

## ROWLAND, HENRY (1551 - 1616), bishop of Bangor

**Name:** Henry Rowland  
**Date of birth:** 1551  
**Date of death:** 1616  
**Spouse:** Frances Rowlands (née Hutchins)  
**Parent:** Elizabeth ferch Gruffydd ap Robert Vaughan  
**Parent:** Rolant ap Robert  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** bishop of Bangor  
**Area of activity:** Religion  
**Author:** Glyn Roberts

Born at Mellteyrn, Llŷn, Caernarfonshire, the son of Rolant ap Robert and Elizabeth, daughter of Gruffydd ap Robert Vaughan of Talhenbont. He was educated at a school in the parish of Penllech and at New College, Oxford (B.A. 1574, M.A. 1577, B.D. 1591, D.D. 1605). Ordained on 14 September 1572; he became rector of Mellteyrn, 1572-81; rector of Langton (Oxfordshire), 1581-1600; prebendary of Penmynydd, Anglesey, 1584-93; rector of Aberdaron, 1588; archdeacon of Anglesey, 1588; dean of Bangor, 1593; bishop of Bangor, 1598-1616. As bishop he held 'in commendam' the livings of Trefdraeth, Anglesey, and Llanrhaeadr-yng-Nghinmeirch, Denbighshire He died 6 July 1616. He appears during his lifetime to have repaired Bangor cathedral; he also bequeathed £20 towards its re-roofing. He established scholarships at Jesus College, Oxford, and bequeathed lands for the establishment of a school at Mellteyrn (Botwnnog) and almshouses at Bangor. He married Frances Hutchins of Langton, but left no issue.

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