MORUS DWYFECH, or MORUS ap DAFYDD ab IFAN ab EINION (fl. c. 1523-1590), a poet

Name: Morus Dwyfech

Gender: Male
Occupation: a poet

Area of activity: Eisteddfod; Poetry

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from either Eifionydd or Ll n who apparently took his name from the river Dwyfech (now called Dwyfach). He received his poetic licence at the Caerwys eisteddfod, 1523, but the grade in which he graduated is unknown. Few details are known concerning his life, but it is suggested that he had a close connection with Talhenbont before becoming domestic bard at Cefnamwlch. Apparently restricting his bardic itineraries to Gwynedd, he addressed poems to members of most of the landed families, including those of Cefnamwlch, Clenennau, Ystumcegid, Talhenbont, Plas-du, Glyn Dwyfech, Castellmarch, Llwyndyrys, Bodfel, Glynllifon, Trefeilir, and Gwydir. He also composed poetry (cywyddau and englynion) on various other themes including religious poems, satires, poems addressed to a maiden, one to his own wife, poems in reply to others by Huw Arwystl and also Wiliam Ll n, one on Caernarvon town and another on Nevin. His will, in the form of a poem, expressed the poet's desire to be buried at Penllech, and, from the elegies composed to him by Siôn Phylip and Huw Pennant, it is evident that his wish was granted.

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Sources

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Further Reading

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