

CARADOG ap IESTYN (fl. 1130), founder of the family of 'Avene' in Glamorgan

Name: Caradog ap Iestyn
Spouse: Gwladus ferch Gruffydd
Child: Owain ap Caradog ap Iestyn
Child: Cadwallon ap Caradog ap Iestyn
Child: Maredudd ap Caradog ap Iestyn
Child: Morgan ap Caradog ap Iestyn
Parent: Iestyn ap Gwrgant
Gender: Male
Occupation: founder of the family of 'Avene' in Glamorgan
Area of activity: Royalty and Society
Author: John Edward Lloyd

He was a son of [Iestyn ap Gwrgant](#). [Iestyn](#) is known to history from two entries in *Liber Landavensis*; in the first he appears low down in the list of lay witnesses to a grant in Edlygion made to bishop Herwald by [Caradog ap Gruffydd](#); in the second he is himself a ruler, with a warband for whose misdeeds he makes amends to the same bishop by the gift of a manor in the Ely valley. It would, therefore, seem that [Iestyn](#), on the death of [Caradog](#), rose out of an obscure station to be [lord of Glamorgan](#) and was the prince whom the Normans ejected when they attacked the region about 1090. The detailed account of the conquest given in [Powel's Historie](#), 1584, confirmed as it is by no other source, must, however, be set aside as untrustworthy.

Of Caradog, there is only one contemporary mention; with his brothers, Gruffydd and Goronwy, he was concerned in 1127 in a deed of violence, the bearing of which is uncertain. But it is clear that, on the collapse of [Iestyn's](#) rule, he received from [Robert Fitz Hamon](#) the land between Nedd and Afan (and perhaps more) as a subordinate holding, to be retained by his descendants for many generations.

By his wife, Gwladus, daughter of [Gruffydd ap Rhys](#), he had four sons, [Morgan](#), Maredudd, Owain, and Cadwallon; the first of these succeeded him in the lordship of Afan.

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Sources

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