

DAFYDD LLWYD ap DAFYDD ab EINION ap HYWEL, of Newtown, Montgomeryshire (died before 1469), a prominent figure in Cydwain and a generous patron of the 15th century bards

Name: Dafydd Llwyd ap Dafydd ab Einion ap Hywel
Date of death: before 1469
Spouse: Gwenllïan ferch Maredudd ab Owain ap Gruffudd ab Einion
Child: Elen ferch Dafydd Llwyd
Child: Robert ap Dafydd Llwyd
Child: Rhys ap Dafydd Llwyd
Parent: David ap Einion
Gender: Male
Occupation: prominent figure in Cydwain and a generous patron of the 15th century bards
Area of activity: Philanthropy; Poetry; Public and Social Service, Civil Administration; Royalty and Society
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He traced his ancestry to **Elstan Glodrydd**; one of his forebears migrated from Cefnlllys to Mochdre, and his father settled at Newtown. His praises were sung by **Lewis Glyn Cothi**, **Llawdden**, and **Guto'r Glyn**, who laid stress on the wealth of his entertainment and on his generosity towards the bards. It appears that **Hywel Swrdwal** was his household bard, and that he died shortly before his patron. His wife was Gwenllïan, daughter of Meredith ab Owen ap Griffith ab Einion, lord of Towyn. They had two sons and a daughter, Rhys, Robert, and Ellen.

RHYS AP DAFYDD LLWYD (died 1469)

He was an esquire of the body to Edward IV and his steward in Cydwain, Kerry, Cyfeiliog, and Arwystli. He was also governor of Montgomery castle. He was lost in the battle of Danesmore or Banbury, 1469. An elegy by **Dafydd Llwyd ap Llewelyn ap Gruffudd** suggests that there was much uncertainty about his fate after the battle. The **Pryce** family of Newtown derived their surname from this Rhys's christian name. His wife was Margaret, daughter of Ieuan ab Owen ap Meredith, of Neuadd-wen.

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