

## ELIS CYNFRIG (fl. 1580-1620), poet

**Name:** Elis Cynfrig  
**Parent:** Rissiart Lewis  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** poet  
**Area of activity:** Poetry  
**Author:** Ray Looker

Son of 'Rissiart Lewis of vanachloc redyn,' according to [Cwrtmawr MS 203B](#) (73). Some of his carols are preserved in manuscript, these being on themes of religion, love, and eulogy. Two of them are printed in *Canu Rhydd Cynnar* and *Cerddi Rhydd Cynnar*.

### Author

Ray Looker

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