

## COSLETT, COSLETT Carnelian (1834-1910), collier and poet;

**Name:** Coslett Coslett  
**Pseudonym:** Carnelian  
**Date of birth:** 1834  
**Date of death:** 1910  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** collier and poet  
**Area of activity:** Business and Industry; Eisteddfod; Poetry  
**Author:** Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born 15 April 1834 at Nantyceisiaid or Nantgleisiaid, near Machen; the family (related to the old Methodist exhorter, **Edward Coslet**) soon afterwards removed to Bedwas. He took to writing poetry under the tutelage of **Caledfryn**, who was then minister of Groes-wen, and began competing at eisteddfodau, though he never succeeded at the national eisteddfod. He died 25 April 1910, at Pontypridd, and was buried in Groes-wen burial-ground, where later a monument to him (illustration in *Cymru, O.M.E.*, xliii, 229) was erected.

His elder brother, WILLIAM COSLETT (Gwilym Elian; 1831 - 1904), a colliery official, was also a poet, and indeed, at several eisteddfodau defeated **Islwyn**, but was never successful at a national eisteddfod. He died 22 September 1904, at Caerphilly. The brothers, members of 'Clic y Bont' - 'the Pont(ypridd) clique' - as were also such men as **Brynfab**, **Dewi Wyn o Essyllt**, and **Glanffrwd**, are interesting examples of the poets, of no great individual distinction, who formed bardic schools or circles in the industrial towns of South Wales during the 19th century.

### Author

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