

RHYS, HYWEL (1715? - 1799), poet, of the parish of Vaynor, Brecknock.

Name: Hywel Rhys
Date of birth: 1715?
Date of death: 1799
Spouse: Catherine Rhys (née Morgan)
Child: Rhys Rhys
Parent: Howell Rees
Gender: Male
Occupation: poet
Area of activity: Poetry
Author: Griffith Milwyn Griffiths

He is probably the Howell, son of Howell Rees, who was christened at Vaynor, 10 September 1715. He began life as a farmer on a tenement called Blaen-y-glais in Vaynor parish, but is said to have been deprived of his farm and subsequently to have rented a public house called Pantyd r, at Garn, Pontsticill, Brecknock. His wife's name was Catherine, and the marriage may be that between Howell Rice and Catherine Morgan recorded in Vaynor parish register on 1 January 1741/2. Four poems - ' Cân y Daear Fochyn,' ' Can yn cynnwys achwyniad y bardd am gydmares,' ' Can yr Hwsmon,' ' Can a gyfansoddwyd yn amser yr hynod ormeswr Morgan Siencyn Dafydd,' are attributed to him. The date of his death is given variously as June 1799 and July 1802. Vaynor parish register records the burial of a Howel Rees on 3 June 1799.

Author

Griffith Milwyn Griffiths

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