

## GRUFFUDD HAFREN (fl. c. 1600), a poet

**Name:** Gruffudd Hafren  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** poet  
**Area of activity:** Poetry  
**Author:** Ray Looker

(presumably of Montgomeryshire) of whose work many examples remain in manuscripts. These include poems to various members of the families of **Gogerddan** (Llanstephan MS 118 (376)), **Llyweni** (NLW MS 6494D (29, 44), NLW MS 6495D (64), NLW MS 6496C (281b)) apparently in the poet's own handwriting), and Henllys in Pembrokeshire (Llanstephan MS 133 (773)). He wrote two *cywyddau* in praise of **Dr. John Davies** of Mallwyd (NLW MS 5269B (393b, 405)), and elegies to the two poets, **Siôn Phylip** (NLW MS 799D (40)) and **Thomas Penllyn** (Cwrtmawr MS 11B (189)). A bardic controversy or *ymryson*, took place - **Rhisiart Phylip** and Gruffudd Hafren against **Siôn Phylip** and **Ieuan Tew** (Llanstephan MS 133 (497-500)); and a shorter one occurred between **Roger Cyffin** and Gruffudd (Cwrtmawr MS 206B (101)). No details have been found regarding his life.

### Author

**Ray Looker**

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