

WATCYN CLYWEDOG (fl. c. 1630-1650), poet

Name: Watcyn Clywedog
Gender: Male
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About fifty of his *cywyddau* are extant in manuscript, as well as numerous *englynion*. His literary patrons were spread throughout the counties of Anglesey, Caernarvon, and Denbigh, and included members of the families of Berth-ddu, [Bodfel](#), [Bodwrda](#), Hendre-fawr, Llannor, [Llwydiarth](#), [Plas-y-ward](#), and Saethon. The greater part of his poetry is elegiac, but he also wrote eulogies, soliciting, and reconciliatory poems according to the conventional manner. One of his elegies was written on the death of [colonel Richard Bulkeley](#) of Baron Hill, killed in a duel with Thomas Cheadle on Lavan Sands, 19 February 1649/50. He also wrote a poem to a new house built by [Dr. John Davies](#) of Mallwyd in 1630. His poetry bears testimony to the persistence of bardic patronage in these shires.

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