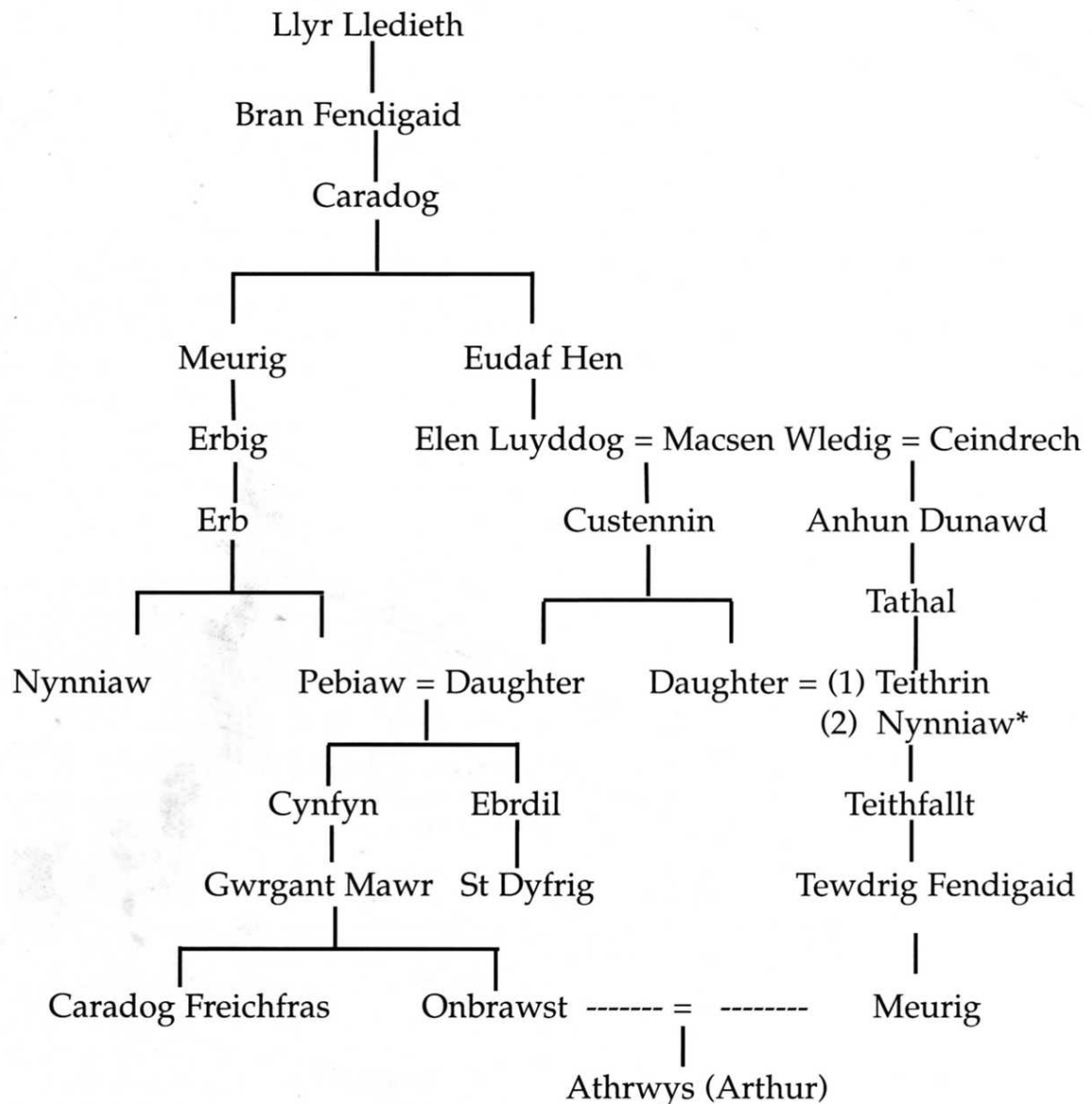


# The Grand Alliance of Arfon, Gwent and Erging



The rulers of Arfon, Domnonia, Gwent, Morgannwg and Erging all claimed descent from Llyr Lledieith ('Half Speech'), the father of Bran Fendigaid ('the Blessed'), whilst the rulers of Glywysing, Garth Madryn and Tredegar claimed descent from Maccsen Wledig (Maximus 'the Emperor').

Eudaf Hen (Octavius 'the Aged'), prince of Arfon, was the great grandson of Llyr Lledieith. His brother Meurig ruled Gwent and Erging. Eudaf's daughter Elen Luyddog (Helen 'of the Hosts') married Maccsen Wledig. Maccsen's son Anhun Dunaws (Antonius Donatus), by his previous marriage to Ceindrech, was the ancestor of the kings of Garth Madryn. Maccsen and Elen's son Custennin (Constantine) had two daughters - one married Pebiau Clavorauc, king of Erging, whilst the other daughter first married Teithrin, king of Garth Madryn, who died, and then Nynniaw, king of Gwent, who thus became the step-father of Teithrin's infant son Teithfallt.

The result of these marriages was an important alliance between the principality of Arfon and the kingdoms of Gwent and Erging, and the union of Garth Madryn with Gwent under one ruler Teithfallt, who was the father of Tewdrig Fendigaid. Tewdrig later surrendered the rule of Garth Madryn to his son-in-law Anlach, who became the father of Brychan, founder of Brycheiniog.