

LLYWELYN ap MOEL Y PANTRI (died 1440), poet of Llanwnnog, Montgomeryshire

Name: Llywelyn ap Moel Y Pantri
Date of death: 1440
Child: Owain ap Llywelyn ab y Moel
Parent: Llywelyn
Gender: Male
Occupation: poet
Area of activity: Poetry
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son of the poet (Llywelyn ?), who was nicknamed 'Moel y Pantri,' and father of the poet Owain ap Llywelyn ap Moel y Pantri. He was pupil of a Rhys ap Dafydd ab Iorwerth. His existing poetry includes love poems to a maiden named Euron, one in the form of a dialogue between the poet and his empty purse, and a number of ymryson (controversy) poems addressed to *Guto'r Glyn*. From his two provocative poems on the outlaws of Coed y Graig (and from suggestions in some of his other poems) it could be thought that the poet was himself one of the band. He turned to religion toward the end of his life, and was buried in the monastery of Strata Marcella. *Guto'r Glyn* and *Rhys Goch Eryri* wrote elegies on his death.

Apparently some of his poems have been misattributed to *Iolo Goch* (see *Iolo Goch ac Eraill*, cxxxiii); it is also suggested that his father ('Moel y Pantri') was the real author of two other poems attributed to Llywelyn in some MSS. (*Iolo Goch ac Eraill*, 1925 ed., cxxix).

No details are known concerning the life of his son OWAIN, but a large number of his poems remain in manuscript, see *Jones and Lewis, Mynegai; Bodewryd MS 1D*; Brogyntyn MSS. 1, 2, 6; *Cwrtmawr MS 312B*; Gwysaney MS. 25; *NLW MS 16B*, *NLW MS 1553A*, *NLW MS 6681B*, *NLW MS 8330B*. They include poems to *Walcyn Fychan of Hergest*, *Dafydd Llwyd Fychan of Hafod Wen*, *Gruffudd ap Meredith of Aberriw*, *Edward ap Hywel ab Ieuan Llwyd*, etc.

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