Morgan Bradley Williams (1831-1903) was born in Wales and worked in the mines there as a child, becoming a boss in the mines at 16. At 25 he migrated to Australia to search for gold. After decent success, at 31, he came to NE PA. After 14 years as foreman at the Hollenback mine of the Lehigh & Wilkes Barre Coal Company, he was one of the founders of the Red Ash Coal Company.

Active in public affairs and politics, he was elected State Senator in 1884, replacing Eckley Coxe. He was involved with several Wyoming Valley enterprises, the WB Deposit & Savings Bank; WB Electric Railway Company; and the West Pittston Manufacturing Company; and became one of the most successful and influential Welshmen in the State.