

HYWEL ap DAFYDD ap IEUAN ap RHYS (HYWEL DAFI of Raglan, according to Pen. MS. 101 (262)) (fl. c. 1450-1480), a poet

Name: Hywel ap Dafydd ap Ieuan ap Rhys
Gender: Male
Occupation: poet
Area of activity: Poetry
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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, Phylip 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](#)^[2], the poet was a native of Aberdare, but no proof exists for this statement.

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