

SION TUDUR (died 1602), poet

Name: Sion Tudur
Date of death: 1602
Spouse: Mallt Gruffudd
Child: Margaret ferch Siôn Tudur
Child: Elizabeth ferch Siôn Tudur
Child: Thomas ap Siôn Tudur
Gender: Male
Occupation: poet
Area of activity: Poetry
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Siôn Tudur died on the eve of Easter Sunday, 3 April 1602, and was buried in S. Asaph church the following Monday, 5 April. In view of the fact that, towards the end of his life, he claimed to be the oldest of all the bards, and that some time before 1580 he had complained to **Rhys Gruffudd** of Penrhyn that he was growing old, it is suggested that he was born before 1530. His home was at Wigfair, S. Asaph, and he was a landed proprietor of the lineage of Llywarch Howlbwrch. He spent some time at the court in London where he was one of queen Elizabeth's bodyguard. He addressed eulogies, elegies, and begging poems to over sixty North Wales families; among them are poems to four generations of the house of **Botryddan**, four of **Mostyn**, and three of **Lleweni** - nearly all relating to the period after 1566. He occasionally went out as a strolling bard, going as far as Abergwili, where he called on **bishop Richard Davies**. He was given the rank of apprentice chief bard at the Caerwys eisteddfod, 1568. There is a letter written in his own handwriting in the Wigfair collection in the N.L.W. (see *Bulletin of the Board of Celtic Studies*, vii, 112-7). His wife was Mallt, daughter of Pyrs Gruffudd of Caerwys, serjeant-at-arms to Henry VIII. They had three children, Thomas, Elizabeth, and Margaret.

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