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Walker, shows a woman in the church with the hood of her blue cloak almost covering a tall Welsh hat. In theory, a cloak might be little more than a large rectangle of fabric with one end folded over to form a tube into which a ribbon could be inserted for tying around the neck. Wife cloak cloth 13s 11d Diary etc. This might have been a good, warm, woollen cloak, like those worn by poorer working rural women, but there is no clue to its colour or fabric. He also advertised a great choice of Thibet [Tibet] and silk shawls. North Wales Chronicle, 1. She and some of her friends sponsored a prize for cloth suitable for red cloaks at an Eisteddfod. Best specimen of scarlet cloth for a cloak, not under 3 yards wide. He claimed that some were purchased by Queen Victoria. One example is known to have survived, see Pryce Jones. Note that there were no entries. Women at the Holyhead Alms House, about There are many postcards and photographs of women at this almshouse. Henry, Third Lord Stanley built an alms house at Holyhead, Anglesey in and insisted that the women wore traditional Welsh costume especially when he visited them. The women wore red cloaks but the tradition ceased on his death in Roberts, Huw, Pais a Becwn, p. Surviving cloaks Very few 18th and 19th century cloaks are known to survive in Wales or England: Several of these are claimed to have been worn in the late 18th century especially at the Fishguard Invasion in , or early 19th century, but most are probably mid-to late 19th century: The cape is made of three sections with vertical seams. There are two holes on the front, edged with silk, with covers, but the holes face inwards i. The top of the cape had a curved piece of calico, now mostly missing. There were at least 4 hooks and eyes down the sides. It is lying on a large table with part hidden over the left-hand edge. The front edge of the cloak, showing some of the hooks on the ribbon edging The hood, lined with calico. The gathering of the lower part of the cloak at its junction with the hood is clearly shown.

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Its structure is not that of a mutual boundary between the Mercians on the one side and the people of Powys on the other. The earthwork was dug with the displaced soil piled into a bank on the Mercian eastern side. Where the earthwork encounters hills, it passes to the west of them, constantly providing an open view from Mercia into Wales. The dyke may have been constructed as a defensive earthwork, as well as a political statement of power and intent. Offa was one of the great rulers of Anglo-Saxon times, though his reign is often overlooked due to a limitation in source material. This can be seen as additional to the normal services that had to be offered to kings. A document exists from around this period known as Tribal Hidage, which makes some assessment of how land was distributed in the 8th century. Though there is little evidence to associate the document with the Dyke, it is possible that both the Dyke and the document stem from a common practice. Historical evidence Edit The late 9th- and early 10th-century writer Asser informed us that "there was in Mercia in fairly recent time a certain vigorous king called Offa, who terrified all the neighbouring kings and provinces around him, and who had a great dyke built between Wales and Mercia from sea to sea" Asser, Life of Alfred, p. The last four words are vital: He observed that the dyke was not continuous, and thought it was built only in areas where natural barriers did not already exist. Noble postulated that the gaps in the Dyke were not due to natural features, but that instead a "ridden boundary" operated, perhaps incorporating palisades that left no archaeological trace. This long distance footpath mostly follows the route of the dyke, which is one of the designated British National Trails. However, not all experts accept this view. Decessit Eboraci admodum senex, imperii anno sexto decimo, mense tertio. Historiae Romanae Breviarium, viii He died at York, a reasonably old man, in the sixteenth year and third month of his reign. Carbon dating analysis of the burnt charcoal and burnt clay in situ showed it was covered by earth on or around AD Some of the best remains of the earthworks can be seen within a two-minute walk from the centre. Llwybr Clawdd Offa is a long distance footpath close to the England–Wales border. Cultural references The Dyke has in some cases been brought into common folklore, though this should not be seen as historical evidence for the purpose behind the Dyke.

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First, to speak of men of action: What, a buccaneer in the list? Morgan was a scourge, it is true, but he was a scourge of God on the cruel Spaniards of the New World, the merciless task-masters and butchers of the Indian race: How unlike the fate of Harry Morgan to that of Lolonois, a being as daring and enterprising as the Welshman, but a monster without ruth or discrimination, terrible to friend and foe, who perished by the hands, not of the Spaniards, but of the Indians, who tore him limb from limb, burning his members, yet quivering, in the fire - which very Indians Morgan contrived to make his own firm friends, and whose difficult language he spoke with the same facility as English, Spanish, and his own South Welsh. For men of genius Wales during a long period was particularly celebrated. Honour to them all! But Wales has something besides its wonderful scenery, its eventful history, and its illustrious men of yore to interest the visitor. Wales has a population, and a remarkable one. There are countries, besides Wales, abounding with noble scenery, rich in eventful histories, and which are not sparingly dotted with the birthplaces of heroes and poets, in which at the present day there is either no population at all, or one of a character which is anything but attractive. Of a country in the first predicament, the Scottish Highlands afford an example: What a country is that Highland region! If Wales has a history, so have the Highlands - not indeed so remarkable as that of Wales, but eventful enough: In many respects the two regions are equals or nearly so; - In one respect, however, a matter of the present day, and a very important matter too, they are anything but equals: Wales has a population - but where is that of the Highlands? The population of Wales has not departed across the Atlantic, like that of the Highlands; it remains at home, and a remarkable population it is - very different from the present inhabitants of several beautiful lands of olden fame, who have strangely degenerated from their forefathers. Wales has not only a population, but a highly interesting one - hardy and frugal, yet kind and hospitable - a bit crazed, it is true, on the subject of religion, but still retaining plenty of old Celtic peculiarities, and still speaking Diolch i Duw! The present is a book about Wales and Welsh matters. He who does me the honour of perusing it will be conducted to many a spot not only remarkable for picturesqueness, but for having been the scene of some extraordinary event, or the birth-place or residence of a hero or a man of genius; he will likewise be not unfrequently introduced to the genuine Welsh, and made acquainted with what they have to say about Cumro and Saxon, buying and selling, fattening hogs and poultry, Methodism and baptism, and the poor, persecuted Church of England. An account of the language of Wales will be found in the last chapter. It has many features and words in common with the Sanscrit, and many which seem peculiar to itself, or rather to the family of languages, generally called the Celtic, to which it belongs. Though not an original tongue, for indeed no original tongue, or anything approximating to one, at present exists, it is certainly of immense antiquity, indeed almost entitled in that respect to dispute the palm with the grand tongue of India, on which in some respects it flings nearly as much elucidation as it itself receives in others. Does not the striking similarity between these words warrant the supposition that the ancient Cumry entertained the idea that man and fire were one and the same, even like the ancient Hindus, who believed that man sprang from fire, and whose word vira, 1 which signifies a strong man, a hero, signifies also fire? There are of course faults and inaccuracies in the work; but I have reason to believe that they are neither numerous nor important: I may have occasionally given a wrong name to a hill or a brook; or may have overstated or understated, by a furlong, the distance between one hamlet and another; or even committed the blunder of saying that Mr Jones Ap Jenkins lived in this or that homestead, whereas in reality Mr Jenkins Ap Jones honoured it with his residence: I may be chargeable with such inaccuracies; in which case I beg to express due sorrow for them, and at the same time a hope that I have afforded information about matters relating to Wales which more than atones for them. It would be as well if those who exhibit

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eagerness to expose the faults of a book would occasionally have the candour to say a word or two about its merits; such a wish, however, is not likely to be gratified, unless indeed they wisely take a hint from the following lines, translated from a cywydd of the last of the great poets of Wales: IN the summer of the year myself, wife, and daughter determined upon going into Wales, to pass a few months there. We are country people of a corner of East Anglia, and, at the time of which I am speaking, had been residing so long on our own little estate, that we had become tired of the objects around us, and conceived that we should be all the better for changing the scene for a short period. We were undetermined for some time with respect to where we should go. I proposed Wales from the first, but my wife and daughter, who have always had rather a hankering after what is fashionable, said they thought it would be more advisable to go to Harrowgate, or Leamington. On my observing that those were terrible places for expense, they replied that, though the price of corn had of late been shamefully low, we had a spare hundred pounds or two in our pockets, and could afford to pay for a little insight into fashionable life. I told them that there was nothing I so much hated as fashionable life, but that, as I was anything but a selfish person, I would endeavour to stifle my abhorrence of it for a time, and attend them either to Leamington or Harrowgate. By this speech I obtained my wish, even as I knew I should, for my wife and daughter instantly observed, that, after all, they thought we had better go into Wales, which, though not so fashionable as either Leamington or Harrowgate, was a very nice picturesque country, where, they had no doubt, they should get on very well, more especially as I was acquainted with the Welsh language. It was my knowledge of Welsh, such as it was, that made me desirous that we should go to Wales, where there was a chance that I might turn it to some little account. In my boyhood I had been something of a philologist; had picked up some Latin and Greek at school; some Irish in Ireland, where I had been with my father, who was in the army; and subsequently whilst an articled clerk to the first solicitor in East Anglia - indeed I may say the prince of all English solicitors - for he was a gentleman, had learnt some Welsh, partly from books and partly from a Welsh groom, whose acquaintance I made. A queer groom he was, and well deserving of having his portrait drawn. He might be about forty-seven years of age, and about five feet eight inches in height; his body was spare and wiry; his chest rather broad, and his arms remarkably long; his legs were of the kind generally known as spindle-shanks, but vigorous withal, for they carried his body with great agility; neck he had none, at least that I ever observed; and his head was anything but high, not measuring, I should think, more than four inches from the bottom of the chin to the top of the forehead; his cheek-bones were high, his eyes grey and deeply sunken in his face, with an expression in them, partly sullen, and partly irascible; his complexion was indescribable; the little hair which he had, which was almost entirely on the sides and the back part of his head, was of an iron-grey hue. He wore a leather hat on ordinary days, low at the crown, and with the side eaves turned up. A dirty pepper and salt coat, a waistcoat which had once been red, but which had lost its pristine colour, and looked brown; dirty yellow leather breeches, grey worsted stockings, and high-lows. Surely I was right when I said he was a very different groom to those of the present day, whether Welsh or English? What say you, Sir Watkin? What say you, my Lord of Exeter? He looked after the horses, and occasionally assisted in the house of a person who lived at the end of an alley, in which the office of the gentleman to whom I was articled was situated, and having to pass by the door of the office half-a-dozen times in the day, he did not fail to attract the notice of the clerks, who, sometimes individually, sometimes by twos, sometimes by threes, or even more, not unfrequently stood at the door, bareheaded - mis-spending the time which was not legally their own. Sundry observations, none of them very flattering, did the clerks and, amongst them, myself, make upon the groom, as he passed and repassed, some of them direct, others somewhat oblique. To these he made no reply save by looks, which had in them something dangerous and menacing, and clenching without raising his fists, which looked singularly hard and horny. At length a whisper ran about the alley that the groom was a Welshman; this whisper much increased the malice of my brother clerks against him, who were now whenever he passed the door, and they happened to be there by twos or threes, in the habit of saying something, as if by accident, against Wales and Welshmen, and, individually or together, were in the habit of shouting out "Taffy," when he was at some distance from them,

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and his back was turned, or regaling his ears with the harmonious and well-known distich of "Taffy was a Welshman, Taffy was a thief: Taffy came to my house and stole a piece of beef. I was trying to learn Welsh, and the idea occurring to me that the groom might be able to assist me in my pursuit, I instantly lost all desire to torment him, and determined to do my best to scrape acquaintance with him, and persuade him to give me what assistance he could in Welsh. I succeeded; how I will not trouble the reader with describing: In return for his instructions I persuaded my brother clerks to leave off holloing after him, and to do nothing further to hurt his feelings, which had been very deeply wounded, so much so, that after the first two or three lessons he told me in confidence that on the morning of the very day I first began to conciliate him he had come to the resolution of doing one of two things, namely, either to hang himself from the balk of the hayloft, or to give his master warning, both of which things he told me he should have been very unwilling to do, more particularly as he had a wife and family. I wished at first to persuade him to give me lessons in the office, but could not succeed: I would just as soon venture into a nest of porcupines. I remember that I found the pronunciation of the Welsh far less difficult than I had found the grammar, the most remarkable feature of which is the mutation, under certain circumstances, of particular consonants, when forming the initials of words. This feature I had observed in the Irish, which I had then only learnt by ear. But to return to the groom. He was really a remarkable character, and taught me two or three things besides Welsh pronunciation; and to discourse a little in Cumraeg. He had been a soldier in his youth, and had served under Moore and Wellington in the Peninsular campaigns, and from him I learnt the details of many a bloody field and bloodier storm, of the sufferings of poor British soldiers, and the tyranny of haughty British officers; more especially of the two commanders just mentioned, the first of whom he swore was shot by his own soldiers, and the second more frequently shot at by British than French. But it is not deemed a matter of good taste to write about such low people as grooms, I shall therefore dismiss him with no observation further than that after he had visited me on Sunday afternoons for about a year he departed for his own country with his wife, who was an Englishwoman, and his children, in consequence of having been left a small freehold there by a distant relation, and that I neither saw nor heard of him again. But though I had lost my oral instructor I had still my silent ones, namely, the Welsh books, and of these I made such use that before the expiration of my clerkship I was able to read not only Welsh prose, but, what was infinitely more difficult, Welsh poetry in any of the four-and-twenty measures, and was well versed in the compositions of various of the old Welsh bards, especially those of Dafydd ab Gwilym, whom, since the time when I first became acquainted with his works, I have always considered as the greatest poetical genius that has appeared in Europe since the revival of literature. After this exordium I think I may proceed to narrate the journey of myself and family into Wales. As perhaps, however, it will be thought that, though I have said quite enough about myself and a certain groom, I have not said quite enough about my wife and daughter, I will add a little more about them. Of my wife I will merely say that she is a perfect paragon of wives - can make puddings and sweets and treacle posset, and is the best woman of business in Eastern Anglia - of my step-daughter - for such she is, though I generally call her daughter, and with good reason, seeing that she has always shown herself a daughter to me - that she has all kinds of good qualities, and several accomplishments, knowing something of conchology, more of botany, drawing capitally in the Dutch style, and playing remarkably well on the guitar - not the trumpery German thing so-called - but the real Spanish guitar. SO our little family, consisting of myself, my wife Mary, and my daughter Henrietta, for daughter I shall persist in calling her, started for Wales in the afternoon of the 27th July, We proceeded no farther on our journey that day, in order that we might have an opportunity of seeing the cathedral. Sallying arm in arm from the Station Hotel, where we had determined to take up our quarters for the night, we crossed a bridge over the deep quiet Nen, on the southern bank of which stands the station, and soon arrived at the cathedral - unfortunately we were too late to procure admission into the interior, and had to content ourselves with walking round it and surveying its outside. It is named after, and occupies the site, or part of the site of an immense monastery, founded by the Mercian King Peda, in the year , and destroyed by fire in the year , which monastery, though originally termed Medeshamsted, or the homestead on the meads, was subsequently termed

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Peterborough, from the circumstance of its having been reared by the old Saxon monarch for the love of God and the honour of Saint Peter, as the Saxon Chronicle says, a book which I went through carefully in my younger days, when I studied Saxon, for, as I have already told the reader, I was in those days a bit of a philologist. Like the first, the second edifice was originally a monastery, and continued so till the time of the Reformation; both were abodes of learning; for if the Saxon Chronicle was commenced in the monkish cells of the first, it was completed in those of the second. What is at present called Peterborough Cathedral is a noble venerable pile, equal upon the whole in external appearance to the cathedrals of Toledo, Burgos and Leon, all of which I have seen. Nothing in architecture can be conceived more beautiful than the principal entrance, which fronts the west, and which, at the time we saw it, was gilded with the rays of the setting sun. After having strolled about the edifice surveying it until we were weary, we returned to our inn, and after taking an excellent supper retired to rest. With dragon speed, and dragon noise, fire, smoke, and fury, the train dashed along its road through beautiful meadows, garnished here and there with pollard willows; over pretty streams, whose waters stole along imperceptibly; by venerable old churches, which I vowed I would take the first opportunity of visiting: Quite forgetting everything Welsh, I was enthusiastically Saxon the whole way from Medeshamsted to Blissworth, so thoroughly Saxon was the country, with its rich meads, its old churches and its names. After leaving Blissworth, a thoroughly Saxon place by-the-bye, as its name shows, signifying the stronghold or possession of Bligh or Blee, I became less Saxon; the country was rather less Saxon, and I caught occasionally the word "by" on a board, the Danish for a town; which "by" waked in me a considerable portion of Danish enthusiasm, of which I have plenty, and with reason, having translated the glorious Kaempe Viser over the desk of my ancient master, the gentleman solicitor of East Anglia. At length we drew near the great workshop of England, called by some, Brummagem or Bromwicham, by others Birmingham, and I fell into a philological reverie, wondering which was the right name. Before, however, we came to the station, I decided that both names were right enough, but that Bromwicham was the original name; signifying the home on the broomie moor, which name it lost in polite parlance for Birmingham, or the home of the son of Biarmer, when a certain man of Danish blood, called Biarming, or the son of Biarmer, got possession of it, whether by force, fraud, or marriage - the latter, by-the-bye, is by far the best way of getting possession of an estate - this deponent neither knoweth nor careth. Oh, what an idea does that station, with its thousand trains dashing off in all directions, or arriving from all quarters, give of modern English science and energy. After passing Tipton, at which place one leaves the great working district behind; I became for a considerable time a yawning, listless Englishman, without pride, enthusiasm, or feeling of any kind, from which state I was suddenly roused by the sight of ruined edifices on the tops of hills. They were remains of castles built by Norman Barons. Here, perhaps, the reader will expect from me a burst of Norman enthusiasm: The sight of those edifices, now in ruins, but which were once the strongholds of plunder, violence, and lust, made me almost ashamed of being an Englishman, for they brought to my mind the indignities to which poor English blood has been subjected. I sat silent and melancholy, till looking from the window I caught sight of a long line of hills, which I guessed to be the Welsh hills, as indeed they proved, which sight causing me to remember that I was bound for Wales, the land of the bard, made me cast all gloomy thoughts aside and glow with all the Welsh enthusiasm with which I glowed when I first started in the direction of Wales. On arriving at Chester, at which place we intended to spend two or three days, we put up at an old-fashioned inn in Northgate Street, to which we had been recommended; my wife and daughter ordered tea and its accompaniments, and I ordered ale, and that which always should accompany it, cheese. To my horror the cheese had much the appearance of soap of the commonest kind, which indeed I found it much resembled in taste, on putting a small portion into my mouth. I shall not fall into a passion, more especially as there are things I can fall back upon. I will trouble you for a cup of tea. ON the morning after our arrival we went out together, and walked up and down several streets; my wife and daughter, however, soon leaving me to go into a shop, I strolled about by myself. Chester is an ancient town with walls and gates, a prison called a castle, built on the site of an ancient keep, an unpretending-looking red sandstone cathedral, two or three handsome

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churches, several good streets, and certain curious places called rows. The Chester row is a broad arched stone gallery running parallel with the street within the facades of the houses; it is partly open on the side of the street, and just one story above it. Within the rows, of which there are three or four, are shops, every shop being on that side which is farthest from the street. All the best shops in Chester are to be found in the rows. These rows, to which you ascend by stairs up narrow passages, were originally built for the security of the wares of the principal merchants against the Welsh. Should the mountaineers break into the town, as they frequently did, they might rifle some of the common shops, where their booty would be slight, but those which contained the more costly articles would be beyond their reach; for at the first alarm the doors of the passages, up which the stairs led, would be closed, and all access to the upper streets cut off, from the open arches of which missiles of all kinds, kept ready for such occasions, could be discharged upon the intruders, who would be soon glad to beat a retreat. These rows and the walls are certainly the most remarkable memorials of old times which Chester has to boast of. Upon the walls it is possible to make the whole compass of the city, there being a good but narrow walk upon them. The northern wall abuts upon a frightful ravine, at the bottom of which is a canal. From the western one there is a noble view of the Welsh hills. As I stood gazing upon the hills from the wall a ragged man came up and asked for charity. Moel Vamagh, the Mother Moel. Long and fixedly did I gaze in the direction of Mold.

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H. V. Morton's famous and much-loved travelogue of Wales. Singularly susceptible to Celtic romance and history, H. V. Morton goes in search of Wales, and finds equal delight in climbing Snowdon (inclement weather aside) and going down a coal mine.

She told me of two of her uncles who were killed in the coal mines on the same day, each on the eve of his marriage. Each left a house full of furniture to his mother. These were the dowries they had gathered for their brides. Thus, the mother had her own and two other complete sets of household goods in her home. Eliza, for that was the name by which she was known all her life, remembered that as a child, her uncle William Morgan would hold her on his knee and sing to her. He was a famous Welsh singer. He won many singing contests or Eisteddfod prizes in Wales and was called to sing before the Queen of England in Buckingham Palace. Jenny Lind, the Swedish Nightingale, sang there too, and from her neck she took a medal of honor she had won and gave it to William Morgan, as he was judged to be the best singer at that time. Eliza often heard him tell of this event, and saw the medal he had won. Music is in the very life blood of the Welsh, and the Morgan and Edwards families had their share. Eliza sang all her life, and it was my pleasure as a child to have her sing Welsh folk songs to me. Her voice was like that of a bird, and when she sat at her organ, accompanying herself, and sang "Silver Threads Among the Gold" your heart was touched with something of the beauty of Heaven. Her brother, David Edwards, always had a choir or music festival under way. In the late nineties, in Paragonah, Utah, he led one of the first choirs in the state. When Eliza was about thirteen, she went to view a grand parade held in honor of Queen Victoria, then visiting Wales. As the magnificent carriage drove past, the horses prancing high, Eliza stood entranced. Then from one of the carriages fell a large bow of pink ribbon. She picked it up. Pinned to it was a beautiful coral pin set in gold. She kept the pin for many, many years. She brought it across the ocean, the plains, and valued it highly. Then one evening her young sister, Sarah Ann, wanted to borrow it as she was being "courted" by the man she later married, Hohn Robb. Eliza loaned the coral pin to Sarah Ann. The young couple walked down the Paragonah lane, the pin was lost, and though they looked for it everywhere it was never found. The Welsh are a quick, temperamental and emotional race. They are inherently religious. The first converts in Wales were contacted by missionaries from London in the fall of James Burnham and Henry Royle were among the first missionaries in Wales. There is a record of 32 members of the Church in South Wales, Nonmothshire in and with John Needham as the local missionary. I have no record of the missionaries who converted the Edward family, but we do have the dates of baptism of David and his wife Sarah, on 17 Jan. Their children, as they became of age, were also baptized into the Church. This family, like all the early converts in all lands, hoped to come to "Zion" as soon as possible. There they could mingle with those who believed as they did, could bring their children up in the ways of the Lord, and build "Zion in the tops of the mountains. For eight long years they waited. Then Sarah, being perhaps impatient of waiting, took things into her own hands and told David that she would now do the saving herself to get to Zion. In a few months she had saved enough to take herself and family to America. As these two were the only ones to each of their families to join the Church the sacrifice was great indeed. Then sorrow came to the Edwards family. An epidemic of typhus fever spread over the land and David Edwards, the father, became sick and died. He was forty-nine years of age. His dying request was, "Sarah, take the children to Zion. Sarah Morgan Edwards, a widow at 44 years, with five children, then prepared to leave her native land forever. Her children were of the ages, 22, 20, 15, 8, and 6. A goodly portion of the American miners were of Welsh stock. Sarah had not seen her parents for at least eight years, and it was her hope to sometime see them in America. None of her family had joined the Church, but it was her hope that sometime they would be converted. Her older brother and sister, who had families in Wales, did not go to America with their parents. Such was also the case with Sarah. What a reunion she planned with her dear ones when she arrived in America! Sarah Morgan Edwards and her three sons and two daughters were aboard. They sailed from

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Liverpool on the sailing vessel "General McClellan. Jeremy was their leader representing the Church. We had a very rough voyage. One baby died on the ship. It was buried in the ocean. But because a baby was born on board, we numbered the same at landing as at departure. The new baby was named after the ship, General B. The mother had another baby besides the very new one. No one else was with her. She died on the plains and left the two children with the nurse. She was a perfect lady and seemed to belong to some very well to do family. I could not speak English, so I knocked at the door and waited. A black Negro opened the door. How frightened I was. I looked into the house past him and there was the largest Negro woman with a baby nursing, and all as black as our Welsh coal. How Mother laughed when I told her this story. After that I saw plenty of Negroes. I never had a well day on the ship. I was sick all the time, but I was administered to and had good care. I was in bed lots of the time. I looked so ill, and my brother William, age 20, liked to tease me. This little girl is all right, but the sea has been too strong. When she gets on land she will be all right. We could see the sharks following us, waiting for any corpse to be thrown overboard. One time we were all locked below deck until it was over. But with each lurch of the ship, off I would slide on a wild ride to the other side and returning as the boat righted its self. We brought that trunk across the plains and still have it. Then we had to take the train. We were about two weeks on the trains after we left some of the rivers. It was the time of the American Civil War, We came to St. Joseph, Missouri and there was a ferryboat there. A great battle had been fought at St. Joe, and the train had to stop there. Bones lay bleaching in the sun. We had to stay there three days because a great bridge had broken down and a whole train of passengers had caved in with the bridge. I nearly died at that place because I was so sick. Finally we went across the bridge. We could see the fish in the river from the train. We traveled until evening. We came to a little station where there was everything imaginable to eat. In a day or so an officer of the Union army came through the train to enlist young men for the Civil War. The train had stopped and William had gone out with some boys to look around. We were worried for fear he had enlisted or had been conscripted for service. At last he came through the train to us. Plenty of oxen and wagons were waiting for us at Council Bluffs, later called Omaha. The boys who had the care of the teams would swear a lot. The immigrants thought it was bad for Latter-Day Saint boys to swear. Teams had to be sent to Nebraska for cooking utensils and so we had to stay in Omaha for quite a few days.

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Chapter 7 : Talk:Jumping the broom - Wikipedia

Wild Wales by George Borrow Its easy to link to paragraphs in the Full Text Archive If this page contains some material that you want to link to but you don't want your visitors to have to scroll down the whole page just hover your mouse over the relevent paragraph and click the bookmark icon that appears to the left of it.

Many pagans, as well as non-pagans, now associate jumping the broom with pagan handfastings. For pagans not of African American descent, including a broom in the ceremony is appropriate. Nothing wrong with neo-pagans taking over African American custom, but claiming it as their own seems a bit much. Assume a reader who has never heard of this -- Tarquin Ortolan⁸⁸ "has been adopted as neo-pagan custom. I moved this commentary out of the article: We can just pull the info out if no one has any sources. Was this even wrote by the same person? The young man leapt over it into the house, and the girl then did the same. Care had to be taken not to touch the doorpost or the broom, or to move the latter accidentally, otherwise the ceremony was void. It had to be performed in the presence of witnesses, and one person, chosen for his standing and importance in the community, acted as officiant. Such a marriage was considered quite valid, however strongly the clergy might condemn it. It could, however, be broken without difficulty if, during the first twelve months, the besom was replaced in the doorway, and the dissatisfied partner jumped backwards over it from the house into the open air. The same conditions applied here as at the wedding. There had to be witnesses, and the person jumping had to avoid touching the broom or doorpost as he or she leapt. If the rite was properly performed, both parties were considered free to marry again. They gypsy wedding was slightly different. A broom-branch was laid on the ground in the open, and the bride and groom jumped backwards and forwards over it, holding hands as they did so. There was also another form in which an ordinary besom was held by the father of the bride, or of the groom, with its bushy end resting on the ground, and first the young man and then the girl leapt over it in turn. In this context it is also perhaps worth noting that Roma were for a time deported from Britain as indentured servants to the West Indies. These disparate customs could have combined to shape the "slave wedding" custom that seems best remembered. I personally first learned of it as a European folk custom gleefully appropriated by neo-pagans. Where are the reliable sources , or at least a link to the purported source above? There are also a couple of references to articles in early 20th c. The objector has created a separate article, dealing solely with the Romani dimension. Jumping the broom Romani people. Jumping the broom is a symbolic wedding custom. Phrase or Custom[edit] I understand your concern, but I fully believe that it is a phrase first and a custom second. My reason being that more people in the African American community identify with the saying than the actual practice. But if we are going to speak of the subject in the present, then the former phrase should take precedence. Plus, more people are probably searching for this article to find out the root of the SAYING than the root of the practice since most already know it originates among Blacks in the American form, anyway. Unless you can provide a reference, I think that part should be taken out Ashanti Connection[edit] Read the book I cited below "Fall of the Asante Empire" and it explains it there. By the way, do you have a reference other than yourself for the pre-Christian jumping of the broom you recently added. Just curious cuz if not that part might need to be deleted as well. I wrote the article in its previous form using the scant resources I had. I returned months later to see that the page has been copied verbatim by no less than like 4 websites. I put in the info I found by Dundes. I think its crap and badly written, but its one of the only scholarly articles I could find on the subject and felt he deserved some sunlight. And thank you for not jacking. However, most African Americans differ when it come to religious rituals and practices of our ancient heritage. We seem to identify with our native roots in Africa, but we draw the line at certain things and practices that appear to be associated with occultism. Jumping the Broom is Pagan. The definition of pagan: Thus making the ritual fall into the category of Paganism. Jumping the Broom in the African American culture is not ordinarily practiced because of the stigma of slavery associated with it; the taboos of witch craft the broom obviously connected to it and because of the Christian religious belief that it is

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paganism. The origin of the practice holds far more significance than what it represents socially. Globalize[edit] I added the Globalize tag. Jumping the broom is not strictly African American. I believe it originated in Europe. I got here in a link from [[mop wedding]] which refers to a "Welsh broomstick wedding". I also remember seeing the broom jumping at the end of a wedding in a French movie I believe it was *The Return of Martin Guerre*. However, the article fails to provide any real proof that "jumping the broom" is exclusively African American, nor that it originates in Africa. On the other hand, the article does provide evidence from revered scholar Alan Dundes that this custom actually originates among British Romani Gypsies somewhat inaccurately referred to in this article as "Roma". The article also admits that jumping the broom also was done by white people in "the south" of the US, and that it was practiced in Britain during the s see Dundes, Alan: *The Journal of American Folklore*, I find it very inappropriate for a Wikipedia article, then, to present "jumping the broom" - through images and texts - as a primarily or even exclusively "African American" custom. Rather, I suggest, the article should acknowledge the historical reality as proved by the academic work of Alan Dundes, quotes by Charles Dickens, etc. Additionally, similar African customs such as waving brooms over the heads of the groom and bride should be presented as such: But claims with no reliable evidence, such as the custom of "jumping" the broom originating in Africa, should not be presented as facts - but as theories held by some, despite the lack of evidence. In the introduction of the article, "jumping the broom" should be presented as a custom which probably originates among Welsh Gypsies - although it later also was adopted by other groups. It may have begun among the Romani in Wales but seems quickly to have spread to other marginalized social groups in Britain, as evidence shows it was fairly widely-known there by the late 18th century. The African American aspects of the article matters, but not at the exclusion of other groups i. Can we have some links please? A scholarly and reliable source is already, in fact, referred to in the article Dundes, Alan: Presenting both theories seems more accurate and less misleading to the reader. Still, my point stands: It is a problem that this article acts as if Jumping the broom is a primarily African American topic, when it was known and practiced as a tradition in Britain. The Sullivan article you provided, actually proves my point: Several scholars mentioned in his article, associated the custom with British Gypsies in one way or another, including Sullivan. The dispute is whether the custom first originated with them. His entire conclusion, by the way, is based upon a theory that Gypsies reached Wales in the s, while in reality their documented history in Wales goes back to the s: There is no possibility of consensus to move, but discussion is making progress towards an alternative solution and should continue. For clarity and accuracy, I suggest that the article should be renamed "Jumping the broom African American " - the main page for "Jumping the broom" should contain links to both "Jumping the broom African American " and Jumping the broom Romani people. The two articles are basically describing the same practice, probably from the same origins, just in different places. Coupled with which, the Jumping the broom Romani people article has little detail at present. We would only need to maintain two articles if both were very long. The article has some major problems, discussed above. To name a few: The article is entitled "jumping the broom," but rather than accurately presenting the general topic, it discussed the entire subject from an African American perspective, is categorized as an African American topic, and deals with the practice as a primarily African American phenomenon. While mentioning that the practice did originate among Romani Gypsies, it also refers to the Romani custom as "obscure" a problematic term in a 21st century encyclopedia? Under "other ethnic groups. Wiccans, for one, are listed as an ethnic group? Then there are the contradictions: This is given some weight by the fact that slave masters and their wives assisted in the ceremony at times. How or why an obscure Roma custom became so prevalent among African Americans is not explained. I am also a bit sceptical of the scholarly nature of some statements and references, such as the bold conclusion that "Jumping the broom therefore does owe part of its origin to slavery, but is also part of African culture that had survived in the United States like the Voodun religion of the Fon and Ewe ethnic groups or the ring-shout ceremony of the BaKongo and Mbundu ethnic groups" with no reference provided at all! British Romanies do not self-identify as Roma. All in all, the article is about African Americans jumping the broom, the African American history

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and practice, origins etc. But other groups are not given equal space or time of day, even though one of those "other groups" were the ones among the custom originated. The article is fine, but I just suggest - for the sake of clarity - that it is appreciated for what it is: An article about jumping the broom in African American culture, and its background. Two articles would, in my opinion, work better in this case, and they could both appear as links on a general main page "jumping the broom. Agree that merger is the way to go. Jumping the broom Romani people is a brand new article that appears to be a fork created by the proposer in response to the problems he mentions; it is mostly taken from this article, using only sources from this article, and about half of it is not even about Romani customs. While this article does focus on the African-American aspects of the custom, it is not true that it is solely about them. If everything the proposer says about this article is valid, it is an argument for rewriting this article rather than changing its name. If they are not merged, however, as a long-standing article with thousands of readers per month, the worst thing would be to change this to a two-entry dab page, as it certainly qualifies as a primary topic. I think the subject of the article is a single custom which on the balance of evidence here originated among Welsh Romani before the 18th century, spread to marginalized British groups, and eventually was adopted by African-Americans who may have taken it over partly because its central symbol of the broom already had a cultural resonance for them from African marriage ceremonies. Currently, the Jumping the broom article is making a bold and inaccurate statement, through images, texts and topics, that this is an exclusively or at least primarily African American and United States topic.

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Chapter 8 : 35 historic Welsh pubs where the past is as enjoyable as the beer - Wales Online

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Poetry[edit] A collection of fifty of the poems of Ieuan Deulwyn were published in under the auspices of the Bangor Welsh Manuscripts Society, thanks to Ifor Williams. Ieuan clings to one metre, the cywydd. In the less rigid forms of poetry to which we are accustomed in English, strict rules might seem to result in a staid or dry poetry. Of course these rules developed around the Welsh language , complicating translation of the poetry into English. After all, his teacher was Dafydd ap Gwilym. What does it matter? Taste is the craving of men. Sweet is thy kiss If the bruise of a strawberry is sweet. As Professor Williams observes, Deulwyn complains about the waiting, the longing, and his aching, like every lover. He knows well how to turn a sweet verse, but understanding the puzzling personality of Gwen is too much for him. Like his skilled teacher, he jokes about the deplorable condition to which he was driven by love, even to the loss of his hair! Deulwyn sometimes borders on what might be considered blasphemy in other ages. In praise of the generosity of Sion ap Dafydd of Llysnewydd, he says in his elegy: Similarly, in his elegy to Dafydd Fychan and Ieuan ap Gruffydd: The subjects of these poems are generally the heroes of the Wars of the Roses. He was a contemporary of Lewys Glyn Cothi , and they frequently wrote of the same people, with the benefit that one poet often supplements the other in clarifying relations of local families. Although Ieuan, like Lewys, was able to flatter his patrons, he was unfortunate enough to anger two who were worthy of reconciliation. And indeed he humbles himself in seeking that reconciliation. At the same time this presents a perfect opportunity for him to paint a picture of the slanderer: Two tongues of me they do detract, And in the same mouth they move. What was value to my face Has become my persecutor. Fortunately the poet was successful enough in his work to have his poetry survive the ravages of time. Ieuan John the younger, William, Thomas and Elen. Ieuan the younger[edit] Ieuan the younger might be John Bushe, a 15th-century wool merchant in Northleach, Gloucestershire. Other descendants of Ieuan Deulwyn remained in Carmarthenshire, as evidenced by a survey of freeholders in the Welshry of Kidwelly. Ieuan Deulwyn is seven generations removed from Cadwgan Fawr who was born about As a descendant of Cadwgan Fawr, Ieuan was a distant cousin to his neighbour Gruffydd Dwnn , [19] with whom he may have served in the French Wars in the first half of the 15th century. However, Sir Samuel Meyrick demonstrates that the commission is spurious. In any case Ieuan is generally believed to have died no later than He lived and wrote, then, during the Wars of the Roses. He criticized Bedo Brwynllys for playing it both ways with regards to the political factions, yet Ieuan himself composed poetry for both Lancastrians and Yorkists, as can be seen graphically in the accompanying figure. The red roses identify people who supported the House of Lancaster Tudors , and the white roses identify people who supported the House of York Herbets. As Evans writes, referring to the bards of the 15th century: Nor can it be said that they exposed themselves to a charge of apostasy if their panegyrics thus alternated between the one and the other. They were consistent in their nationalism. Although not of the stature of his cousins, the Dwnns, Ieuan Deulwyn was not a poor man. The freeholder survey in Kidwelly confirms that he had property that passed through several generations. He alludes to the stature of her family: Her father is like Hu Gadarn [a figure from the Mabinogion]; Great is his concern about a husband for his daughter. He will never give her in a red-gold girdle To anyone except the same kind of gold. He expresses some reservations: I do not go to ask for my lady For fear of these [her notable family]. But then, he exclaims: Seize me; contemn me! My request for her was right. Cecily Rede certainly did come from a notable family. Her father was Thomas Rede , a merchant who was connected with some of the most influential families in South Wales, and her mother or at least step-mother , was Elen, daughter of the powerful Gruffudd ap Nicholas. There is some evidence he wrote a poem as late as , but that date is questioned. He is named with Dafydd Nanmor in an elegy of Dafydd ab Edmwnd by Tudur Aled as if the three died at about the same time, which is believed to be about Ieuan knew

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Rhys ap Thomas well, and sang his praises, but there is no mention of his exploits at Bosworth. It is possible Ieuan was dead before the battle took place. Note that in one line in MS D.

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Chapter 9 : Hind of the Morning, The - International Standard Bible Encyclopaedia

Wales Quotes. Quotes tagged as I do not think that on the Day of Direst Judgement any race other than the Welsh, or any other language, will give answer to the.

The Bull Hotel, Llangefni Image: The present hotel was built in by Sir Richard Bulkley because of the family coat of arms which had three bulls heads on it. In days gone by, when net salmon fishing was a thriving business in Caernarfon, the Black Boy was one of the favourite drinking places for fishermen. When the houses were knocked down an archaeological excavation was carried out at the site and they found the skeleton of an old woman. The archaeologists thought she had been buried there to save the expense of a funeral. You can delve further into the history of the pub on their website. The Hanbury Arms, Caerleon Image: Google Overlooking the River Usk, the Hanbury dates from and there are still Tudor windows on the top floor. The building is connected to a medieval round tower on the south side thought to date from the 13th century and was part of the outer bailey defences of the nearby castle. The pub was originally called Ty Glyndwr and was owned by the Morgan family, the Hanbury family became the owners in and there was a tram road from their ironworks in Pontypool to their riverside wharf outside the building. In the 19th and early 20th centuries it brewed its own beer. In , President Jimmy Carter stayed there and returned two years later. The Pilot, Mumbles The Pilot Inn overlooking Swansea Bay in Mumbles first opened its doors in when initial owner Sam Ace named it after the heroic small boats which led big ships through the dangerous Swansea Bay sandbanks. Way back in the 15th century it was a small two-storey affair, but over the years it has expanded considerably, and now boasts 14 rooms. Google The current grade II listed pub was reputedly built by the Earl of Plymouth in to house butlers and valets in the hunting season, but it is said there has been a pub on this site since the 14th century. Thomas was reputedly inspired by the characters he met there to create famous works, such as Under Milk Wood. Hollywood actors and rock stars as well as poets have also been known to enjoy a drink at Browns, with the likes of Pierce Brosnan and Mick Jagger both long-time admirers of the pub. Men Behaving Badly actor Neil Morrissey co-owned the pub before selling it in Then in Sir George Herbert bought the land and buildings belonging to the hospital before extensive remodeling of the buildings were carried out in the 17th century. When the pub was being extended in the remains were discovered of what was once a brew house. The Dragonfly, Newport The pub describes itself as sitting in "an area of great significance to the ancient Celtic people. Old Nags Head, Monmouth Image: Google With its traditional decor, this pub is said to date back to the s and one room forms part of a medieval tower which is the only upstanding remains of the town walls of Monmouth, according to the website www. The Kings Head Inn, Llandovery Dating back from the 13th century, it was once of the main coaching inns in Wales as it was home to The Black Ox Bank and boasts plenty of character today. You can read more about the pub on the website beerbrewer. The Old Swan Inn, Llantwit Major The Old Swan dates back to the 16th century when it was the home of the Raglan family, but there are claims there was a building on site way back in the 11th century. During the Civil War, the pub minted its own coins.