

HYWEL ap DAFYDD ap IEUAN ap RHYS (HYWEL DAFI of Raglan) (fl. c. 1450-1480), poet

Name: Hywel ap Dafydd ap Ieuan ap Rhys

Gender: Male

Occupation: poet

Area of activity: Poetry

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HYWEL DAFI of Raglan, according to [Peniarth MS 101](#) (262), a poet of whose work many examples remain in manuscript. These include a few religious and love poems, and a large number addressed in the standard convention to various members of the ruling families of his period in South Wales, e.g. [Gruffudd ap Nicolas](#) of Dynevor, Philip ap Tomas of Llangoed in Brecknock, Rhys ap Siancyn of Glyn Nedd (Neath) and members of the [Herbert](#) family of Pembroke and Raglan. It appears from one of the two bardic controversies between him and [Guto'r Glyn](#) that he was family poet at Raglan. Other *ymrysonau* were composed between [Bedo Brwynllys](#) and Hywel, and also between [Gruffudd ap Dafydd Fychan](#), [Llywelyn Goch y Dant](#) and Hywel. According to [Edward Jones](#) (apparently on the authority of [Rhys Cain](#)) he was an M.A., author of a history of Britain in Latin and a history of Wales in Welsh, and possessor of well-written and valuable manuscripts. As yet no manuscript of his has been found. According to the *Cambrian Biog.*, *Cymru (O.J.)*, *Blackwell*, and *Enwogion Cymru: a Biographical Dictionary of Eminent Welshmen*, the poet was a native of Aberdare, but no proof exists for this statement.

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