

## MERFYN FRYCH (died 844), king of Gwynedd

**Name:** Merfyn Frych  
**Date of death:** 844  
**Spouse:** Nest ferch Cadell ap Brochwel  
**Child:** Rhodri Mawr  
**Parent:** Epyllt ferch Cynan Dindaethwy  
**Parent:** Gwriad  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** king of Gwynedd  
**Area of activity:** Politics, Government and Political Movements; Royalty and Society  
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son of Gwriad, probably a Manx chieftain and a reputed descendant of [Llywarch Hen](#), by Epyllt, a princess of Gwynedd. On the death, in 825, of [Hywel ap Rhodri Molwynog](#), his mother's uncle, he became king in Anglesey, and later, on the death of Hywel ap Caradog, appears to have acquired the kingship of the adjacent mainland cantrefws. Thus were united the inheritances of the last direct descendants in Gwynedd of the line of [Cunedda Wledig](#). He married Nest, daughter of Cadell ap Brochwel of Powys. [Rhodri Mawr](#) was their son.

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