

## MORGAN, JOSEPH BICKERTON (1859 - 1894), geologist and conchologist

**Name:** Joseph Bickerton Morgan  
**Date of birth:** 1859  
**Date of death:** 1894  
**Parent:** Arthur J. Morgan  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** geologist and conchologist  
**Area of activity:** Nature and Agriculture; Science and Mathematics  
**Author:** Frederick John North

Born 26 June 1859 at Welshpool, son of Arthur J. Morgan. As a youth he became interested in local rocks and took prizes for collections of fossils at national eisteddfodau at Cardiff, 1883, and Caernarvon, 1886.

In 1887 he was appointed assistant honorary curator of the Powysland Museum, where he arranged and augmented the geological collections. He was elected Fellow of the Geological Society, 1889, and was also a member of the Geologists' Association and of the Conchological Society. He made important contributions to the interpretation of the Silurian and Ordovician rocks of Montgomeryshire (in a paper to the British Association in 1890), and also published several papers in *Mont. Coll.* upon the cattle, land, and fresh water shells, and rocks and fossils of the county: he also gave lectures at the Welshpool School of Art. He gained a free studentship at the Royal College of Science (1892) and was awarded the Murchison medal, but failing health compelled him to retire to the Isle of Wight where he died at Ventnor, 8 March 1894. Contemporary geologists regarded his early death as a great loss to their science.

### Author

Frederick John North, (1889 - 1968)

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