

2018 Visual Arts

Hiraeth They Found Lands like Anglesey around Cambria, Wisconsin

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How I made it: Altered magazine pages (National Geographic) are torn and glued to masonite boards.

The layering and overlapping of papers reminds me of why my grandmother, Mary Ellen (Williams) Evans, told me the Welsh settled by Cambria and Randolph, “The green hills and valleys remind them of home, Anglesey!”

I know my great-grandmother, Elizabeth Jane (Hughes) Williams, made my great-grandfather, Hugh Robert Williams, take her and their infant son, Amwel Dewey, back to Anglesey as she was homesick for Wales. Grandma told me that while they were in Wales my great-grandmother decided she did not want to live in Wales and they returned to the Cambria area to their farm. After returning to Wisconsin my grandmother was born in 1900.

In the last years of my grandmother’s life she also told me that my great-grandmother had no relatives here, except for her son, 2 daughters, and husband. That fact makes me very sad when I think of it, because she died of a burst appendix and never knew she had 5 grandchildren.

Hugh Robert Williams was born @Pen y Grib “Top of the Hill” Llanrhuuddlad, Isle of Anglesey, North Wales, G.B.

Elizabeth Jane Owen was born @Coron Bach “Small Crown” Llanfechall, Isle of Anglesey, North Wales, G.B.

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