

## EDWART ap RAFF (fl. 1578-1606), a Denbighshire poet

**Name:** Edwart ap Raff  
**Parent:** Raff ap Robert  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** poet  
**Area of activity:** Poetry  
**Author:** Rhiannon Francis Roberts

Son of **Raff ap Robert**. In a *cywydd* composed in 1602 when he had grown old he refers to the battle of S. Quentin, 1557, as though he had been actually present. It is stated in **NLW MS 5282B** that he was a blind poet, but there is no reference to this elsewhere. His poems are mainly in praise of the landowning families of the Vale of Clwyd; they also include elegies on **Siôn Tudur**, 1602, and **Simwnt Fychan**, 1606. **Llanstephan MS 36** contains a collection of his work.

### Author

**Rhiannon Francis Roberts**, (1923 - 1990)

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