

## HOWEL, HARRI (fl. 1637-1671), bard

**Name:** Harri Howel  
**Parent:** Howel ap Sion Ieuan  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** bard  
**Area of activity:** Poetry  
**Author:** Robert (Bob) Owen

son of Howel ap Siôn Ieuan of the parish of Dolgelley, also a bard. He was contemporary with **Gruffydd Phylip** and sang to many of the families to whom that bard sang. On the evidence of the eighteen (or so) *cwyddau* by him which survive, Harri Howel sang to members of houses ranging from **Bodwrda** (west Caernarfonshire), **Gwaenynog** and **Llwyn Ynn** (in the vale of Clwyd), to **Nannau** and Hafod Dywyll (near Dolgelley) and to **Dolau-gwyn** near Towy, Meironnydd. It is probable that, like **Siôn Phylip**, he farmed his own land - there survives to this day a 'Fridd Harri Howel' on the borders of the parishes of Dolgelley and Llanfachreth. He composed an elegy on the death of **John Myddelton**, Gwaenynog, in 1637 and a *cwydd* on the marriage of Robert Owen, parson of Llangelynnin, Meironnydd, 1671.

### Author

**Robert (Bob) Owen**, (1885 - 1962)

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