

IEUAN ap HYWEL SWRDWAL (fl. 1430-1480), poet

Name: Ieuan Ap Hywel Swrdwal

Parent: Hywel Swrdwal

Gender: Male

Occupation: poet

Area of activity: Poetry

Author: Elwyn Evans

son of the poet [Hywel Swrdwal](#). Both were associated with the Cydwain district of Powys and with Newtown. They are reputed to have lived for a time at Machynlleth. Among the poems attributed to Ieuan is an awdl to the Virgin Mary written in English but using the strict metres and orthography of Welsh. Its title is 'Owdyl i Fair a wnaeth kymbro yn Rhudychen' etc. and its first line — 'O meichti ladi our leding tw haf.' Elegies to him were written by [Hywel ap Dafydd ap Ieuan ap Rhys](#), [Llywelyn Goch y Dant](#) and [Gruffydd ap Dafydd Fychan](#). There is a tradition that he, like his father, wrote a history of Wales from the time of [Cadwaladr](#) to that of Henry VI, but the work is not extant.

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Sources


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[Detailed discussion of the awdl in *The Transactions of the Honourable Society of Cymmrodorion*, 1955, 70-124, by E. J. Dobson.]

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