

## RHODRI ap GRUFFYDD (died c. 1315), prince of Gwynedd

**Name:** Rhodri ap Gruffydd  
**Date of death:** c. 1315  
**Spouse:** Catherine wraig Rhodri ap Gruffydd  
**Spouse:** Beatrice de Malpas  
**Child:** Thomas ap Rhodri  
**Parent:** Senena ferch Caradog  
**Parent:** Gruffydd ap Llywelyn  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** prince of Gwynedd  
**Area of activity:** Land Ownership; Politics, Government and Political Movements; Royalty and Society  
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third son of [Gruffydd ap Llywelyn](#) and Senana, and brother of [Owain Goch](#), [Llywelyn ap Gruffydd](#), and [Dafydd ap Gruffydd](#). His first appearance is as a child hostage in the hands of Henry III in 1241. Probably released in 1248, he returned to Wales when [Owain](#) and [Llywelyn](#) went surety for his loyalty to the king. He later became a victim of [Llywelyn](#)'s drive against the custom of partible succession; but after some years in prison he agreed, in 1272, to quitclaim his rights in Gwynedd in return for a grant from [Llywelyn](#) of 1,000 marks. This agreement was not immediately implemented, and Rhodri escaped to England. On two subsequent occasions Edward I intervened to enforce the contract; only 50 marks had been paid by the end of 1278, but at least another 100 marks had been handed over at Aberconwy by November 1280. In 1292 he received an annual pension of £40 from the king. Meanwhile he had married, in 1281, Beatrice, daughter and heiress of David de Malpas, and appears henceforth as a landowner of some standing in Cheshire as well as the lord of a manor in Surrey. After the death of Beatrice, in 1290, he took as his second wife one named Catherine, who survived him. There was one son of this marriage - [Thomas ap Rhodri](#), father of [Owain ap Thomas ap Rhodri](#).

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