

CHRISTINA.

Name: Christina
Spouse: Owain ap Gruffydd ap Cynan
Child: Rhodri ab Owain Gwynedd
Child: Dafydd ab Owain Gwynedd
Parent: Gronw ab Owain ab Edwin
Gender: Female
Area of activity: Royalty and Society; Politics, Government and Political Movements
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Second wife of [Owain Gwynedd](#), was the daughter of Gronw (died 1124), son of [Owain ab Edwin](#) and, accordingly, her husband's first cousin. The marriage was not recognized by the Church, and Becket and Alexander III, not long before [Owain's](#) death, urged a separation. But the prince, whose affection for Christina is manifest, was obdurate and, in consequence, died under excommunication. As a widow, she actively supported her sons [Dafydd](#) and Rhodri, in their attack upon their half-brother [Hywel](#) in 1170; an unknown poet, playing upon her name, speaks bitterly of her unchristian behaviour. The Welsh form of her name is Cristin; the 'Crisiant' of the Gwentian Brut (*The Myvyrian Archaiology of Wales*, ii, 572) is a fancy of [Iolo Morganwg](#).

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Sir John Edward Lloyd, (1861 - 1947)

Sources

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