

CORBETT, JOHN STUART (1845-1921), solicitor and antiquary

Name: John Stuart Corbett
Date of birth: 1845
Date of death: 1921
Spouse: Blanche Corbett (née Evans)
Parent: Elizabeth Corbett (née Evans)
Parent: John Stuart Corbett
Gender: Male
Occupation: solicitor and antiquary
Area of activity: History and Culture; Law; Scholarship and Languages
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Born 16 May 1845, eldest son of John Stuart Corbett and Elizabeth, daughter of James Evans of Gortha (Radnorshire); the father had come to Cardiff in 1841 as agent to his relative, the 2nd **marquis of Bute**. He was educated at Cheltenham, admitted a solicitor in 1867, and practised in partnership in Cardiff; he held the office of clerk to the Llandaff bench of magistrates. In 1872 he married Blanche, the elder daughter of James Williams Evans, vicar of Costessey, near Norwich, the son of a former rector of Llandough, near Cardiff. In 1890, on the death of his brother **James Andrew Corbett** (infra), he was appointed solicitor to the Bute estate; he held that position until his retirement in 1917. His tenure of the office coincided with the period of greatest prosperity in the South Wales coalfield, and with 'the war of the railways,' when the Bute estates were managed by that dominating personality, **William Thomas Lewis, the 1st lord Merthyr**.

Corbett's chief recreations were painting and gardening, but after 1890 he devoted much of his leisure to historical studies, chiefly on the lordship of Glamorgan (collected under the title *Glamorgan* and published, with a memoir, in 1925); those historians who have studied the same subject acknowledge the care and accuracy of his work. He died 9 March 1921.

JAMES ANDREW CORBETT (1846 - 1890), solicitor

His brother, who preceded him as solicitor to the Bute estate, was responsible for a careful edition, 1887, of the *Booke of Glamorganshire's Antiquities* by **Rice Merrick** (Rhys Meurug).

Author

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