

HUW CEIRIOG (fl. c. 1560-1600), poet

Name: Huw Ceiriog
Gender: Male
Occupation: poet
Area of activity: Poetry
Author: Ray Looker

A native of Denbighshire who graduated in the fourth bardic grade at the Caerwys eisteddfod of 1568 ([Peniarth MS 132](#) (59)). Some of his poems remain in manuscript, and these include light-hearted *cywyddau* on love and nature, others written to [Simon Thelwall](#) of Plas y Ward, [John Salusbury](#) of Llyweni (elegy), and one in praise of Plas Moelyrch. He also wrote an *englyn* on the above-mentioned eisteddfod. The following manuscripts contain examples of his work: B.M. Add. MS. 14894; Cardiff MS. 63; [Llanstephan MS 118](#) ; [NLW MS 3048D](#) ; [NLW MS 6496C](#) , [NLW MS 8330B](#) ; [Peniarth MS 84](#) ([Llyfr Dafydd Cayo](#)), [Peniarth MS 104](#) .

The name Hywel Ceiriog appears instead of Huw in some manuscript lists of the 1568 Caerwys graduate poets (e.g. [Peniarth MS 121](#) (215), [Peniarth MS 144](#) (268)); and a bardic controversy occurred between Hywel Ceiriog, [Wiliam Llŷn](#), [Ieuan Tew](#) and [Siôn Phylip](#), and the two poets, [Wiliam Cynwal](#) and [Huw Llŷn](#) ([NLW MS 3021F](#) (455); [NLW MS 675A](#) (24b)). The connection between these two names has not yet been established.

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