

## MADOG ap GRUFFYDD (died 1236) lord of Powys

**Name:** Madog ap Gruffydd  
**Date of death:** 1236  
**Child:** Angharad ferch Madog ap Gruffydd  
**Child:** Madog Fychan ap Madog ap Gruffydd  
**Child:** Howel ap Madog  
**Child:** Maredudd ap Madog  
**Child:** Gruffydd Iâl  
**Child:** Gruffudd ap Madog  
**Parent:** Angharad ferch Owain Gwynedd  
**Parent:** Gruffydd ap Madog  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** lord of Powys  
**Area of activity:** Land Ownership; Politics, Government and Political Movements; Royalty and Society  
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Elder son of **Gruffydd Maelor I**, and Angharad, daughter of **Owain Gwynedd**. With his brother Owen, he succeeded **Gruffydd** in 1191 and, on Owen's death in 1197, became sole ruler of Powys north of the Rhaeadr and the Tanat. Under his son, Gruffydd Maelor II, this area, comprising Welsh and English Maelor, Iâl, Cynllaith, Nanheudwy, and part of Mochnant, became known as Powys Fadog, in contrast with **Powys Wenwynwyn**.

At first friendly with **Llywelyn ap Iorwerth**, Madog deserted his cousin when the latter's fortunes were at a low ebb in 1211. He continued to hold aloof after **Llywelyn**, in 1212, had re-formed the Welsh confederacy, being treated as an official ally in king John's pay. By 1215 he had adhered finally to **Llywelyn's** cause, remaining faithful to the end.

After his death in 1236 the unity of Powys Fadog was disrupted by partible succession among his five sons, Gruffydd Maelor II, Gruffydd Iâl, Maredudd, Hywel, and **Madog Fychan**. He was buried at his own foundation of Valle Crucis, the last Cistercian monastery to be founded in Wales.

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### Further Reading

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