

GRUFFUDD, IFAN or IEUAN (c. 1655 - c. 1734), poet

Name: Ifan Gruffudd
Date of birth: c. 1655
Date of death: c. 1734
Gender: Male
Occupation: poet
Area of activity: Poetry
Author: Geraint Bowen

Born at Tŵr-gwyn, Tredraur ('Troed-yr-aur'), Cardiganshire, where he died, 'being nearly 80 years of age.' Between 1672 and 1722 he wrote a considerable number of carols of the type known as *halsingod* and in 1718 published, jointly with **Samuel Williams** of Llandyfrïog, a selection of them, bearing the title *Pedwar o Ganuau*. Only one of his *cywyddau* survives - the ' Cywydd i'r Iesu o gynnildeb wyneb yngwrthwyneb ' printed in *Meddylieu Neillduol ar Grefydd* (1717). He produced a number of *englynion* and at least one 'summer carol.' We hear of him being present at the Machynlleth eisteddfod, 1702, where he was lampooned by **Siôn Rhydderch**. **Iaco ab Dewi** wrote a poem in his honour, while **Siencyn Thomas** of Cwm-du and **Alban Thomas** of Blaen-porth wrote elegies upon him.

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