

## GRUFFYDD ap MADOG or GRUFFYDD MAELOR I (died 1191);

**Name:** Gruffydd ap Madog  
**Date of death:** 1191  
**Spouse:** Angharad ferch Owain Gwynedd  
**Child:** Owen ap Gruffydd  
**Child:** Madog ap Gruffydd Maelor  
**Parent:** Susanna ferch Gruffydd ap Cynan  
**Parent:** Madog ap Maredudd  
**Gender:** Male  
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son of **Madog ap Maredudd** by Susanna, daughter of **Gruffudd ap Cynan**, and the founder of the principal ruling family of northern Powys during the 13th century. When the province was divided into two spheres of influence on the death of **Madog ap Maredudd** in 1160, territories north of the Rhaeadr were subject to further subdivision among Gruffydd and his brothers - see **Owain Fychan** and **Owain Brogyntyn**. His share consisted of Maelor and Ial (Bromfield and Yale) to which he later added Nanheudwy, and on the death, in 1187, of **Owain Fychan**, the lands of Cynllaith and lower Mochnant. Excluding Penllyn and Edeirnion, he had thus reunited northern Powys, though it was his elder son, **Madog**, who lent his name to this region since known as 'Powys Fadog.' He married his cousin, Angharad, daughter of **Owain Gwynedd**, and had two sons, **Madog** and Owen. He is called 'Gruffydd Maelor I' to distinguish him from his grandson 'Gruffydd Maelor II,' who died 1269 (**Lloyd, A History of Wales**, 769).

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### Sources

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### Further Reading

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