

LEWIS ab EDWARD (fl. c. 1560) a poet

Name: Lewis ab Edward
Gender: Male
Occupation: poet
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He hailed from Bodfari, Denbighshire. Wiliam Thomas ab Edward, the scribe mentioned in *Peniarth MS 122: Poetry, &c.* (509), is also associated with Bodfari. Lewis ab Edward was also known as Lewis Meirchion, but is often confused with *Lewis Môn*, a poet who fl. c. 1480-1527. His elegy on the death of *Edmund Llwyd* of Glynllifon (died 1541) is possibly one of his early compositions. He was present at the wedding feast of *Wiliam Llwyd ab Elisau* of Rhiwaedog and Elizabeth, daughter of *Owain ap Siôn* of Llwydiarth, at Rhiwaedog, 20 October 1555, where, together with *Simwnt Fychan* and *Siôn Tudur*, he composed mocking englynion to *Gruffudd Hiraethog* who was the victim of buffoonery at the feast. He graduated as a pencerdd at the Caerwys eisteddfod of 1568 and thus belongs to the last generation of the great *penceirddiaid*. The date of his death is not known but he is included in the elegy on twenty poets and musicians attributed to both *Wiliam Llŷn* (died 1580), and *Siôn Tudur* (died 1602). His wit and learning are noted by the elegist. Many of his poems are addressed to members of the *Bodeon*, *Cochwillan*, *Glynllifon*, *Llyweni*, *Plas Newydd*, and *Rhiwaedog* families. His book of pedigrees is referred to in *Peniarth MS 133*, *Peniarth MS 134* and *Peniarth MS 135* ..

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Sources

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J. C. Morrice, *Barddoniaeth Wiliam Llyn* (1908)

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