

## CYNWAL, RICHARD (died 1634), poet

Name: Richard Cynwal Date of death: 1634 Gender: Male Occupation: poet Area of activity: Poetry Author: Ray Looker

of Maes y Garnedd (?), Capel Garmon, Denbighshire His work, written in the strict metres, consists chiefly of poems to various North Walian gentry. He took pride especially in his position as family poet at Rhiwedog mansion (near Bala), and a bardic controversy ensued between Richard Phylip and himself because of this. He composed an eulogy to Tomas Prys of Plas Iolyn and an elegy to Siôn Phylip of Ardudwy. Richard Phylip and Rowland Vaughan wrote elegies upon his death (Cwrtmawr MS 11B). It is difficult to ascertain whether any relationship existed between William Cynwal and Richard. An example of his handwriting is to be found in Cardiff MS. 83 (3-4, 429).

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