

ROBERT (ab) IFAN, or ROBERT IFANS (fl. c. 1572-1603), poet

Name: Robert (Ab) Ifan
Parent: Marged ferch Huw ap Rhys
Parent: Ifan ap Wiliam
Gender: Male
Occupation: poet
Area of activity: Poetry; Royalty and Society
Author: Rhiannon Francis Roberts

Of a good family at Brynisiencyn, Anglesey. His genealogy is given in full in [Peniarth MS 158](#) at the end of the interesting copy which he prepared for his own use (in May 1587) of the contents of the bardic grammars, etc.; there he states that his mother's name was Marged, daughter of Huw ap Rhys of Fysoglen (Maesoglan), and explains how his father, Ifan ap Wiliam, came to own land in Anglesey (yet neither father nor son would seem to have been paying subsidy). He addressed his poems chiefly to the gentry of Anglesey and Denbighshire, amongst others to the [Salisbury](#) family of Lleweni; elegies which he wrote for [Katheryn](#) of Berain and [Siôn Tudur](#) have also been preserved. Some of his work, in his own handwriting, is to be found in Christ Church MS. 184 (for a photostat copy see [NLW MS 6495D: Llawysgrif Christ Church 184 \(copi\): Rhan 1 - NLW MS 6496C: Llawysgrif Christ Church 184 \(copi\): Rhan 2](#)) and in [Peniarth MS 72](#) . 'Robert Ifan lan lonydd' is mentioned in [Thomas Prys's](#) 'Cywydd i yrru yr Eryr at brydyddion i neges.' (J. Fisher, *The Cefn Coch MSS.*, 1899, 23.)

Author

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