

IFOR BACH (fl. 1158) - (IFOR MEURIG in the Bruts, IFOR AP CADIFOR in 16th and 17th century genealogies); lord of Senghenydd

**Pseudonym:** Ifor Bach

**Spouse:** Nest ferch Gruffydd ap Rhys

**Child:** Gwenllïan ferch Ifor Bach

**Child:** Gruffydd ab Ifor Bach

**Gender:** Male

**Occupation:** lord of Senghenydd

**Area of activity:** Military; Politics, Government and Political Movements; Royalty and Society

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a 'dependant barony' of the lordship of Glamorgan and the hilly district bounded by Brecknock on the north, Cefn Onn ridge on the south, the river Taff on the west and the river Rhymney on the east.

In 1158 he attacked and slew [Morgan ab Owain](#) of Gwynllwg and Caerleon, together with 'the best poet,' Gwrgant ap Rhys. He is noteworthy also for his attack on Cardiff castle the same year, when at dead of night he removed [William, earl of Gloucester](#), Hawise his wife, and [Robert](#) their son to his wooded fastnesses, refusing to release them until [William](#) had restored the lands filched from him and had bestowed upon him additional territory by way of compensation.

He married Nest, sister says ' Brut y Saeson,' to the '[lord' Rhys](#). He was succeeded (before 1170) by his son Gruffydd.

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Arthur John Richard

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