

RHYS GRYG (' Rhys the Hoarse,' died 1234), prince; he is also called ' Rhys Fychan ',

Name: Rhys Gryg
Date of death: 1234
Child: Rhys Mechyll
Child: Maredudd ap Rhys Gryg
Parent: Gwenllian ferch Madog ap Maredudd
Parent: Rhys ap Gruffydd
Gender: Male
Occupation: prince
Area of activity: Politics, Government and Political Movements; Royalty and Society
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and both names are given him in the panegyric addressed to him by ' [Prydydd y Moch](#) ' (Llywarch ap Llywelyn), and printed in [The Myvyrian Archaiology of Wales](#) [☞], i, 292-4. He was the fourth son of the ' [lord](#) ' [Rhys ap Gruffydd](#) (1132 - 1197), by Gwenllian, daughter of [Madog ap Maredudd](#) of Powys. He was an unreliable man, who rebelled against his father, played off one of his brothers against another, and played off king John against [Llywelyn ap Iorwerth](#). Physical bravery he certainly had, but no consistency can be discovered in his actions - other than self-seeking; for his career, see [Lloyd, A History of Wales](#) [☞] (consult index). From 1215, he was tolerably loyal to [Llywelyn ap Iorwerth](#), who at the Aberdovey council of 1216 confirmed him in the possession of the greater part of Cantref Mawr and Cantref Bychan, and of the commotes of Cydweli and Carnwyllion. Under [Llywelyn](#)'s banner, he joyfully stormed Norman castles in South Wales, but in one such onset (the attack on Carmarthen castle, in 1234), he was mortally wounded - he died at Llandeilo-fawr, and was buried at S. Davids. There is an elegy upon him in [The Myvyrian Archaiology of Wales](#) [☞], i, 543, attributed there to Dewi Mynyw or to ' [Prydydd y Moch](#) ' - but on p. 384 of the volume, the same poem is attributed to [Prydydd Bychan](#).

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