with people working with early 17th century topics in Lancs.

Lloyd Bowen is a native of Treorchy in the Rhondda Valleys of Glamorgan, south-east Wales. He studied at the universities of Cardiff and Exeter, with a principal research interest in the politics of early Stuart Wales. He has published widely on his interest in gentry life and culture in the early modern period, which intersects with the Vaughans of Carmarthenshire. Dr Bowen wrote the entries for Sir John Vaughan of Golden Grove and Henry Vaughan of Derwydd for the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography (2004), and also wrote their longer biographies for The History of Parliament Trust: The House of Commons, 1604-1629 (2010). He is also engaged in the study of early modern royalism and has recently published in The Historical Journal and Past & Present on this theme.

He is currently engaged on the study of a duel in Jacobean England between a Welsh protagonist and a gentleman from Cheshire, which he hopes to turn into a book-length study. He has supervised doctoral students examining the migration and settlement of early modern Welsh man and women in Ireland, and the economic connections between sixteenth and seventeenth south Wales and Bristol. His profile can be found at http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/share/contactsandpeople/academicstaff/A-E/bowen-lloyd-dr-overview_new.html

Mr. Fosnæs met with Mark John, an independent film and video producer from Cardiff, and formerly head of the Cardiff Film Development Corporation. Mr. John has an interest in early Welsh settlements in North America and was quick to point out that many of the first English plantations had Welsh components making them among the first settlers of North America. He has contacts in the BBC and BBC Wales film archives and will see if a list of Newfoundland subject films and videos can be obtained. If such exist the Trust may be able access copies through normal channels.

Mr. John will begin to develop potential film and video producers interested in collaborating with Irish and Newfoundland producers to work toward a joint production around the early settlers and Sir William Vaughan in particular. Pat Curran, see below, has taken the lead on a film/video collaboration.

Mr. Fosnæs met with members Thomas Lloyd and Lynn Hughes in Carmarthenshire during a day and a half motor tour, compliments of Mr. Hughes, of the historic sites and castles on Carmarthenshire. Over a lunch at the Wright Food Emporium, they explained that Sir William Vaughan enjoyed a minor revitalization about 40 years ago but that he had since slipped back into some obscurity. Mr. Lloyd will attempt to bring Sir William back into local focus through his various historic and heritage connections.

Visit to Northern Ireland by Pat Curran, Secretary

On October 19-21, 2014 Mr. Curran was in Derry, UK and Donegal, Ireland meeting with prospective partners of the Trust. Two project activities were considered in meetings with Dr. Billy Kelly of the University of Ulster and Chris Nikkel of 360 Productions, a Derry-based film production company. The activities include a research project linking plantation development in North America to

the Derry plantation model and film projects based on the above and as well the Welsh role in early North American plantation development and the role of the Trust in exploring the Sir William Vaughan legacy.

Research Project

As suggested above, the Derry Plantation was a template for further colonial expansion in the New World. The intent of this research project is to determine the extent to which Newfoundland and other North American-based plantations including John Guy at Cupids, George Calvert at Ferryland and William Vaughan efforts at Aquaforte/Trepassey were developed on the Derry plantation model. The research will consider the following:

- Who were the primary investors in the various enterprises and were some of them investors in multiple plantation initiatives?
- What was the network within the investment scheme(s), identifying familial, collegial, fraternal and other organizational linkages?
- Were there similarities in the recruitment efforts of potential settlers and how were these promotional activities developed and implemented?
- Were there particular efforts directed toward specific tradesmen whose skills were necessary in early plantation construction and where were these tradesmen recruited from?
- Were there specific efforts directed toward certain communities or regions from which the majority of settlers were drawn?

Film Projects

There are several opportunities for potential international film collaboration between Wales, Ireland and Newfoundland and Labrador. The first is in relation to the “Derry Plantation – Laboratory for Empire”. A second and perhaps related project is on “The First Welsh Settlers of Newfoundland [hence of North America]”. A further opportunity is in the Trust’s search for archaeological and documentary evidence in support of Sir William Vaughan’s plantation, in essence “Finding Sir William Vaughan”.

Potential Partners

The Trust has identified potential interest in a collaborative approach to pursuing these opportunities across in Ireland, Wales and Newfoundland and Labrador. The research project has been identified as a priority of the Sir William Vaughan Trust (see: <http://www.swvp.ca/>) who have had extensive discussion with Drs. Billy Kelly and Eamonn Ó Ciardha of the University of Ulster. Dr. Kelly's primary research interests are in early modern Irish and British history. As Assistant Director of the Institute of Ulster Scots Studies he is particularly interested in the role of the Scots in Ulster in the seventeenth century. Dr. Ó Ciardha has a distinguished research and publications track record on the Plantation and in postgraduate supervision. Dr. Kelly is prepared to act as co-Principal Investigator (PI) in collaboration with a Memorial-based PI and has identified a suitable Ph.D. candidate to lead the research program both in Ireland, the United Kingdom and Canada,.

Dr. Neil Kennedy of Memorial University of Newfoundland has agreed to lead MUN's engagement. Dr. Kennedy is a specialist in seventeenth-century Bermuda and the Caribbean whose research interests encompass all of the Atlantic Islands, with a particular interest in credit and reputation in the English Atlantic, and with illicit trade in the Caribbean, particularly illicit Anglo-Dutch commerce.



Membership

An important goal for The Trust is to build membership. Membership fees are required to defray administrative costs, the preparation of the Bulletin, to maintain the website, and to build The Trust’s coffers to support its research and field work. Aggregate membership fees are used to lever cost shared programs wherever possible. Simply email tor@swvp.ca or call 709-682-0739 to complete an application and arrange for the transfer of the fee. Donations from Community or Sustaining Partners, are welcome. A receipt and membership certificate will be e-mailed to you.



Membership report

The current membership now stands at 45, including six overseas members, and six organizational partners. At a Special Membership meeting held at the Benevolent Irish Society rooms on Harvey Road 30 November, members adopted the Trust bylaws (available online at swvp.ca/bylaws.pdf) and discussed the Annual General Meeting set for 01 March, St. David's Day, 2015.

Chairperson Cabot Martin gave some remarks about the progress the Trust is making and made a call for new members. Pat Curran gave a brief of his visit to Ireland and the resulting film/video collaboration project; Tor Fosnæs spoke about his visit to Wales; and Robyn Fleming reviewed the 2014 field research project.



The Trust members preparing for the special membership meeting 30 November at the BIS rooms (left); Robyn Fleming presenting her report on the 2014 Lower Coast archaeological testing program (right)



Archaeological report

Robyn Fleming's *An Archaeological Survey on Trepassey's Lower Coast: Testing Currie's Lane (CeAi-06) and Jackson's Plantation (CeAi-07)*, Preliminary Report Permit 14.31 was received by the Board in mid-February. Her Introduction:

The following report presents information concerning an archaeological survey that was conducted in Trepassey on the peninsula known as the Lower Coast during the week beginning on October 12th and ending on the 18th, 2014. The submission of this report partially fulfills requirements for holding the Archaeological Investigation Permit 14.31 (Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation) and the terms set by The Sir William Vaughan Trust Incorporated (SWVT), a community organization responsible for funding this project.

Trepassey is a small Newfoundland community located on the southeast coast of the Avalon Peninsula (see Figure 1). Beginning in the 1500s various European groups travelled to this area to engage in the Newfoundland fishery. Rather than permanently settling in the region they were temporary residents. The SWVT has expressed an interest in Trepassey Bay as it is thought that Sir William Vaughan, a Welsh writer, doctor, lawyer and colonial entrepreneur established a plantation there sometime during the period from 1621 to 1622 (Cell 2000). Through an archaeological survey completed in the fall of 2013 it was determined that a network of stone fences located on Trepassey's Lower Coast was constructed by local residents sometime after 1830 (Fleming 2014). The funding for a second season of survey allowed for the investigation of other areas on the Lower Coast including a thoroughfare known as Currie's Lane and a currently unused pasture known locally as Jackson's Plantation.

Illustrations from her report:



Figure 2: Map Test pit pits from the 2014 archaeological survey courtesy of Bryn Tapper. Extract below shows Curries Lane test pits showing where the oldest artifacts (North Devon sgrafitto sherds) were found (white circles)

