

HUW LLŶN (fl. c. 1552-1594), poet

Name: Huw Llŷn
Gender: Male
Occupation: poet
Area of activity: Eisteddfod; Poetry
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A native of Llŷn, who graduated in the third bardic grade at the Caerwys eisteddfod of 1568 - [Peniarth MS 132](#) (59). It appears that he may have been a brother of [Wiliam Llŷn](#) (NLW MS 1244D (28), NLW MS 1580B (308), *Bulletin of the Board of Celtic Studies*, ix, 112, etc.). According to [Myrddin Fardd](#), [J. E. Griffith](#), and [J. C. Morrice](#), he was the squire [Huw ap Rhisiart ap Dafydd](#) of Cefn Llanfair, but there is no proof that they were the same person.

Some of Huw Llŷn's poetry remains, and this includes poems to [Walter Devereux](#) (earl of Essex), [Henry Rowland](#) (bishop of Bangor), [Simon Thelwall](#) of Plas y Ward, and to the South Walians [Thomas Vaughan](#) (Pembrey), [Gruffudd Dwinn](#) (Ystrad Merthyr), [William](#) and [George Owen](#) (Henllys), and [John Lloyd](#) (Cilgwyn). A bardic controversy occurred between him and [Siôn Mawddwy](#), and another between him and [Wiliam Cynwal](#) and four other poets, [Wiliam Llŷn](#), [Ieuan Tew](#), [Siôn Phylip](#) and [Hywel Ceiriog](#).

An example of his handwriting is found in [Llanstephan MS 40](#) (149-156).

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