

# GRUFFYDD ap RHYDDERCH ap IESTYN (died 1055), king

Name: Gruffydd ap Rhydderch ap Iestyn

Date of death: 1055 Child: Caradog ap Gruffydd ap Rhydderch

Parent: Rhydderch ab Iestyn Gender: Male

Occupation: king Area of activity: Politics, Government and Political Movements; Royalty and Society

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When Gruffudd ap Llywelyn took possession of Deheubarth in 1044, the South found a new focus of resistance in the leadership of Gruffydd ap Rhydderch. Independence was thus retrieved in 1045, and for ten years, until his fall in 1055, Gruffydd gave to his adopted 'patria' a vigorous government in which resistance to the Danes was a prominent feature. The sanction for his intervention in the affairs of Deheubarth came in part from his father's successful usurpation of power there during the years 1023-33. Gruffydd, moreover, was already a ' king ' in Glamorgan, probably over Gwynllwg, where his descendants enjoyed restricted power down to 1270.

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### **Sources**

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## **Further Reading**

Wikipedia Article: Gruffydd ap Rhydderch

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