PRITCHARD, MICHAEL (c. 1709 - 1733), poet

Name: Michael Pritchard
Date of birth: c. 1709
Date of death: 1733
Parent: Richard William Pritchard
Gender: Male
Occupation: poet
Area of activity: Poetry
Author: Moelwyn Idwal Williams

Born c. 1709, son of Richard William Pritchard, weaver and sexton, Llanllyfni, Caernarfonshire. He left Llanllyfni at an early age and went to Llan-fechell in Anglesey, where he worked for many years as gardener in the employ of William Bulkeley, Brynddu. He was a poet of considerable ability and many of his works have been preserved. The more notable of his compositions were ' Cywydd i'r Wyddfa '; ' Cywydd Marwnad Owen Gruffudd, Llanystumdwy ' (Owen Gruffydd (1643 - 1730)), Englynion Duwiol ' (written about 1727); ' Englynion i'r Dderwen y dihangodd Charles II iddi am ei hoedl rhag y Rowndiaid.' Pritchard's death has been variously dated, but his friend Hugh Hughes (Bardd Coch, 1693 - 1776), in his elegy upon him states that he died in 1733, aged 24, at Llanfechell, and was buried there 3 July 1733.

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