

GWYNNE, SACKVILLE (c. 1751 - 1794)

Name: Sackville Gwynne
Date of birth: c. 1751
Date of death: 1794
Child: Sackville Henry Frederick Gwynne
Gender: Male
Area of activity: Music
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A member of the great clan of Gwynne of Glanbrân, near Llandovery, whose mansion, destroyed by fire, now lies in ruin - for the family, see under **Gwynne** family of Llanelwedd.

According to **W. R. Williams** (*Old Wales*, iii, 286-8), he was born c. 1751 - if so, the references to him (in Welsh books) as 'an old gentleman' are rather misleading. He married, in 1772 at Dublin and without his father's knowledge, a daughter of one of the Glanbrân tenants, and accordingly parts of the estate were left (1774) to his younger brother. His wife died in 1787; he re-married in 1793, but died before the birth of a daughter in August 1794.

He was noted as a lover of the harp. **Edward Jones** (Bardd y Brenin) affirms that Gwynne was one of the finest players of his day upon the triple harp. He was also a patron of harpists - see, e.g. under **Wood**; it was at Glanbrân that John Richards (1711 - 1789), a famous harp-maker of Llanrwst, died (he was buried at Llanfair-ar-y-bryn, Llandovery). As will be seen from the article **Wood**, the patronage of the harp at Glanbrân continued well into the 19th century.

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Further reading

'The Gwynnes of Glanbran,' *Old Wales a monthly magazine of antiquities for Wales and the Borders* (Australia 1905-1907), Vol. ii, pp.326-331; Vol. iii, pp.97-103; pp.220-221; pp.251-254; pp.285-288; pp.289-304; pp.351-352; pp.358-369; pp.374-376

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