

PERRI (or PARRY), HENRY (1560/1 - 1617) of Maes Glas (Greenfield), Flintshire

Name: Henry Perri
Date of birth: 1560/1
Date of death: 1617
Child: Sidney Maurice (née Parry)
Gender: Male
Area of activity: Religion; Scholarship and Languages
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He was of gentle birth. It is believed that he was the ' Henry Parry ' who became a member of Balliol College, Oxford, at the age of 18, 20 March 1578/9; B.A. Gloucester Hall, 1579/80; M.A. 1582/3; B.D. Jesus College, 1597. **Humphrey Humphreys** testified - on the authority of his son-in-law - that he had travelled considerably and had married before he came to Anglesey as **Sir Richard Bulkeley**'s chaplain; it was doubtless through the latter's influence that he obtained some Anglesey livings - 1601 Rhoscolyn, 1606 Trefdraeth, 1613 Llanfachraeth. He was made canon of Bangor cathedral in 1612/3. His successor to this post was appointed in December 1617, which suggests that Perri had died in the course of the year. Both **Dr. John Davies** and **Thomas Wiliems** of Trefriw regarded him as a praiseworthy Welsh scholar and it is, therefore, surprising that the *Eglvryn Phraethineb sebh Dosparth ar Retoreg*, 1595, is his only book. Perri made use of **William Salesbury**'s book on rhetoric, which is an adaptation from the Latin, but his work is fuller and more detailed than that of his predecessor. He was also acquainted with the English books of the period and these were chiefly responsible for his claim that there are only two branches of rhetoric - 'elocutio' and 'pronuntiatio.' **Salesbury**'s views were somewhat different. Moreover, he rejected some of **Salesbury**'s terms and borrowed others from the grammars of **Siôn Dafydd Rhys** and **Gruffydd Robert**. His eulogy of the art of rhetoric in the introduction to this book is highly typical of the Renaissance.

He was descended from the **Tudor** family of Penmynydd.

Author

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