

The Rebecca Riots

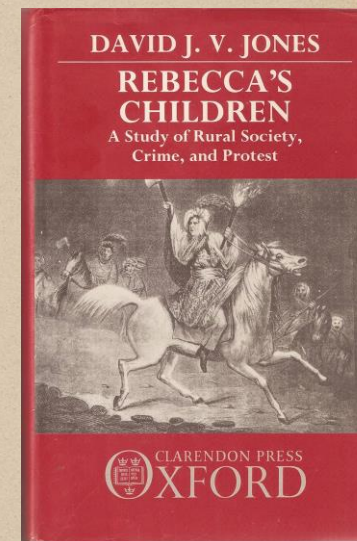
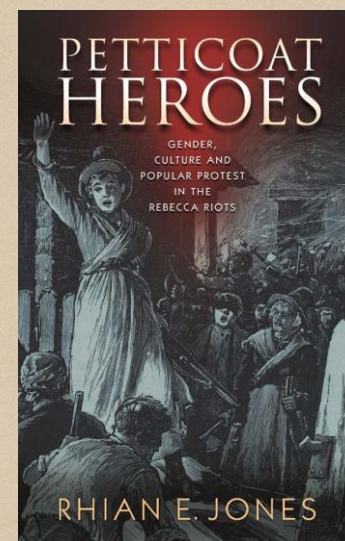
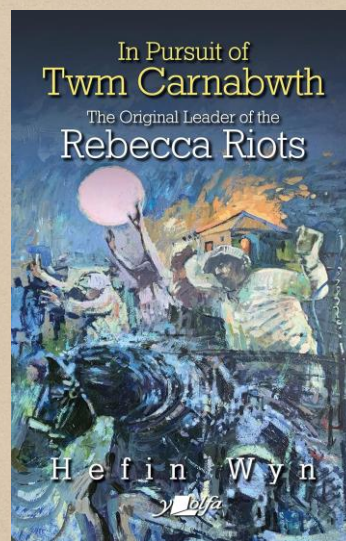
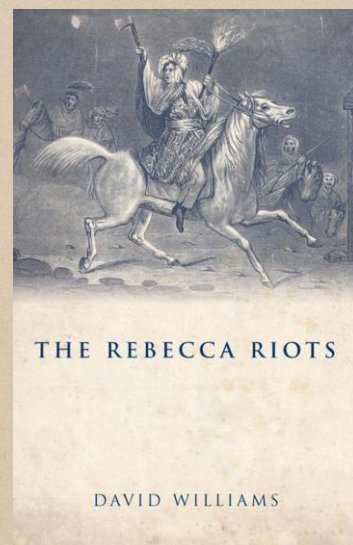
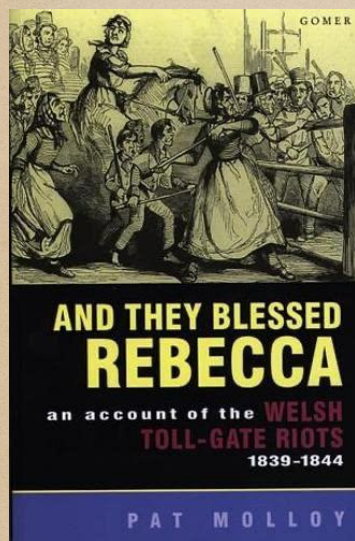
Fact and Fiction

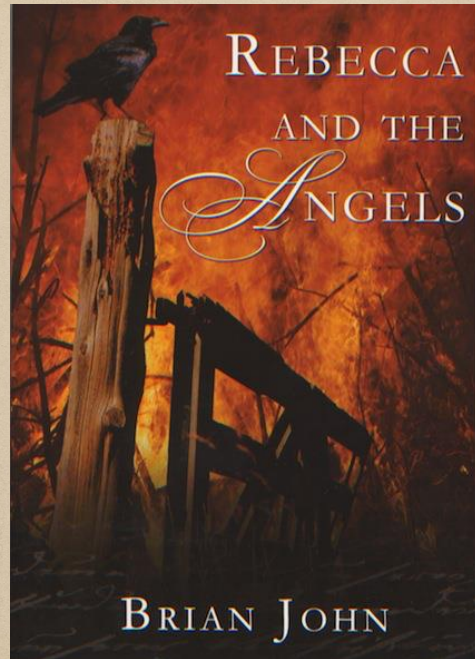
Brian John



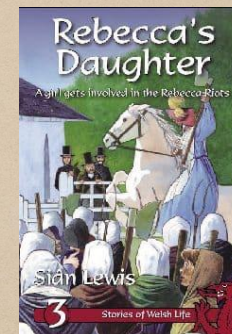
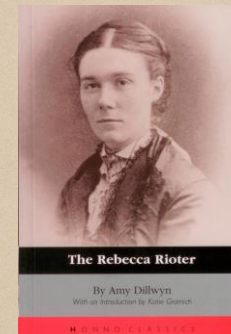
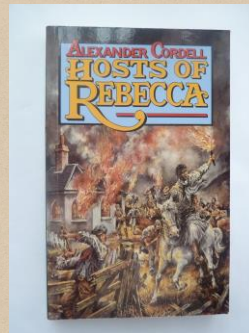
The Linton Cartoon.
(Linton was a friend of Hugh Williams)

Serious History





On the frontier
between fact and fiction

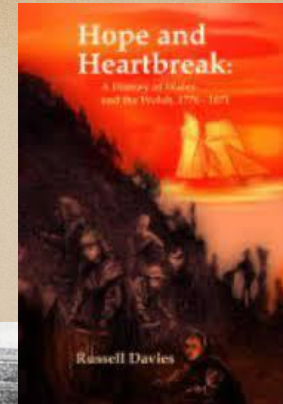
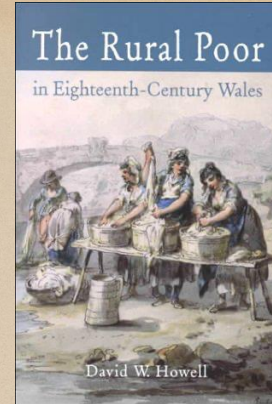


The Social Problem

Causes

There were multi reasons for the outbreak of the riots in West Wales in the 1830's.

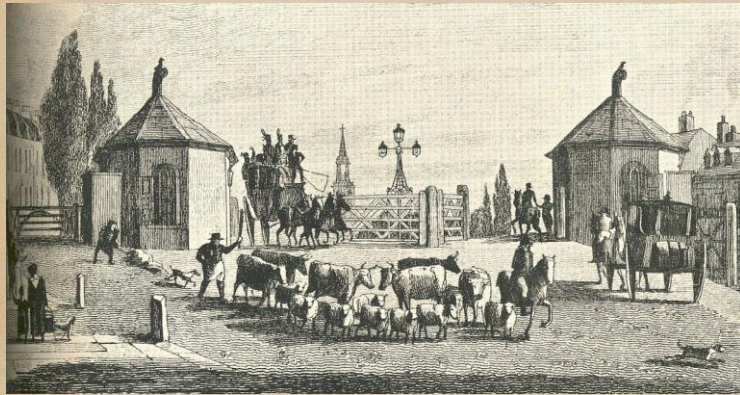
- Population increase.
- Predominance of agriculture.
- Tithes.
- Toll-gates.
- Poor law amendment Act 1834.
- Landlords v tenants
 - Church of England v Non conformist
 - Wealth v poverty
 - Political power v oppression





The Road
Problem

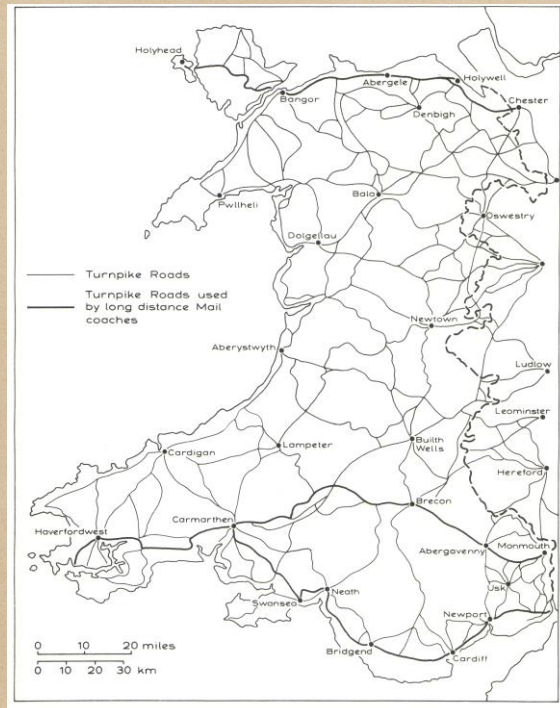
The Turnpike Trusts



..... and the toll farmers like
Thomas Bullin

Tolls to be taken at LLANFAIR GATE.	
For every Horse, Mule, or other Cattle drawing any Coach, or other Carriage, with springs the sum of	4 s d.
For every Horse, Mule, or other Beast or Cattle drawing any Waggon, Cart, or other such Carriage, not employed solely in carrying or going empty to fetch Lime for manure the sum of	3
For every Horse, Mule, or other Beast or Cattle drawing any Waggon, Cart, or other such Carriage, employed solely in carrying or going empty to fetch Lime for manure the sum of	11
For every Horse, Mule, or Ass laden or unladen and not drawing the sum of	1
For every Drove of Oxen, Cows, or other neat Cattle per score the sum of	10
For every Drove of Calves, Sheep, Lambs, or Pigs per score the sum of	5
For every Horse, Mule, or other beast drawing any Waggon, or Cart the Wheels being less than 5 inches breadth, or having Wheels with Tires fastened with Nails projecting and not cantersunk to pay double Toll	5
A Ticket taken here clears Carnedd Du Bar.	

The main turnpike routes





Toll houses
and toll
farmers



Back to the beginning: The Ceffyl Pren



In the absence of the law, kangaroo courts and folk justice



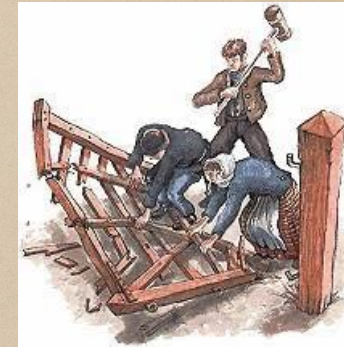
Where it all started



Thomas Rees (Twm
Carnabwth)



"And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, 'Thou art our sister, the mother of thousands of millions, and thy seed shall possess the gate of those that hate them.....'" Genesis 24:60



Spies, betrayals, false trails, retribution, information and disinformation.

The propaganda war

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TO
REBECCA
AND HER
DAUGHTERS.
WELSHMEN,

Do you think I can countenance or join your riotous proceedings? I tell you No. And what is more, though I have fought, am fighting, and will continue to fight your battles, until I can obtain perfect justice and political regeneration for you and your children, I am and will always be the first man to keep the Queen's peace, and prevent anything like rioting or disturbance. Enough has been done already to convince the Government of the great and universal discontent which your grievances have caused among you. They have sent down soldiers to keep the peace. I therefore entreat you not to meet together on Wednesday night. I have written for the soldiers to come here and prevent your doing any mischief if you should. Why will you hinder me from fighting your battles in the only way in which we can be successful: and by your violence and absurdity, which can do no good, turn me from a friend to an enemy? Your conduct is childish and absurd, and not like men who have great objects to attain. Why will you exhibit folly when wisdom is required? The penalty for pulling down a Turnpike House is **TRANSPORTATION FOR LIFE.** What good can you get by running such a risk, when you may attain every thing you ought to have, in a peaceable and quiet manner, without running any danger whatever? I can only attribute it to your ignorance, which prevents you from being able to guide in its proper course the great and irresistible force which you possess. A hundredth part of your strength properly applied, will do more for you, and without risk, than a thousand times your power wasted in the absurdities you have lately indulged in. Be guided by me. Do what I tell you, and you must be victorious in the end. Go each one to your own house on Wednesday night, peaceably and quietly. On Thursday morning, let each Parish choose two Delegates to come to me (as the Parishes in the Hundred of Upper Eves have done) to make me acquainted with your grievances, and then follow implicitly the advice I shall give them. If you do, peace and prosperity will be sure to return to you. If you do not, I shall leave you to enjoy the results of your ignorance and folly.

EDW. CR. LLOYD HALL.

Take Notice

I wish to give you notice, especial to those which has sworn to be countenance or join to Rebecca and her children but I can sure you that it be well to have notice for Bowler and count to finish the job that they began and that is to keep up the Gate at Harrogate and take this few lines as information for you to mind yourselves, you that had any connection with Bowler or Mr. Mo, Leg, Mr. Thomas or Blue Boas, all three properly in one night shall be in conflagration if they will not obey to this notice, and that to send them vagabonds among you are favourable to, I always like to be plain in all my engagements it is a reasonable thing that they are now so much on the country, only giving great expenses and farmers' pockets, and you must be that all the Gates that are on these roads shall be destroyed, I am willing you the gates on the Green Road to stand so is shame, all things for us wellmen to have in view of Harrogate have a dominion over us, do you not remember the long knives which they just both invented to hide over fore fathers and you may depend that you shall receive the same, if you will not you enjoy, when I shall give you a visit and that shall be in a short time and now I would give an order to leave the place before I will come, for I do determine that I will have my way all things, as for the available and the police men, Becca her children shall be more of them than the Grapes, before which fly either I suppose there are others which as marked with Becca, but they shall not be marked now but in case they will not obey to this notice she shall call about them in a short time.

Town Harrogate } Faithful to Death
Dec, 15 1842 } with the country
Becca & children



Thugs and opportunists: the lunatic fringe.

David Davies (Dai'r Cantwr)
John Jones (Shoni Sgubor Fawr)
of the Stag and Pheasant Gang

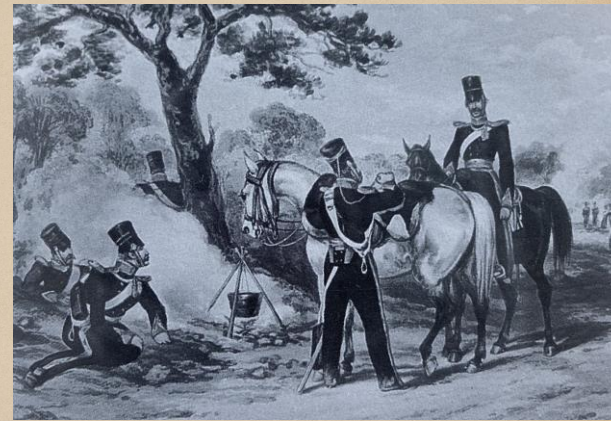
People: The Enemies



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The 4th Light Dragoons

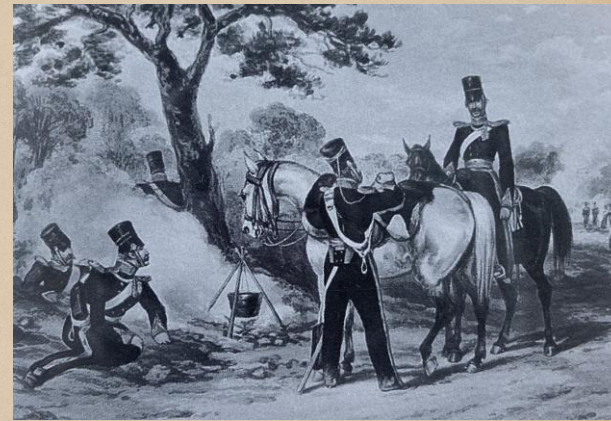
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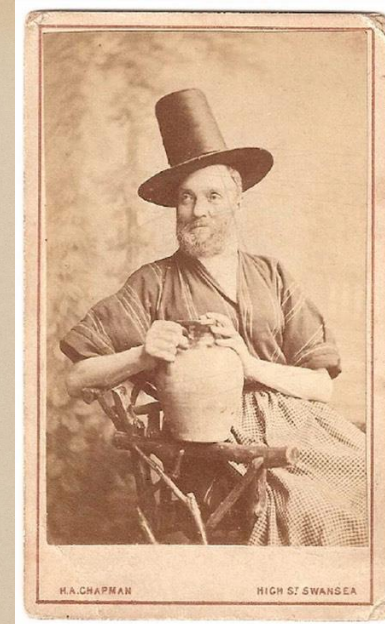
The Legacy

The riots were
colourful, spectacular
and ECCENTRIC —
abd above all else, they
were SUCCESSFUL



So what is
“Rebeccaism”??

<https://www.walesartsreview.org/redux-the-rebecca-riots-as-myth-meme-movement/>



Charles Williams, Principal
of Jesus College, 1857?