

Chapter 85

My Ancestral Lines to Welsh Kings

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Introduction

I recently wrote about my ancestral lines going back to Scottish kings in the Middle Ages – see:

<http://www.burksoakley.com/QuincyOakleyGenealogy/83-LordWilliamMoray.pdf>

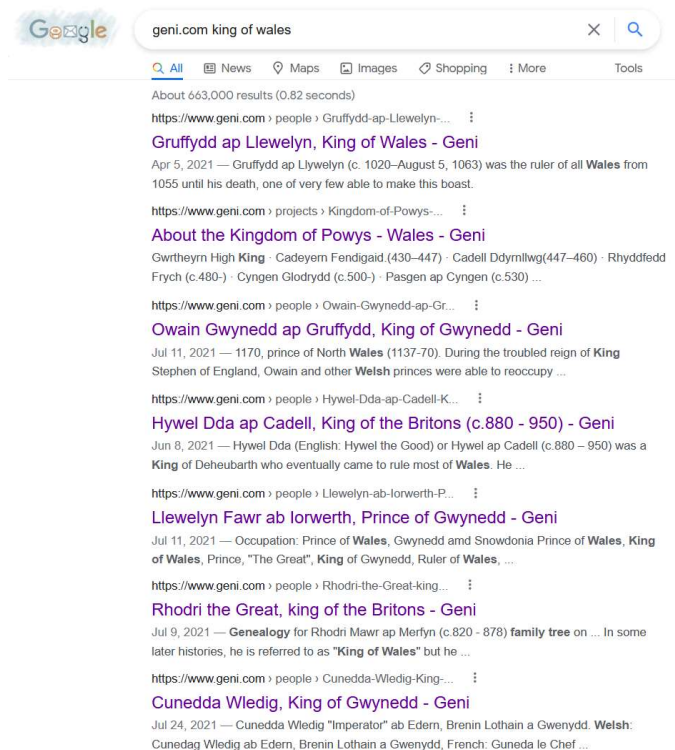
Earlier, I wrote about my ancestral lines going back to Hywel Dda ap Cadell, King of the Britons. He was a Welsh king who was my 28th-great grandfather:

<http://www.burksoakley.com/QuincyOakleyGenealogy/73-Hywel-Dda-ap-Cadell.pdf>

I wondered if there were additional Welsh kings in my ancestry. While I have neither the time nor the ability to research my ancestral lines going back twenty or more generations, I am fortunate to be able to connect my family tree to the “World Family Tree” on the Geni.com website. As of early September 2021, there are almost 160 million people in this tree – see:

<https://www.geni.com/worldfamilytree>

So I Googled “gen.com king of wales” (no quotes) – and this turned up a number of people from the Middle Ages who indeed had titles such as “King of Wales”:



I went through this list to see if I was descended from any of them – and that is what this chapter is about.

Welsh Kings on the Geni.com Website

Gruffydd ap Llewelyn, King of Wales (dates):



This line back to Gruffydd ap Llewelyn goes through my paternal grandmother, Kate Cameron Burks. As an aside, recall that “ap” in Welsh means “son of”.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gruffydd_ap_Llywelyn

<https://www.historic-uk.com/HistoryUK/HistoryofWales/Wales-Mercia-Harold-the-road-to-1066/>

Also good photos of him from the Google search on the kings.

Owain Gwynedd ap Gruffydd, King of Gwynedd:



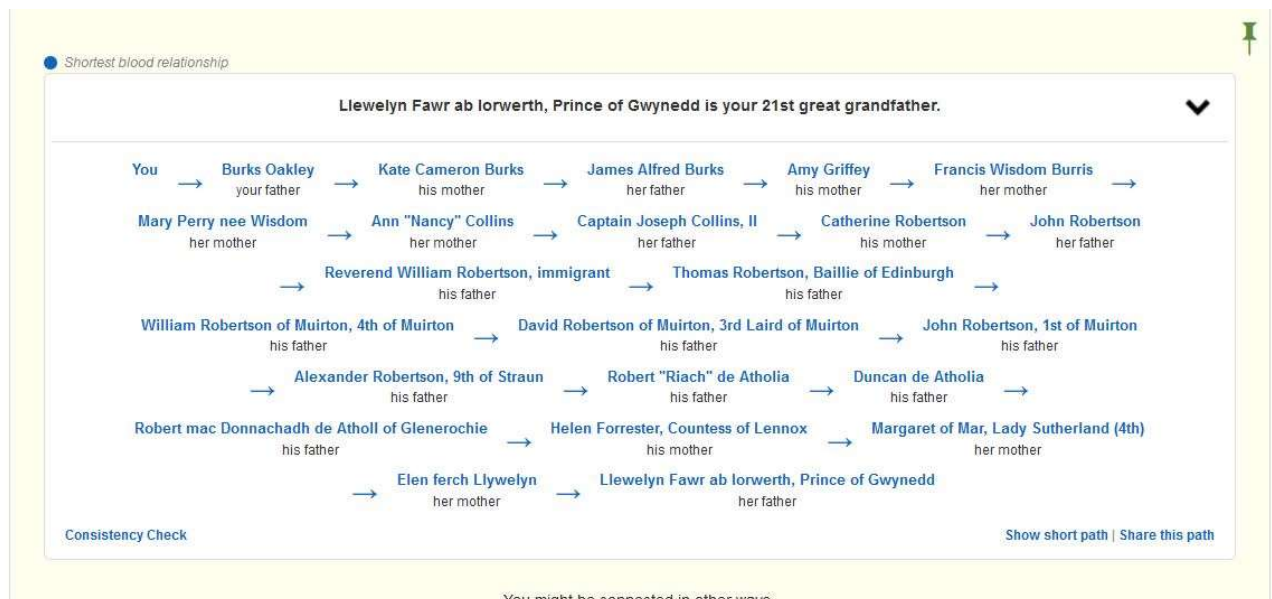
This line goes back through my paternal grandfather, Ray Miller Oakley. On this line, Owain was my 22nd-great grandfather.

Hywel Dda ap Cadell, King of the Britons. He was the focus of Ch. 73:



This is identical to the previous line back to Madog ap Maredudd, King of Powys, and then the line to Hywel goes through Madog's father, while the line to Owain goes through his mother.

Llewelyn Fawr ab Iorwerth, Prince of Gwynedd



This is another line that goes back through the Burks side of my family. Show the similarity with the first Burks line.

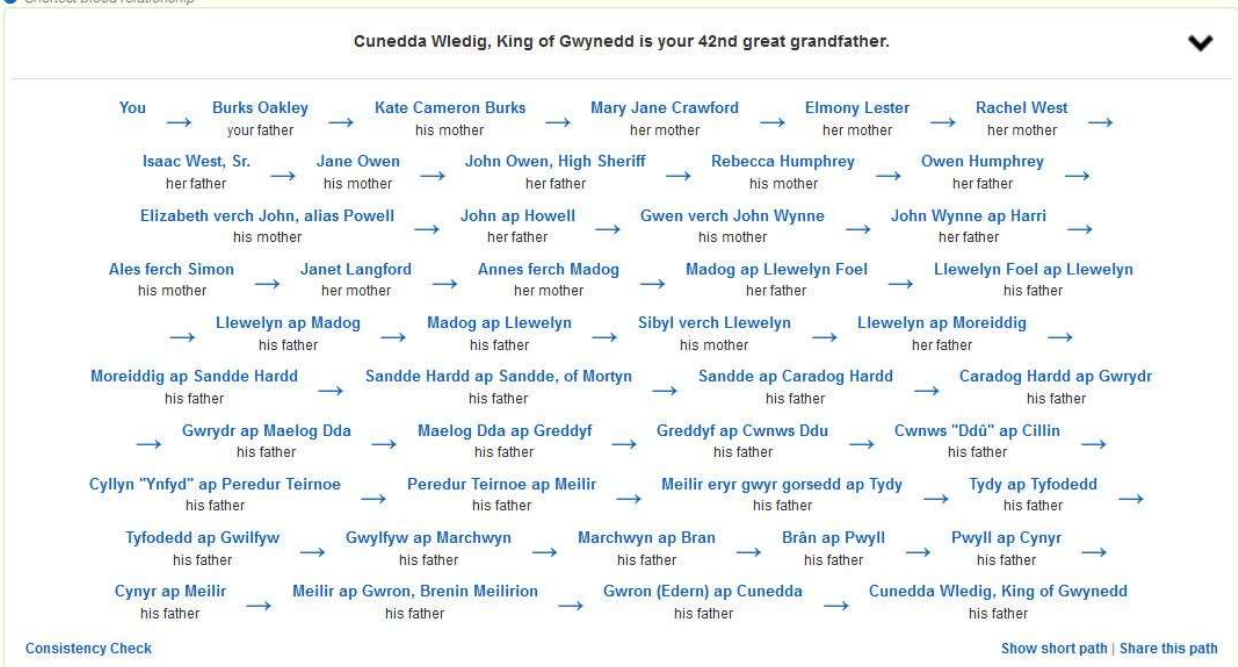
Rhodri the Great, King of the Britons



This is another Oakley line back through Madog ap Maredudd, King of Powys.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rhodri_the_Great

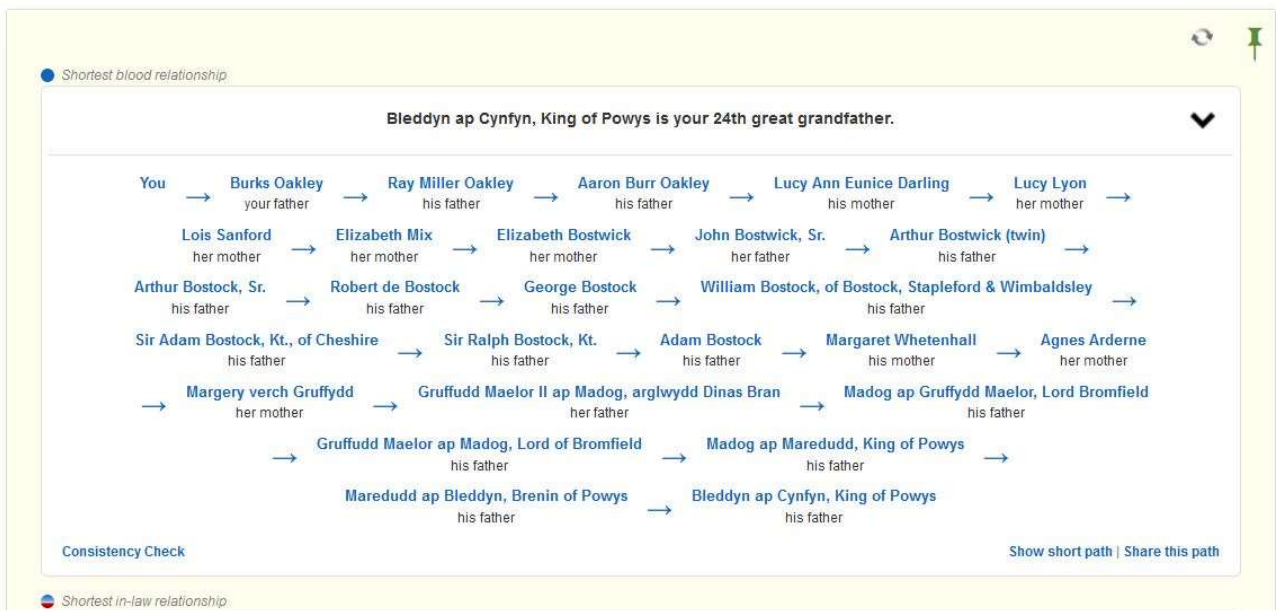
Cunedda Wledig, King of Gwynedd:



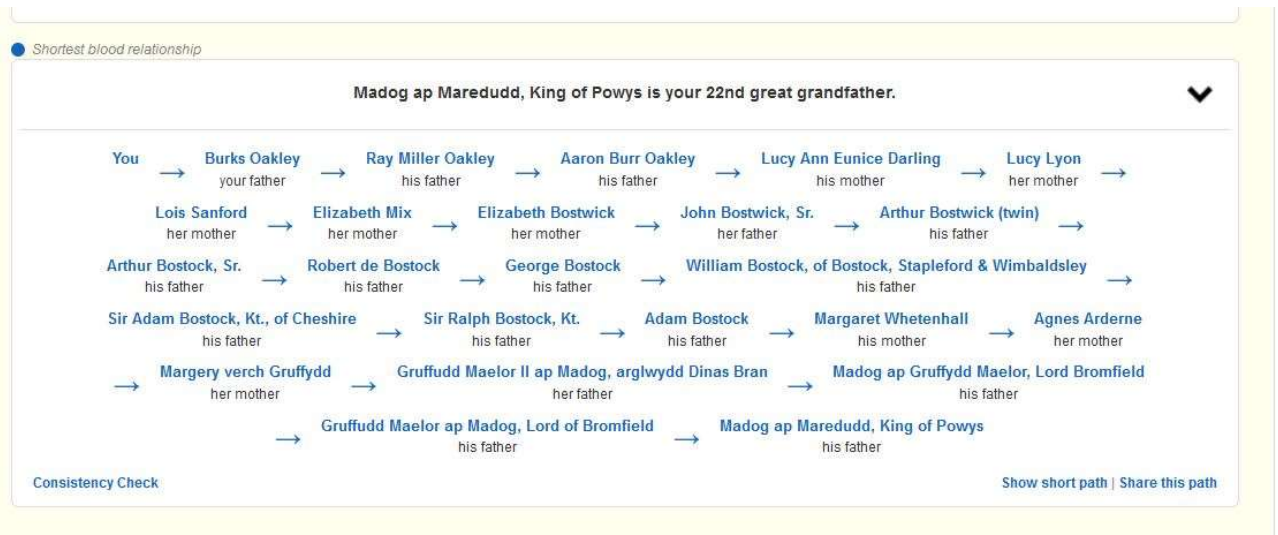
Wow, this one goes a long way back – he was my 42nd-great grandfather. Need dates. Amazing to see these Welsh names!

Three more not shown in the Google search screenshot:

Bleddyn ap Cynfyn, King of Powys – Geni



Madog ap Maredudd, King of Powys (c.1095 - 1160) – Geni



Cadwgan ap Bleddyn, King of Powys



Dafydd ap Gruffydd, Last Independent Prince of Wales – Geni



Shortest in-law relationship

Finally – not a direct ancestor – he was just an uncle – I am descended from his sister.

Lots of pictures of these kings in the Google search:

So this is pretty amazing – all these Welsh kings in my ancestry.

In seeing the results of this first Google search, I learned that several of my ancestors were listed as “King of Powys”. So I next did a Google search:

Google search results for "geni.com king of powys":

- About 176,000 results (0.69 seconds)
- <https://www.geni.com/people/Madog-ap-Maredudd-Ki...>
- Madog ap Maredudd, King of Powys (c.1095 - 1160) - Geni**
- May 15, 2021 — **Genealogy** for Madog ap Maredudd, **King of Powys** (c.1095 - 1160) **family**
- <https://www.geni.com/people/King-of-Powys-Eiludd-a...>
- King of Powys Eiludd ap Cynan (c.585 - 642) - Genealogy - Geni**
- Mar 11, 2021 — **King of Powys** Eiludd ap Cynan. Birthdate: circa 585. Birthplace: **POWYS**,
- <https://www.geni.com/projects/Kingdom-of-Powys-...>
- About the Kingdom of Powys - Wales - Geni**
- Gwrtheyrn High **King** · Cadeyern Fendigaid.(430–447) · Cadell Ddymllwg(447–460) · Rhyddfedd
- <https://www.geni.com/people/Selyf-ap-Brochwel-I-Ki...>
- Selyf I ap Brochwel I, King of Powys (c.850 - d.) - Geni**
- May 16, 2021 — **Genealogy** for Selyf I ap Brochwel I, **King of Powys** (c.850 - d.) **family tree** on
- <https://www.geni.com/people/Bleddyn-ap-Cynfyn-Kin...>
- Bleddyn ap Cynfyn, King of Powys - Geni**
- Aug 3, 2021 — Bleddyn ap Cynfyn (died 1075) was a **King** of the Welsh Kingdoms of Gwynedd
- <https://www.geni.com/people/Cyngen-Glodrydd-King...>
- Cyngen Glodrydd ap Maun, King of Powys (c.475 - c.547) - Geni**
- Mar 9, 2021 — **Genealogy** for Cyngen Glodrydd ap Maun, **King of Powys** (c.475 - c.547)
- <https://www.geni.com/people/Noe-ap-Madog-King-of...>
- Noe ap Madog, King of Powys (c.735 - d.) - Genealogy - Geni**
- Mar 10, 2021 — **Genealogy** for Noe ap Madog, **King of Powys** (c.735 - d.) **family tree** on **Geni**,

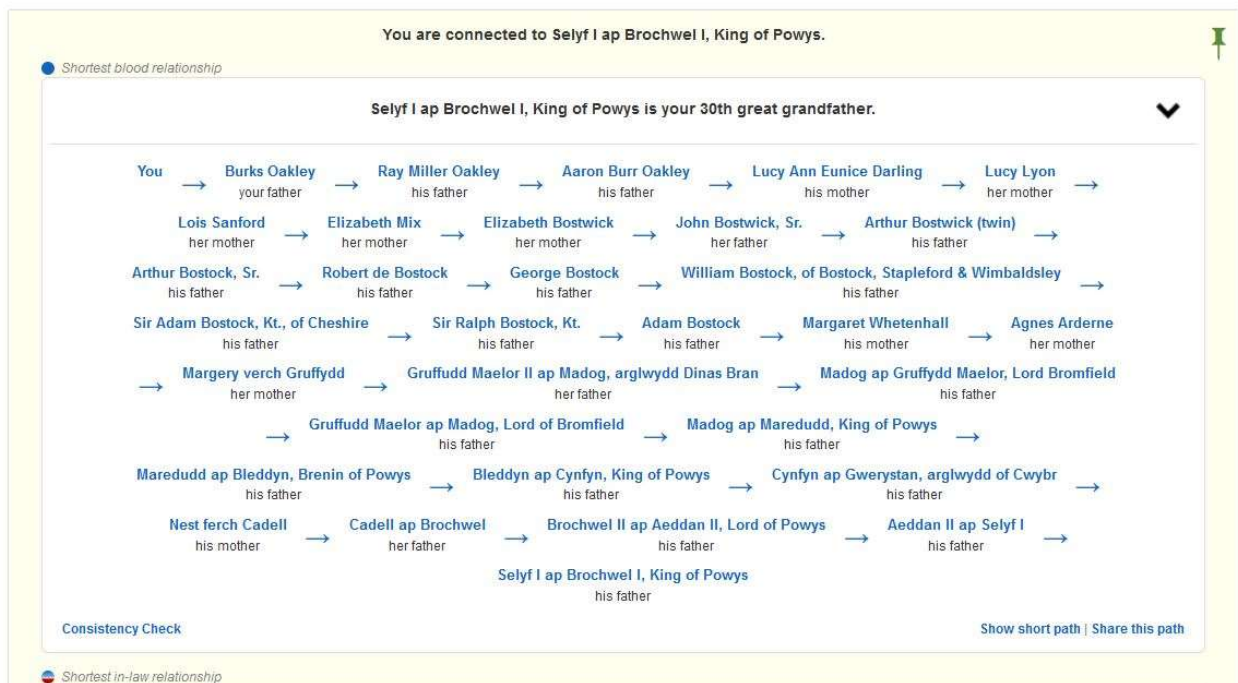
This gave me some additional Welsh to examine on Geni.com – were any of them my ancestors? Well, I recognize Madog ap Maredudd and Bleddyn ap Cynfyn. So let's look at the others:

King of Powys Eiludd ap Cynan

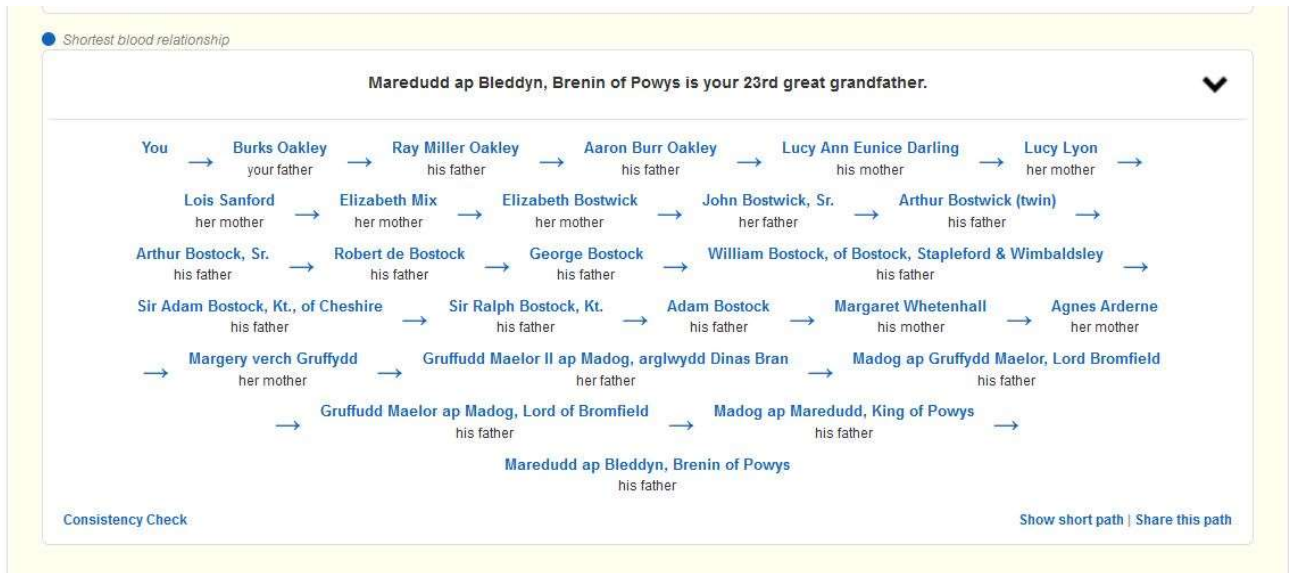


This line goes back through Madog ap Maredudd.

Selyf I ap Brochwel I, King of Powys (c.850 - d.)



Maredudd ap Bleddyn, Brenin of Powys:



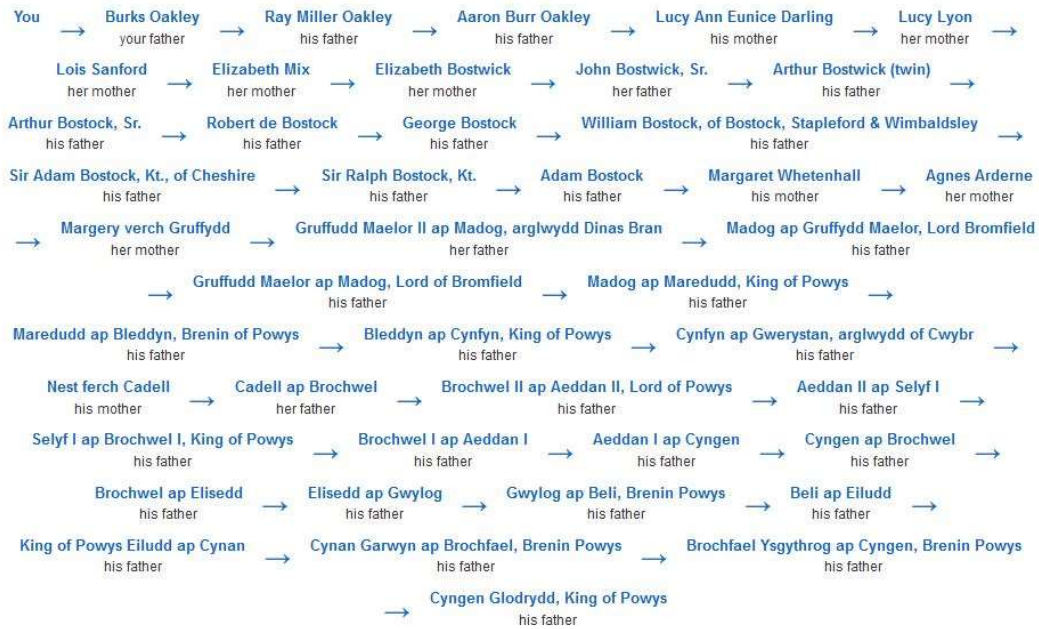
Noe ap Madog, King of Powys



Cyngen Glodrydd ap Maun, King of Powys (c.475 - c.547)

Shortest blood relationship

Cyngen Glodrydd, King of Powys is your 41st great grandfather.



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Shortest in-law relationship

Cyngen Glodrydd, King of Powys is your third great grandmother's husband's 35th great grandfather.

Note the in-law relationship – through Lucy Lyon’s husband. But I don’t think that this part of the tree on Geni.com is correct – and it doesn’t have the husband’s name.

I also saw a number of King of Gwynedd, so I did a Google search for that:



geni.com King of Gwynedd



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About 228,000 results (0.82 seconds)

https://www.geni.com › people › Owain-Gwynedd-ap-Gr...

Owain Gwynedd ap Gruffydd, King of Gwynedd - Geni

Jul 11, 2021 — Owain Gwynedd, d. 1170, prince of North Wales (1137-70). During the troubled

https://www.geni.com › people › Cadwallon-King-of-G...

Cadwallon ap Cadfan, Brenin Gwynedd (c.600 - 634) - Geni

Jun 29, 2021 — Cadwallon ap Cadfan (died 634[1]) was the King of Gwynedd from around 625

https://www.geni.com › people › Cynan-ap-Rhodri-Molw...

Cynan Dyndaethwy ap Rhodri Molwynog, King of Gwynedd

Mar 15, 2021 — Genealogy for Cynan Dyndaethwy ap Rhodri Molwynog, King of Gwynedd

https://www.geni.com › people › Iago-ap-Beli-King-of-G...

Iago ap Beli, King of Gwynedd - Geni

Mar 8, 2021 — Genealogy for Iago ap Beli, Brenin Gwynedd (c.540 - 613) family tree on Geni,

https://www.geni.com › people › Idwal-the-Roebuck-Ki...

Idwal the Roebuck, King of Gwynedd - Geni

Mar 8, 2021 — 682) (Latin: Ituvellus; English: Judwald), more commonly known as Idwal Iwrch

https://www.geni.com › people › Cadfan-ab-Iago-King-of-...

Cadfan ab Iago, King of Gwynedd - Geni

Jun 29, 2021 — Genealogy for Cadfan ab Iago, Brenin Gwynedd (c.570 - c.620) family tree on

https://www.geni.com › people › Cunedda-Wledig-King-...

Cunedda Wledig, King of Gwynedd - Geni

Jul 24, 2021 — Genealogy for Cunedda Wledig "Imperator" ab Edern, Brenin Lothain a

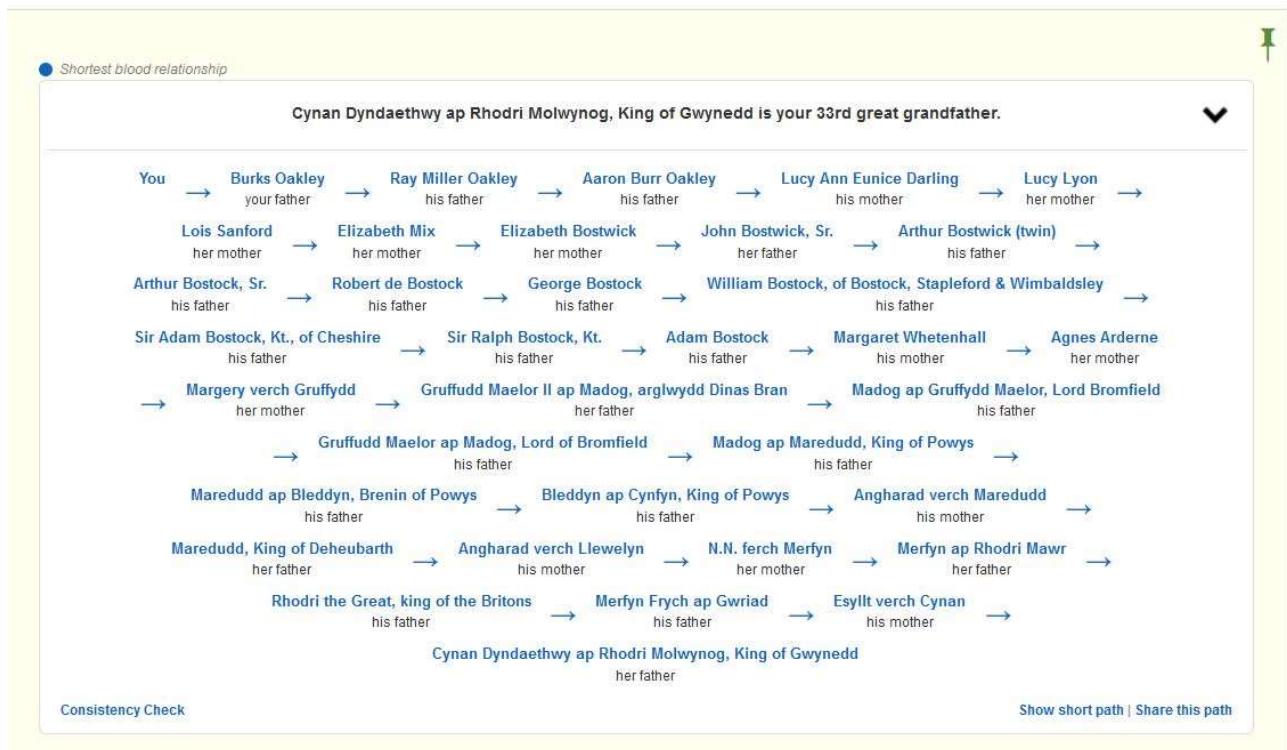
This turned up some additional possibilities.

Owain Gwynedd ap Gruffydd – already did him

Cadwallon ap Cadfan, Brenin Gwynedd



Cynan Dyndaethwy ap Rhodri Molwynog, King of Gwynedd



Iago ap Beli, King of Gwynedd – Geni



Idwal the Roebuck, King of Gwynedd



Cunedda Wledig, King of Gwynedd – already covered him

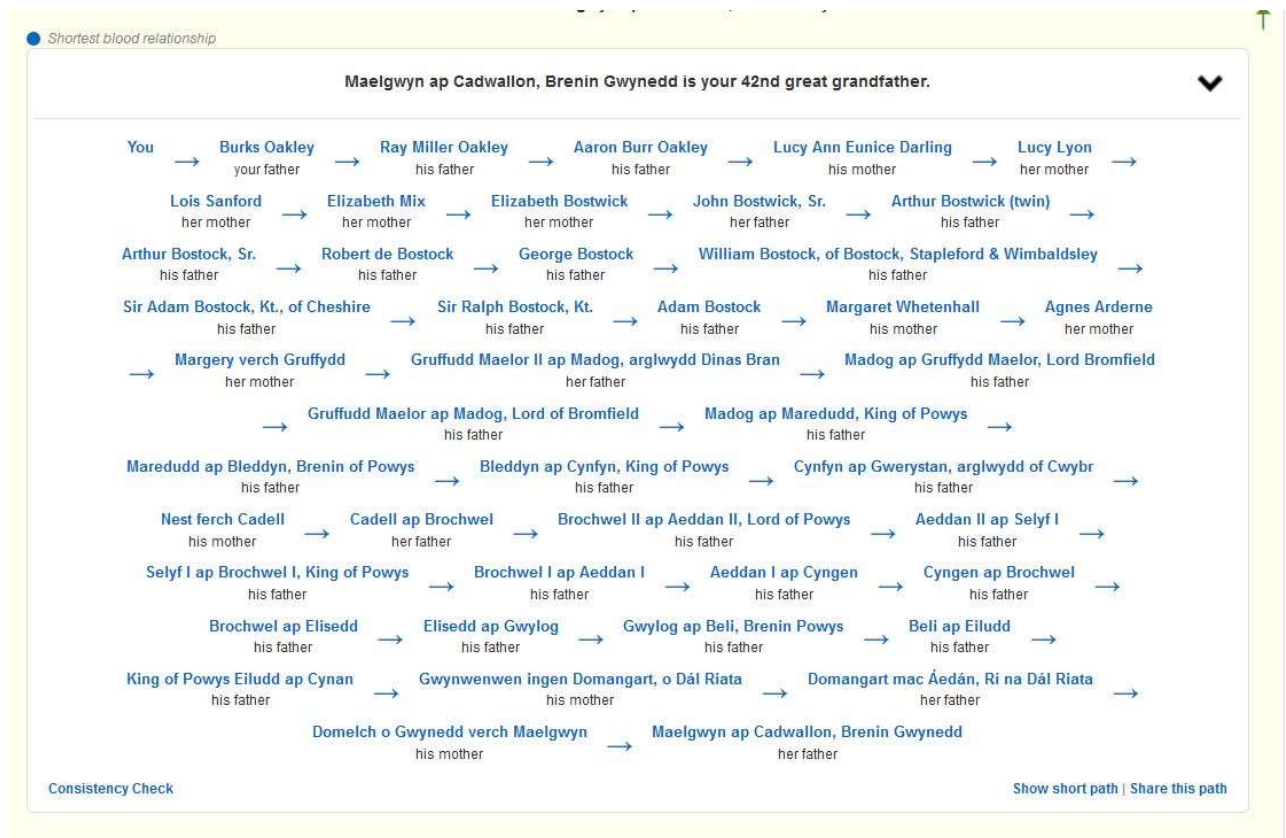
Cadfan ab Iago, King of Gwynedd



Rhodri Molwynog ap Idwal Ywrch, King of Gwynedd ... – Geni



Maelgwyn ap Cadwallon, Brenin Gwynedd (c.480 - 547) – Geni



Rhun Hir ap Maelgwn, Brenin Gwynedd (c.505 - c.586)



OK, end with another uncle relationship.

My Ancestral Lines to Madog ap Maredudd, King of Powys



I next looked at Kate Cameron Burks:

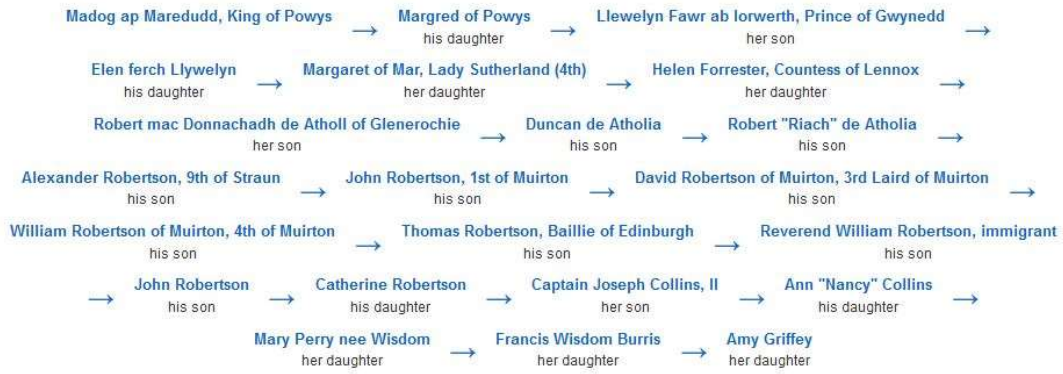


Hannah Mariah Miller:



Amy Griffey:

Amy Griffey is Madog ap Maredudd, King of Powys' 19th great granddaughter.

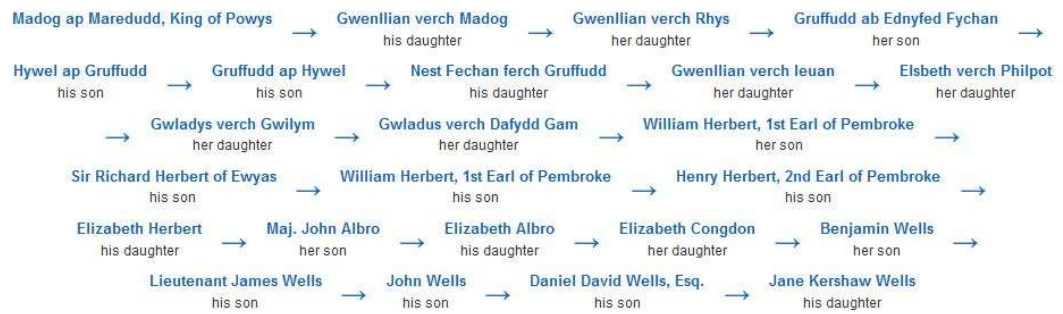


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Jane Kershaw Wells:

Jane Kershaw Wells is Madog ap Maredudd, King of Powys' 21st great granddaughter.



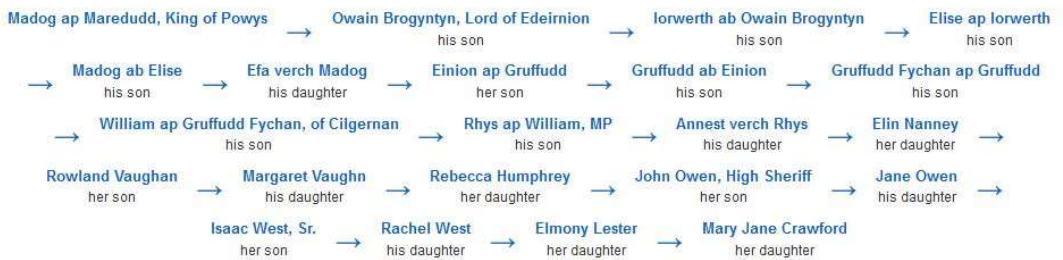
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Mary Jane Crawford:

Madog ap Maredudd, King of Powys is connected to Mary Jane Crawford.

Mary Jane Crawford is Madog ap Maredudd, King of Powys' 19th great granddaughter.



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Lois Sanford:



Rebecca Gregory:

Rebecca (Rebeckah) Gregory

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Edward Jessup:



Hannah Maris:

Madog ap Maredudd, King of Powys is connected to Hannah Maris.

Shortest blood relationship

Hannah Maris is Madog ap Maredudd, King of Powys' 17th great granddaughter.

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    graph LR
      Madog1[Madog ap Maredudd, King of Powys] -- his son --> Gruffudd1[Gruffudd Maelor ap Madog, Lord of Bromfield]
      Gruffudd1 -- his son --> Madog2[Madog ap Gruffydd Maelor, Lord Bromfield]
      Madog2 -- his daughter --> Margery[Margery verch Gruffydd]
      Margery -- his daughter --> SirJohn[Sir John Arderne, Kt.]
      SirJohn -- his daughter --> Elizabeth1[Elizabeth Brereton]
      Elizabeth1 -- her daughter --> Elizabeth2[Elizabeth (Lady) Simcocke]
      Elizabeth2 -- her daughter --> Hannah[Hannah Maris]
      Madog1 -- his daughter --> Matilda[Matilda Arderne]
      Matilda -- her daughter --> Agnes[Agnes Legh]
      Agnes -- her daughter --> Elizabeth3[Elizabeth Brereton]
      Elizabeth3 -- her daughter --> Elizabeth2
      Madog1 -- his son --> Gruffudd2[Gruffudd Maelor II ap Madog, arglwydd Dinas Bran]
      Gruffudd2 -- his son --> SirRobert[Sir Robert Legh, Knt., of Adlington]
      SirRobert -- his son --> Robert[Robert Legh, of Adlington Hall]
      Robert -- his son --> Robert2[Robert Legh, Esq., of Adlington]
      Robert2 -- his daughter --> Margaret[Margaret Smith]
      Margaret -- her daughter --> Elizabeth4[Elizabeth Kinsey]
      Elizabeth4 -- her daughter --> Hannah
      Madog1 -- his son --> Owain[Owain Brogyntyn, Lord of Edeirnion]
      Owain -- his son --> John[John Owen, High Sheriff]
      John -- his wife --> Hannah
  
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Shortest in-law relationship

Hannah Maris is Madog ap Maredudd, King of Powys' 14th great grandson's wife.

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    graph LR
      Madog1[Madog ap Maredudd, King of Powys] -- his son --> Owain[Owain Brogyntyn, Lord of Edeirnion]
      Owain -- his son --> John[John Owen, High Sheriff]
      John -- his wife --> Hannah[Hannah Maris]
  
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Note that she was from a Welsh background – also a line to her husband.

John West the Tavern Owner:

This is the **master profile** for John West the Tavern Owner.

Madog ap Maredudd, King of Powys is connected to John West the Tavern Owner.

Shortest blood relationship

John West the Tavern Owner is Madog ap Maredudd, King of Powys' 17th great grandson.

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    graph LR
      Madog1[Madog ap Maredudd, King of Powys] -- his son --> Gruffudd1[Gruffudd Maelor ap Madog, Lord of Bromfield]
      Gruffudd1 -- his son --> Madog2[Madog ap Gruffydd Maelor, Lord Bromfield]
      Madog2 -- his daughter --> Angharad[Angharad verch Griffith]
      Angharad -- her daughter --> William[William le Boteler, 1st Baron Boteler]
      William -- his daughter --> Elizabeth[Elizabeth Basset]
      Elizabeth -- her daughter --> Lucy[Lucy Grey]
      Lucy -- her daughter --> Katherine[Katherine Lenthall]
      Katherine -- her daughter --> Thomas[Thomas Bartholomew]
      Thomas -- his son --> John[John West the Tavern Owner]
      Madog1 -- his daughter --> Isabel[Isabel le Boteler]
      Isabel -- her daughter --> Katherine2[Katherine la Zouche]
      Katherine2 -- her daughter --> Thomas
      Madog1 -- his son --> Gruffudd2[Gruffudd Maelor II ap Madog, arglwydd Dinas Bran]
      Gruffudd2 -- his son --> SirRalph[Sir Ralph Basset, 1st Baron Basset, of Sapcote]
      SirRalph -- his daughter --> Elizabeth
      Madog1 -- his son --> Owain[Owain Brogyntyn, Lord of Edeirnion]
      Owain -- his son --> Alice[Alice Joanna Scudder]
      Alice -- her daughter --> Richard[Richard Bartholomew]
      Richard -- her daughter --> John
      Madog1 -- his son --> Owain2[Owain Brogyntyn, Lord of Edeirnion]
      Owain2 -- his son --> Joan[Joan Bartholomew]
      Joan -- her daughter --> Rachel[Rachel Ann Gilpin]
      Rachel -- her daughter --> John
  
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Sarah Pearson:

Madog ap Maredudd, King of Powys is connected to Sarah Pearson.

Shortest blood relationship

Sarah Pearson is Madog ap Maredudd, King of Powys' 18th great granddaughter.

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    graph LR
      Madog1[Madog ap Maredudd, King of Powys] -- his daughter --> Gwen1[Gwenllian verch Madog]
      Gwen1 -- her son --> Maelgwn1[Maelgwn Hen ap Rhys]
      Maelgwn1 -- his son --> Maelgwn2[Maelgwn Fychan ap Maelgwn Hen]
      Maelgwn2 -- his daughter --> Elen[Elen verch Maelgwn Fychan]
      Elen -- her son --> Owain[Owain ap Maredudd]
      Owain -- his son --> Llewelyn[Llewelyn ab Owain]
      Llewelyn -- his daughter --> Isabel[Isabel verch Llewelyn]
      Isabel -- her son --> Jenkin[Jenkin Llwyd Hen ap Jenkin Llwyd, of Pywll Dyfach]
      Jenkin -- his daughter --> Gwenn2[Gwennllian ferch Einion Fychan]
      Gwenn2 -- her son --> Richard[Richard Phillips, Server to Anne Boleyn]
      Richard -- his son --> Thomas[Sir Thomas Phillips, MP]
      Thomas -- his daughter --> Jane[Jane Harrop]
      Jane -- her daughter --> Ellen[Ellen Williamson]
      Ellen -- her daughter --> Margery[Margery Smith]
      Margery -- her daughter --> Sarah[Sarah Pearson]
      Madog1 -- his son --> Einion[Einion Fychan ap Gwilym]
      Einion -- his daughter --> Gwenn1
      Madog1 -- his daughter --> Jonet[Jonet Llwyd ferch Jenkin Llwyd Hen]
      Jonet -- her son --> Griffith[Griffith Phillips]
      Griffith -- his daughter --> Jane
      Madog1 -- his son --> William[William Phillips]
      William -- his daughter --> Joanne[Joanne Phillips]
      Joanne -- her daughter --> Jane
  
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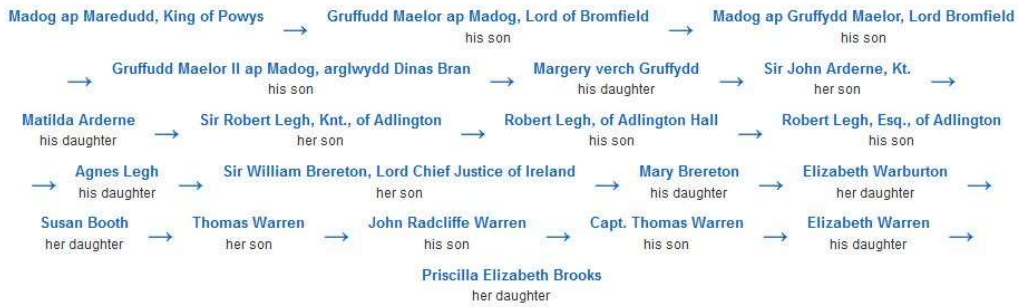
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Priscilla Elizabeth Brooks:

Madog ap Maredudd, King of Powys is connected to Priscilla Elizabeth Brooks.

Shortest blood relationship

Priscilla Elizabeth Brooks is Madog ap Maredudd, King of Powys' 17th great granddaughter.



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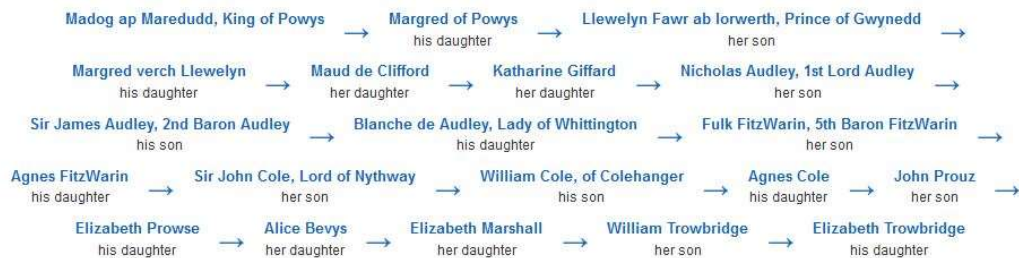
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Elizabeth Trowbridge:

Madog ap Maredudd, King of Powys is connected to Elizabeth Trowbridge.

Shortest blood relationship

Elizabeth Trowbridge is Madog ap Maredudd, King of Powys' 17th great granddaughter.



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