RHISIART FYNGLWYD, poet, fl. 1510-1570

Name: Rhisiart Fynglwyd
Parent: Iorwerth Fynglwyd
Gender: Male
Occupation: poet
Area of activity: Poetry
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son of Iorwerth Fynglwyd, and poetic tutor to Dafydd Benwyn. He was also known as Rhisiart Iorwerth. Although his father was a native of S. Bride's Major, Rhisiart lived in Tir-Iarll. In his youth he composed love poems in *cywydd* metre, and later he sang panegyrics in the strict metres to members of leading families, mainly in Glamorgan, Carmarthen, and Brecknock. These poems include several to members of the Dwnn family, particularly to Gruffudd Dwnn of Ystrad Merthyr, and Harry, his son. Rhisiart Fynglwyd was feasting at Ystrad Merthyr at Whitsuntide 1531 and 1533, and on S. Davids Day 1536 and 1537, and was in Sir George Herbert's home in Swansea about 1543. Professor G. J. Williams suggests that perhaps his most interesting poem is his cywydd of intercession between Sir George Herbert and Edward Mansel, and maintains that this poet, who outlived Lewys Morgannwg, was the last Glamorgan poet of significance during the period of strict metre poetry.

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