

GRIFFITH, GEORGE WILLIAM (1584 - 1655?), landowner, attorney, magistrate, and antiquary

Name: George William Griffith

Date of birth: 1584

Date of death: 1655?

Spouse: Maud Griffith (née Bowen)

Parent: William Griffith

Gender: Male

Occupation: landowner, attorney, magistrate, and antiquary

Area of activity: History and Culture; Land Ownership; Law; Scholarship and Languages

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of Penybenglog, Pembrokeshire; born 21 April 1584, eldest son of William Griffith. He married 22 November 1605, **Maud Bowen** of Llwyn-gwair, by whom he had seven children. He was appointed public clerk in Pembrokeshire by the council of the Marches, was sometime Seneschal of Cemais, he assisted **George Owen** of Henllys with historical researches, and compiled many genealogical manuscripts. Bards from all Wales were entertained at Penybenglog, and Griffith was one of the last landowners in South Wales to patronize bards on any appreciable scale. A republican, he served on parliamentary committees, and his house was plundered by the Royalists. His will was proved in P.C.C. on 29 August 1655. He was buried at Meline.

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