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SION LEIAF, ' Syr ' (fl. c. 1480), poet and cleric

Name: Sion Leiaf Parent: leuan ap Gruffudd Leiaf Gender: Male Occupation: poet and cleric Area of activity: Poetry; Religion Author: Ray Looker

Son of leuan ap Gruffudd Leiaf of Denbighshire, and a descendant of Owain Gwynedd (Peniarth MS 127 (20)). No details regarding his life are known, but a number of his poems remain in manuscript. These include two religious poems, one being a confession and the other a poem on the vernicle, a poem in praise of Richard Kyffin, dean of Bangor, a love poem, and another to the owl. (The last one is attributed in various other manuscripts to Dafydd ap Gwilym, and also to Robert Leiaf, a relative of Syr Siôn).

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