

ROBERTS, HUW (' Syr Huw Roberts ' or ' Huw Roberts Len ') (fl. c. 1555-1619), poet, author, and cleric

Name: Huw Roberts

Gender: Male

Occupation: poet, author, and cleric

Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Poetry; Religion

Author: Ray Looker

No details are known concerning his early life, but it appears that he went, as servitor, to Christ Church, Oxford, and graduated B.A. there, 6 February 1577/1578. After entering holy orders it is said that he became rector of Aberffraw in Anglesey; he became M.A. in 1585. A large number of his poems remain in manuscript, most of these being *cywyddau* to various members of North Wales landed families, including those of **Bodorgan**, **Henblas**, Mellteyrn, **Mysoglen**, Penhesgyn, **Penrhyn**, and **Plas Iolyn**. He composed a *cywydd* of welcome to **Henry Rowland**, bishop of Bangor, on the return of the latter from London in 1610, one on the Gunpowder Plot of 1605, a poem in the form of a dialogue between a cleric and his lover, a number of various *englynion* which include one to the Virgin Mary, and *ymryson* (controversy) poems addressed to Gruffudd Llwyd, and also to **Llywelyn Siôn** of Glamorgan. His prose work, *The day of Hearing: or six lectures upon the latter part of the third Chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews*, was published in London in 1600.

Author

Ray Looker

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