

ROBERTS, CADWALADR (died 1708/9), poet

Name: Cadwaladr Roberts
Date of death: 1708/9
Gender: Male
Occupation: poet
Area of activity: Poetry
Author: David James Bowen

of Cwmllech Uchaf, Pennant Melangell, Montgomeryshire. He was a contemporary of **Huw Morys**, and the dialogue poem concerning matrimony, jointly composed by them, shows that they were close acquaintances. He also composed some five nativity carols; one of these was published by **David Jones** of Trefriw in *Blodeu-Gerdd Cymry*. His satire on smallpox is also included in that volume. His poem begging a harp of William Llwyd, Llangedwyn, for Siôn Prys is of social interest (**Cwrtmawr MS 128A** (122)). 'Llyfr Cadwaladr Roberts, 1676' (**Cwrtmawr MS 227B**), is his anthology of poetry by some of his contemporaries, including **Huw Morys** and **Edward Morris**. The tunes to which he wrote are frequently noted in the manuscripts. He was a very mediocre poet, and his poetry contains a profusion of colloquial forms. His burial on 14 February 1708/9 is recorded in the bishops' transcripts for Pennant Melangell. A cottage in Cwmllech has 'C.R. 1665' carved above one of its windows. Some say that he was of the Roberts family of Branas in Edeirnion.

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