

RHUN ap MAELGWN GWYNEDD (fl. 550), ruler of north-west Wales

Name: Rhun ap Maelgwn Gwynedd

Child: Beli ap Rhun

Parent: Maelgwn Gwynedd

Gender: Male

Occupation: ruler of north-west Wales

Area of activity: Politics, Government and Political Movements; Royalty and Society

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Rhun, the son of **Maelgwn Gwynedd**, succeeded his father as ruler of north-west Wales. If we can trust the story in the Venedotian version of the Welsh Laws, only one historical episode is connected with him. When Clydno Eiddin and **Rhydderch Hael** returned to the north after despoiling Arfon in revenge for the death of Elidyr, Rhun is said to have retaliated by leading an army as far as the river Forth. Nowhere is there any mention of struggles with the English. By tradition Rhun was tall (cf. 'Rhun Hir') and huge of frame, occupying a predominant position among other native rulers (cf. the reference in 'The Dream of Rhonabwy'). His son BELI succeeded him.

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