

MORGAN ap HUW LEWYS (fl. c. 1550-1600), poet

Name: Morgan ap Huw Lewys
Child: Elin ferch Morgan ap Huw Lewys
Parent: Huw ap Lewys
Gender: Male
Occupation: poet
Area of activity: Poetry
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Of Hafod-y-wern in the parish of Llanwnda, Caernarfonshire; son of the chief constable of the commote of Uwch Gwyrfaï in 1548 (and not the son of **Huw Lewys** of Plas-yn-Bont, translator of *Perl Mewn Adfyd*, as some people have thought). Apparently Tryfan and its surrounds were the homes of Huw ap Lewys and his children, and it was probably through marriage that Morgan became resident at Hafod-y-Wern; later the place went from another branch of the family and became part of the Llanfair-is-gaer estate. It is not certain whether the poet was the Morgan ap Huw Lewys who received holy orders in 1580, and who was patronized by **William Glyn** of Glynllifon. If so, then he may have been chaplain to **William Glyn** for a short period before marrying and settling in Hafod-y-wern. The name Morgan ap Huw Lewys is entered in the list of jurors for 1586. Information remains concerning only one child of the poet - Elin, who married John Griffith of Madryn Isaf. His poetry, which remains in MSS., includes several religious and moral poems (*cywyddau*) and elegiac *englynion* to **Huw ap Rhisiart** of Cefn Llanfair in Llŷn (**NLW MS 16B**).

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