

## CYNAN DINDAETHWY (died 816), prince

**Name:** Cynan Dindaethwy

**Date of death:** 816

**Child:** Eryllt ferch Cynan Dindaethwy

**Parent:** Rhodri Molwynog

**Gender:** Male

**Occupation:** prince

**Area of activity:** Military; Politics, Government and Political Movements; Royalty and Society

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was, according to the oldest pedigree, the son of [Rhodri](#), a grandson of [Cadwaladr](#) (died 664). Inasmuch as [Rhodri](#) (usually found with the epithet 'Molwynog') died in 754 and Cynan is first mentioned in 813, this descent is open to question. His brief appearance in history gathers round a struggle with a certain [Hywel](#), whom [Dr. David Powel](#) treats as his brother, for the possession of Anglesey. In 814 [Hywel](#) was the victor, but Cynan won back the island in 816, only to die in that year. According to the life of [Gruffudd ap Cynan](#), his descendant, he was of Castell Dindaethwy, which has been identified with the hill-fort near Plas Cadnant, in the parish of Llandysilio (*Inv. Anglesey*, xciii). He left a daughter, Eryllt (for the form see [Rhys](#), *Celtic Folklore*, 480, n.), who became the mother of [Merfyn Frych](#) (died 844) and thereby foundress of the royal houses of Gwynedd and Deheubarth in the Middle Ages.

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### Sources

J. E. Lloyd, *A History of Wales from the Earliest Times to the Edwardian Conquest* (London 1911), 231, 323

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