

## CYNAN DINDAETHWY (died 816), prince

**Name:** Cynan Dindaethwy  
**Date of death:** 816  
**Child:** Epyllt ferch Cynan Dindaethwy  
**Parent:** Rhodri Molwynog  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** prince  
**Area of activity:** Military; Politics, Government and Political Movements; Royalty and Society  
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was, according to the oldest pedigree, the son of **Rhodri**, a grandson of **Cadwaladr** (died 664). Inasmuch as **Rhodri** (usually found with the epithet 'Molwynog') died in 754 and Cynan is first mentioned in 813, this descent is open to question. His brief appearance in history gathers round a struggle with a certain **Hywel**, whom **Dr. David Powell** treats as his brother, for the possession of Anglesey. In 814 **Hywel** was the victor, but Cynan won back the island in 816, only to die in that year. According to the life of **Gruffudd ap Cynan**, his descendant, he was of Castell Dindaethwy, which has been identified with the hill-fort near Plas Cadnant, in the parish of Llandysilio (*nv. Anglesey*, xciii). He left a daughter, Epyllt (for the form see **Rhys**, *Celtic Folklore*, 480, n.), who became the mother of **Merfyn Frych** (died 844) and thereby foundress of the royal houses of Gwynedd and Deheubarth in the Middle Ages.

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### Sources

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