

Brut Y Tywysogion – Peniarth MS 20 Version

English

[1105 – 1108] A year after that, a folk of strange origin and customs, with nothing known of where they had been concealed in the island for many years before that, were sent by King Henry to Dyfed. They occupied the whole Cantref called Rhos near the estuary of the river called Cleddau, and drove away all the inhabitants from the land. And that folk had come from Flanders, the land that lies near the Sea of Britain, because the sea had overwhelmed the land and its bounds and had thrown sand all over the ground, so that the whole land was unfruitful. And at last, since there was no place for them to live either on the coast because of the sea, or in the hinterland, because of the great numbers of people living in it, and because they could not remain all together – therefore that folk came to beg of King Henry a place wherein to live and to dwell. And he sent them to Rhos. And there they still remain, the inhabitants having lost their land.