

## ADDA FRAS (1240? - 1320?), poet and writer of prophecies

**Name:** Adda Fras

**Date of birth:** 1240?

**Date of death:** 1320?

**Gender:** Male

**Occupation:** poet and writer of prophecies

**Area of activity:** Literature and Writing; Poetry; Religion

**Author:** Raymond Wallis Evans

According to [John Davies](#) and [Thomas Stephens](#), he flourished about 1240. He is referred to in [Peniarth MS 94](#) (26) and [Llanstephan MS. 119](#) (82), as living about 1038, and contemporary with [Goronwy Ddu o Fôn](#). But in G. P. Jones, *Anglesey Court Rolls*, 1346, 37, 39, mention is made of 'the son of Adda Fras' and 'the suit of [Goronwy Ddu](#), attorney for the community of the township of Porthgir.' In *Dafydd ap Gwilym a'i gyfoeswyr* 156 he is associated by [Gruffudd Gryg](#) (c. 1340 - 1412) with [Casnodyn](#) (c. 1290 - 1340). The years 1240 - 1320, therefore, would not be far wrong as the period of his life. He was buried in Maenan Abbey, near Conway, an abbey founded in 1186 (*Gwaith Tudur Aled*, i, 83). According to [Llanstephan MS. 133](#) (617), his bardic teacher was Wmbar.

Later poets in the elegies which they wrote to each other often refer to him not only as a writer of prophecies, but as a past master in the poet's craft (see [Peniarth MS 94](#) and *Gwaith Tudur Aled*, ii, 743), and especially [Tudur Aled](#)'s elegy (*Gwaith Tudur Aled*, i, 283) to [Dafydd ab Edmwnd](#). Comparatively little of his work has survived. It is impossible to state with certainty, at present, how much of it is authentic, as some of it is attributed to other writers.

### Author

**Raymond Wallis Evans**, (1910 - 2001)

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### Further Reading

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