

DAFYDD LLWYD MATHAU, MATHE, or MATHEW (fl. 1601-1629), poet and strolling minstrel

Name: Dafydd Llwyd Mathau, Mathe, Or Mathew

Gender: Male

Occupation: poet and strolling minstrel

Area of activity: Music; Performing Arts; Poetry

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A native, according to J. H. Davies, of Cilpyll, Llangeitho. Poems attributed to him include some in honour of the families of Morfa Mawr in Anglesey (1601) and Llewenni in Denbighshire (1602). In Glamorganshire, the Mansells of Margam, the Powells of Llandow, and the Phillipses of Gelli'r-fid, Llandyfodwg, were similarly honoured so, too, in Pembrokeshire, Thomas ap Richard of Marloes and the families of Henllys (1603, 1606, 1611), Tre Wern, Pont Gynon (1615), and Pen-y-benglog (1629). He also wrote love lyrics and, moreover, in 1611, composed an *awd* in the twenty-four regular metres and others devised by himself. There is one *cywydd* written in his own hand in [Llanstephan MS 38](#).

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