

## GRUFFUDD LLWYD ap DAFYDD ab EINION LLYGLIW (fl. c. 1380-1410), a poet

**Name:** Gruffudd Llwyd ap Dafydd ab Einion Llygliw

**Gender:** Male

**Occupation:** a poet

**Area of activity:** Poetry

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nephew of the poet [Hywel ab Einion Llygliw](#), and native of the parish of Llangadfan, Montgomeryshire. According to the elegy composed to him by [Rhys Goch Eryri](#) he was a descendant of Einion Yrth; he is called in Cardiff MS. 18 (190) 'chancellor of Hereford cathedral,' but no further details or supporting proof are known. One of the most important and able of contemporary poets and well-acquainted with Welsh literature and folklore, he was entertained at some of the famous courts of his period. His work includes poems to [Owain Glyndŵr](#), [Sir David Hanmer](#), Owain ap Maredudd of Neuadd Wen, and Hywel and Meurig Llwyd of [Nannau](#), love and religious poetry, and it is now certain that he is the author of the poem to send the sun to greet Glamorgan, which has also been attributed to [Iolo Goch](#) and [Dafydd ap Gwilym](#) (*Bulletin of the Board of Celtic Studies*, i, 235). The elegy composed by [Rhys Goch Eryri](#) on his death forms the opening of that poet's bardic controversy (*ymryson*) with [Llywelyn ap Moel](#); Gruffudd is also praised by [Llywelyn](#).

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