

HOPCYN, WILIAM (1700 - 1741), a poet

Name: Wiliam Hopcyn Date of birth: 1700 Date of death: 1741

Parent: Diana Thomas (née Harry) Parent: Hopkin Thomas Gender: Male Occupation: poet Area of activity: Poetry

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From Llangynwyd in Tir Iarll, Glamorganshire, of whom hardly anything is known. Iolo Morganwg maintained in his old age that he was the person of that name who was buried in Llangýnwyd in 1741; that view was accepted by persons living in the 19th century. It was also said that he was a tiler and a plasterer. Iolo claimed in his earlier years, however, that he and Hopcyn had been fellow-pupils in 'Cadair Morgannwg' (the bardic chair or circle of Glamorgan) in 1760. Of one thing only is there any years, however, that he aid hopeyn had been reliably-publis in "Cadail Morganimy" (the Bardic Chair of Circle of Glarinorgan in 1760. Of other thing only is there any certainty - that a man of the name of 'Will Hopkin' wrote a poem satirizing the bards at the 'eisteddfod' held at Cymer in 1735. According to lolo he was famed as a love poet. It was lolo who said that Hopcyn was the author of 'Bugeilio'r Gwenith Gwyn ' (usually referred to in English as 'Watching the Wheat'); while it is possible that it contains a core that is genuinely old, it is likely that lolo himself was the writer of the poem in its final form. About the year 1845 Taliesin ab lolo began to tell the story of the love experiences of Wil Hopcyn and Ann Thomas, the 'Maid of Cefn Ydfa', and to connect the 'Bugeilio'r Gwenith Gwyn 'song with that tradition. AfterwardsMrs.

Pendril Llewelyn, wife of the vicar of Llangynwyd, began to collect the penillion and the traditional tribannau of Tir Iarll, and to maintain that they were the work of Will Hopcyn and that many of them related to the Cefn Ydfa original In fact, we know nothing of Will Hopcyn and the many of them related to the Cefn Ydfa original In fact, we know nothing of Will Hopcyn and the many of them related to the Cefn Ydfa original In fact, we know nothing of Will Hopcyn and the many of them related to the Cefn Ydfa original In fact, we know nothing of Will Hopcyn and the many of them related to the Cefn Ydfa original In fact, we know nothing of Will Hopcyn and the many of them related to the Cefn Ydfa original In fact, we know nothing of Will Hopcyn and the many of them proper at the Cefn Ydfa original In fact, we know nothing of Will Hopcyn and the many of them proper at the Cefn Ydfa original In fact, we know nothing of Will Hopcyn and the many of them proper at the Cefn Ydfa original In fact, we know nothing the Ydfa original Information In Hopcyn and that many of them related to the Cefn Ydfa episode. In fact, we know nothing of Wil Hopcyn apart from his satire upon the poets at the Cymer 'eisteddfod,' 1735. We have not a single poem, nor, indeed, a single stanza, that may be safely assigned to him.

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