

## CYNWAL, RICHARD (died 1634), poet

**Name:** Richard Cynwal  
**Date of death:** 1634  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** poet  
**Area of activity:** Poetry  
**Author:** Ray Looker

of Maes y Garnedd (?), Capel Garmon, Denbighshire His work, written in the strict metres, consists chiefly of poems to various North Walian gentry. He took pride especially in his position as family poet at [Rhiwedog mansion](#) (near Bala), and a bardic controversy ensued between [Richard Phylip](#) and himself because of this. He composed an eulogy to [Tomas Prys](#) of Plas Iolyn and an elegy to [Siôn Phylip](#) of Ardudwy. [Richard Phylip](#) and [Rowland Vaughan](#) wrote elegies upon his death (Cwrtmawr MS. 11). It is difficult to ascertain whether any relationship existed between [William Cynwal](#) and Richard. An example of his handwriting is to be found in Cardiff MS. 83 (3-4, 429).

### Author

Ray Looker

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