

## ADAMS, WILLIAM (1813 - 1886), mining expert

**Name:** William Adams  
**Date of birth:** 1813  
**Date of death:** 1886  
**Parent:** Mary Adams  
**Parent:** John Adams  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** mining expert  
**Area of activity:** Business and Industry  
**Author:** Thomas Mardy Rees

Born at Pen-y-cae, Ebbw Vale, 10 October 1813, son of John and Mary Adams. The father was a working collier at the time but a man of remarkable skill in that vocation; later he became mineral agent for Charles Lloyd Harford & Co.

William was educated at Cowbridge Grammar School. In May 1828 he was apprenticed to Charles Lloyd Harford and in the course of time he became expert in his own branch. He published *Science of Mining* (London, 1870), together with a paper on the geological features of the South Wales coalfield.

Adams removed to Cardiff in February 1865 and commenced business as colliery agent and mining engineer. He took an interest in the Cardiff Free Library and supplied it with a valuable collection of fossils, particularly those of the South Wales coal measures. He was one of the first members of Cardiff Naturalists Society. He died 17 August 1886.

### Author

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