

## GRIFFITH, WILLIAM (Gwilym Caledffrwd, 1832 - 1913), quarryman and musician

**Name:** William Griffith  
**Pseudonym:** Gwilym Caledffrwd  
**Date of birth:** 1832  
**Date of death:** 1913  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** quarryman and musician  
**Area of activity:** Business and Industry; Music; Performing Arts; Religion  
**Author:** Robert David Griffith

Born at Penisa'r allt, Tre-garth, Llandygai, Caernarfonshire. He received instruction in music from John Morgan, Pen-y-groes, Tre-garth; he also studied the text-books of Mills and Alawydd. In 1860 he emigrated to the U.S.A., settling in Middle Granville. He published *Y Canigydd Cymreig* in 1866 and, in 1879, *Graded Anthems*, the latter including two anthems composed by himself; in 1888 he published another anthem - 'I will extol Thee.' He acted as musical adjudicator, conducted mixed choirs at Middle Granville and Poultney for many years, and was precentor in Wesleyan and Baptist chapels. He died 4 December 1913 and was buried in the town cemetery at Middle Granville.

### Author

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