## HOWEL, HARRI (fl. 1637-1671), bard

Name: Harri Howel Parent: Howel ap Sion leuan Gender: Male Occupation: bard Area of activity: Poetry Author: Robert (Bob) Owen

son of Howel ap Siôn leuan of the parish of Dolgelley, also a bard. He was contemporary with <u>Gruffydd Phylip</u> and sang to many of the families to whom that bard sang. On the evidence of the eighteen (or so) *cywyddau* by him which survive, Harri Howel sang to members of houses ranging from <u>Bodwrdda</u> (west Caernarfonshire), <u>Gwaenynog</u> and <u>Llwyn Ynn</u> (in the vale of Clwyd), to <u>Nannau</u> and Hafod Dywyll (near Dolgelley) and to <u>Dolau-gwyn</u> near Towyn, Meironnydd. It is probable that, like <u>Siôn Phylip</u>, he farmed his own land - there survives to this day a ' Ffridd Harri Howel ' on the borders of the parishes of Dolgelley and Llanfachreth. He composed an elegy on the death of <u>John Myddelton</u>, Gwaenynog, in 1637 and a *cywydd* on the marriage of Robert Owen, parson of Llangelynnin, Meironnydd, 1671.

## Author

Robert (Bob) Owen, (1885 - 1962)

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