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## Cadell *ab* Arthfael

(d. 942)

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**Cadell *ab* Arthfael** (d. 942), king of Gwent, was son of Arthfael ap Hywel of Gwent in south Wales. He ruled the kingdom of Gwent from perhaps about 916 until his death in 942. Little is known of his reign. He is mentioned twice in the Book of Llandaff as witness to charters granting land to Bishop Wulfrith of Llandaff possibly about 940–42; and he was killed by poison in 942, though it is not known who administered the poison. The relatively detailed account of Cadell's exploits in the so-called 'Gwentian' *Brut Aberpergwm*, an unreliable chronicle composed in the eighteenth century by the infamous Edward Williams, alias Iolo Morganwg, must be rejected as a later forgery.

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