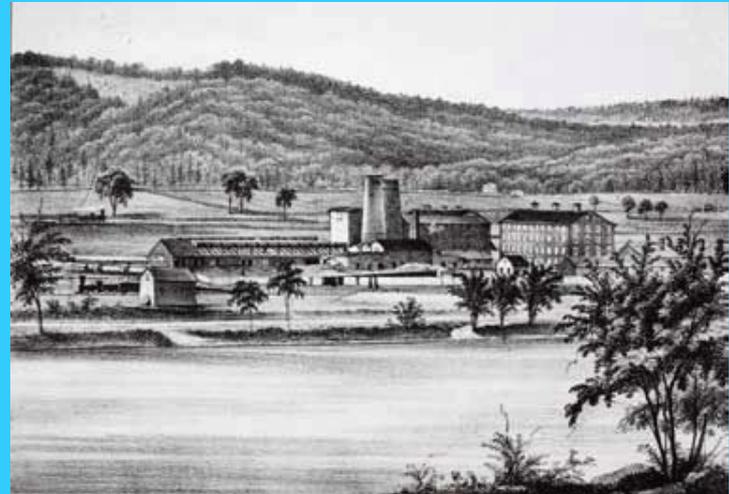


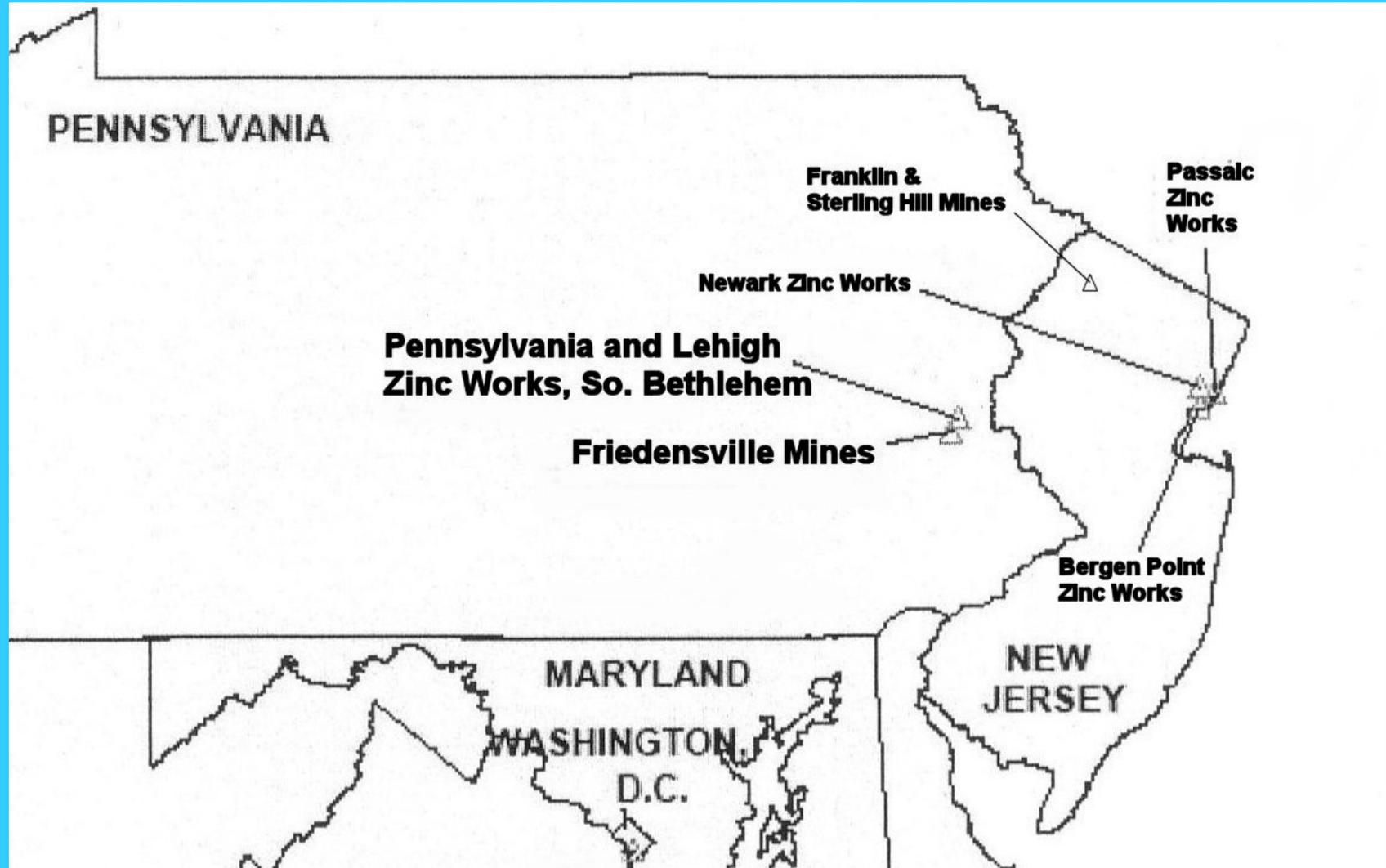


THE HISTORY OF THE FRIEDENSVILLE MINING DISTRICT AND THE BIRTH OF THE U. S. ZINC INDUSTRY

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ZINC MINES AND SMELTERS, 1850-1890



(Modified from Bleiwas and DiFrancesco, 2010)



1847 EXPLORATION MAP FRIEDENSVILLE, PA

Theodore Roepper identified the Zinc minerals on Ueberroth Farm

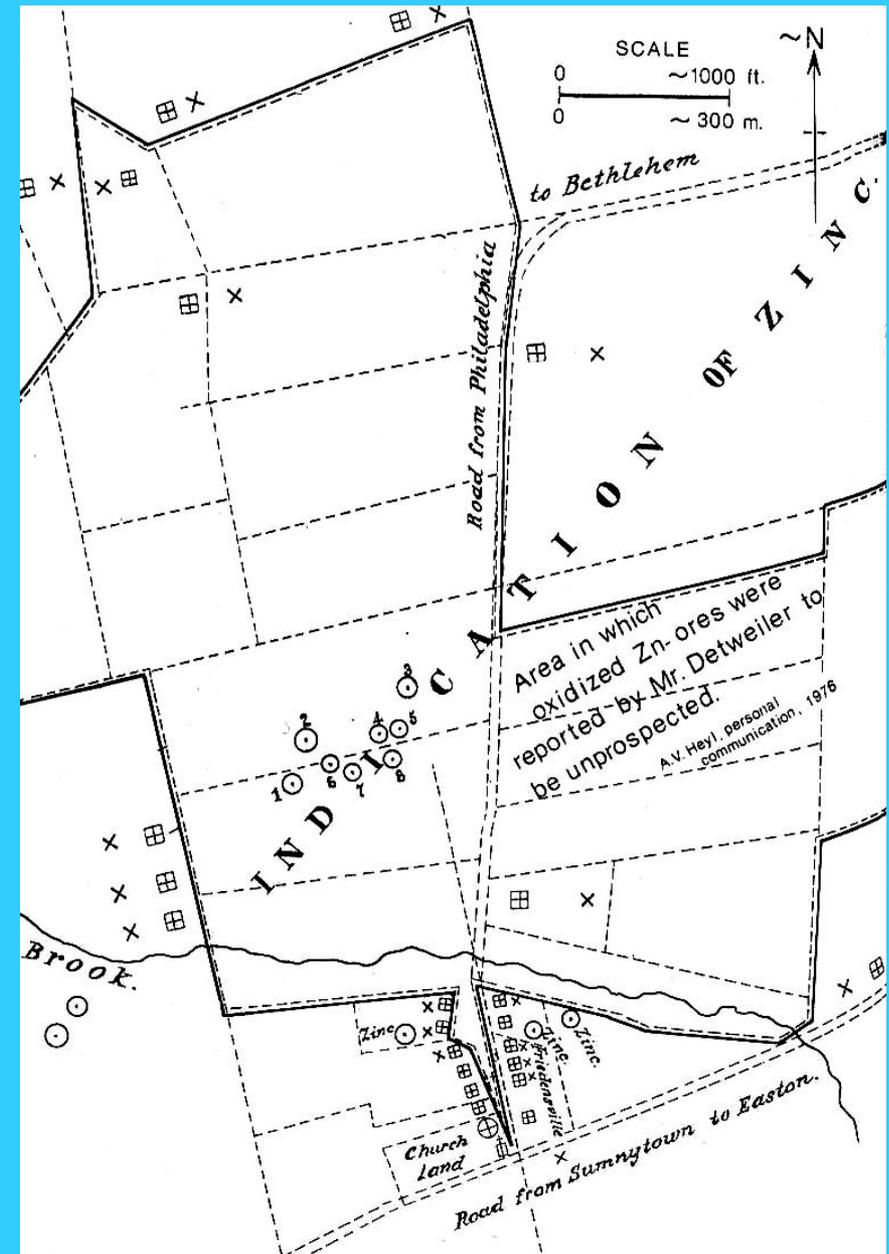
He became Lehigh Univ. Professor of Geology and Mineralogy

REFERENCES.

⊞ × Buildings and outbuildings
 ⚓ Church.
 ⊕ Schoolhouse.
 ⊙ Shafts.

N ^o 1 Shaft.	37 feet. Depth through zinc ore	31 feet.
2	42	30
3	13	9
4	53	46
5	27	16
6	30	22
7	33	24
8	22	12

In none of the Shafts has the zinc ore been penetrated. (That is, the bottom is in ore)



(Wittman, 1847; Smith, 1977)



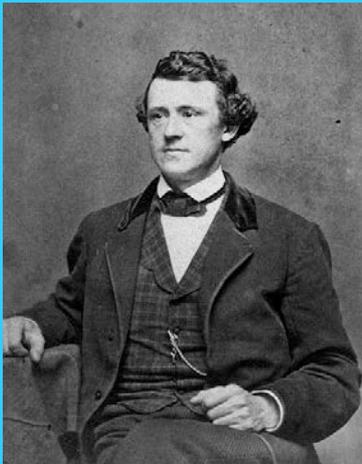


Samuel Wetherill as a Young Man

SAMUEL WETHERILL

1853 WETHERILL AND GILBERT ZINC WORKS,
SOUTH BETHLEHEM, PA

FIRST U.S. LARGE SCALE ZINC OXIDE
PRODUCTION



Joseph Wharton, ca1850

JOSEPH WHARTON

1854 PHILADELPHIA INVESTORS SEND WHARTON TO
TAKE OVER MINES & WETHERILL'S OXIDE PLANT
FIRST U. S. METALLIC ZINC SMELTER
(1860-1863)

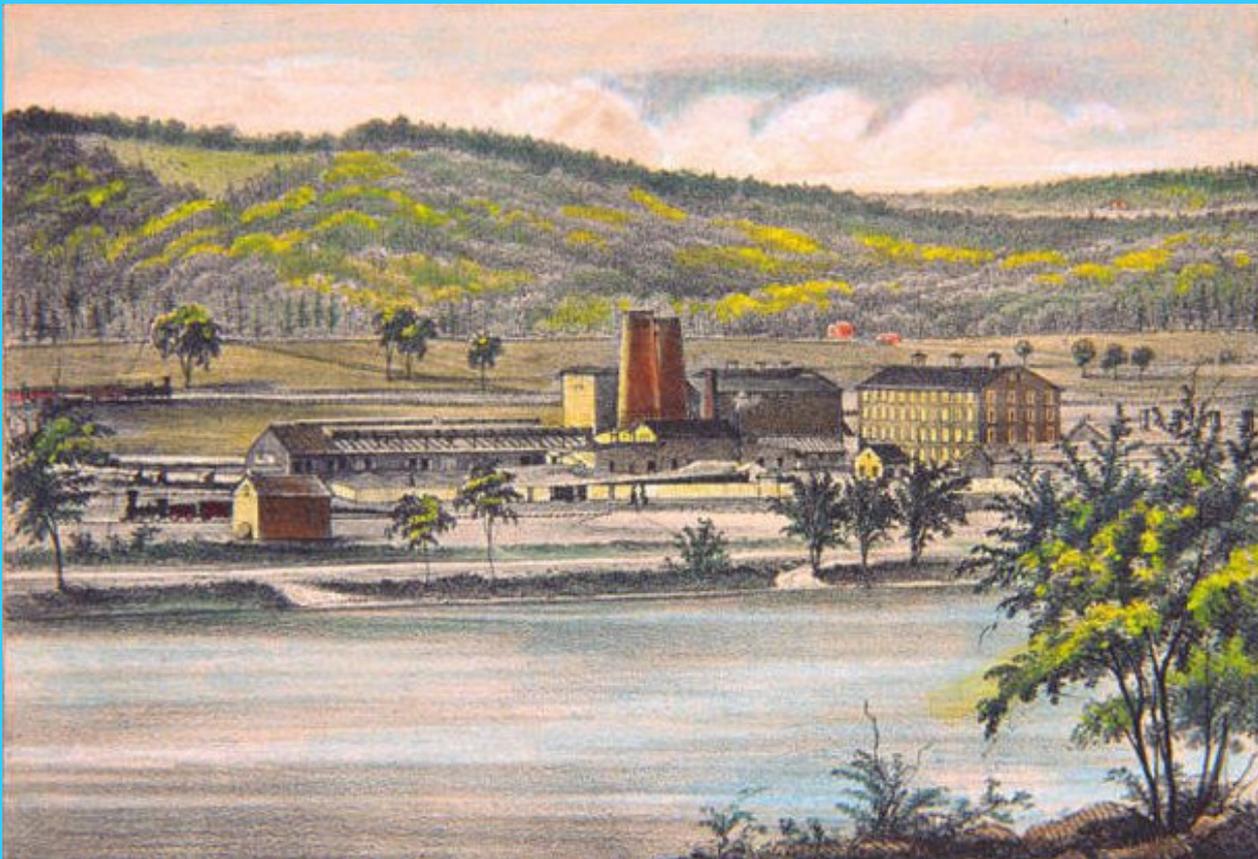


(Photos Courtesy So. Bethlehem Hist. Soc.; Wikipedia)

1853 WETHERILL AND GILBERT ZINC WORKS, SOUTH BETHLEHEM, PA

WETHERILL PROCESS: WETHERILL'S OXIDE FURNACE PATENT
SAMUEL T. JONES' BAG HOUSE PATENT

PENNSYLVANIA AND LEHIGH ZINC COMPANY (PLZC) OPERATES THE FRIEDENSVILLE MINES, CONTRACTS WITH WETHERILL FOR OXIDE



(Henry, 1860)

THE FRIEDENSVILLE MINES, 1853-1893

Pennsylvania and Lehigh Zinc Co. &
Lehigh Zinc Co. (1853-1876/1881)

Ueberroth Mine
Old Hartman Mine
Three Cornered Lot Mine
New Hartman Mine

Passaic Zinc Co. (1853-1875)

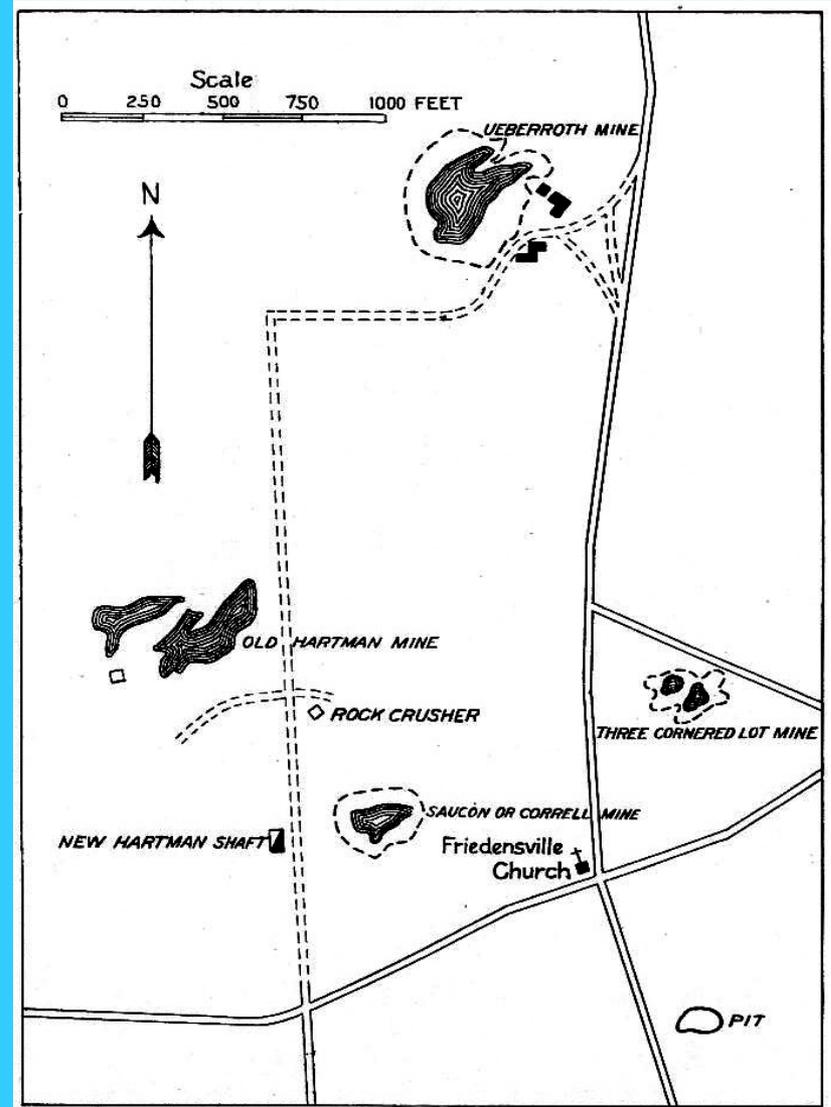
Correll Mine

Bergen Point Zinc Co. (1875-1881)

Correll Mine

Friedensville Zinc Co. (1881-1893)

All Mines



(Miller, 1924, Figure 4)

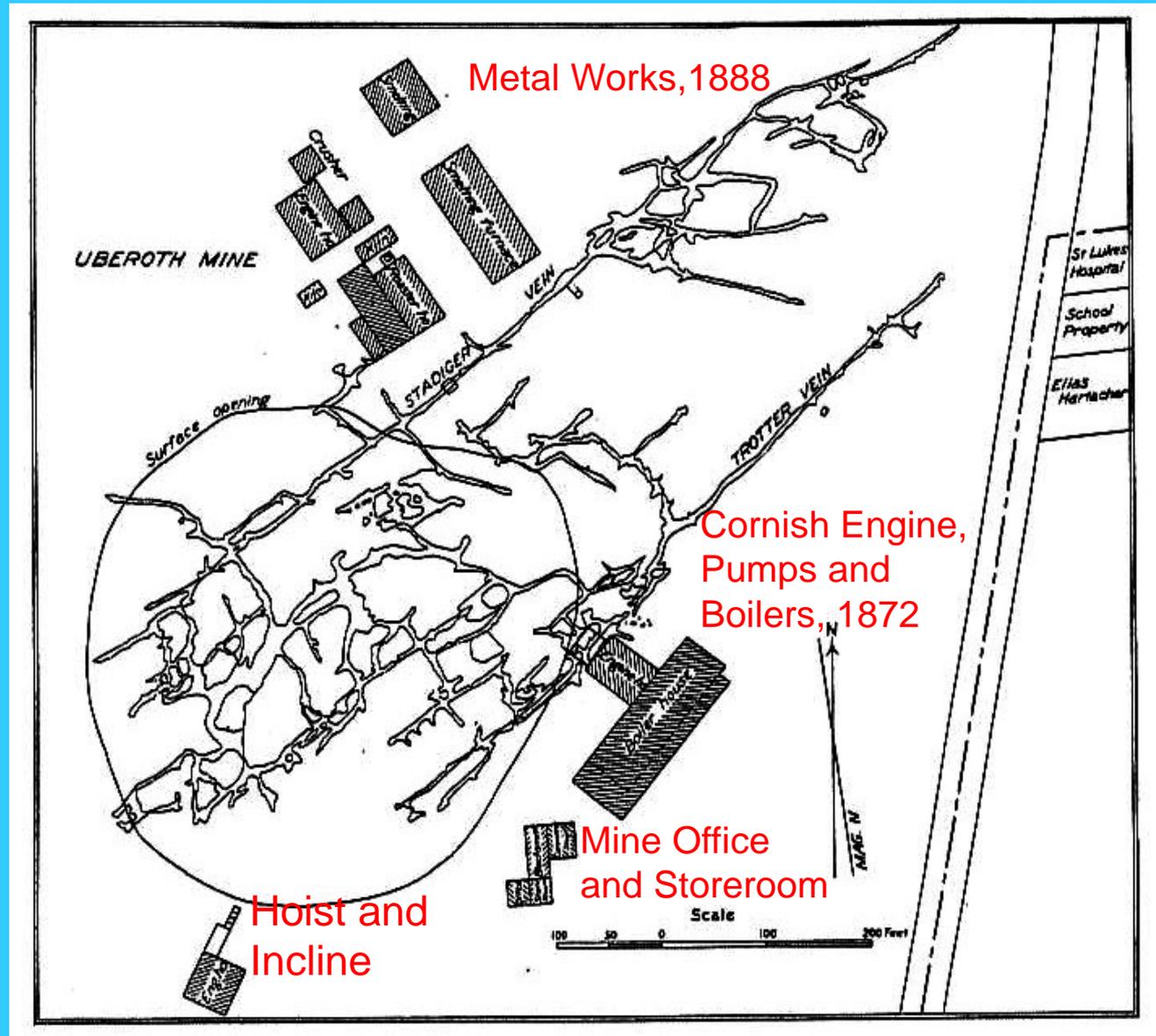
UEBERROTH MINE (1853-1891)

Vertical “Veins”
in Dolomite
and Limestone

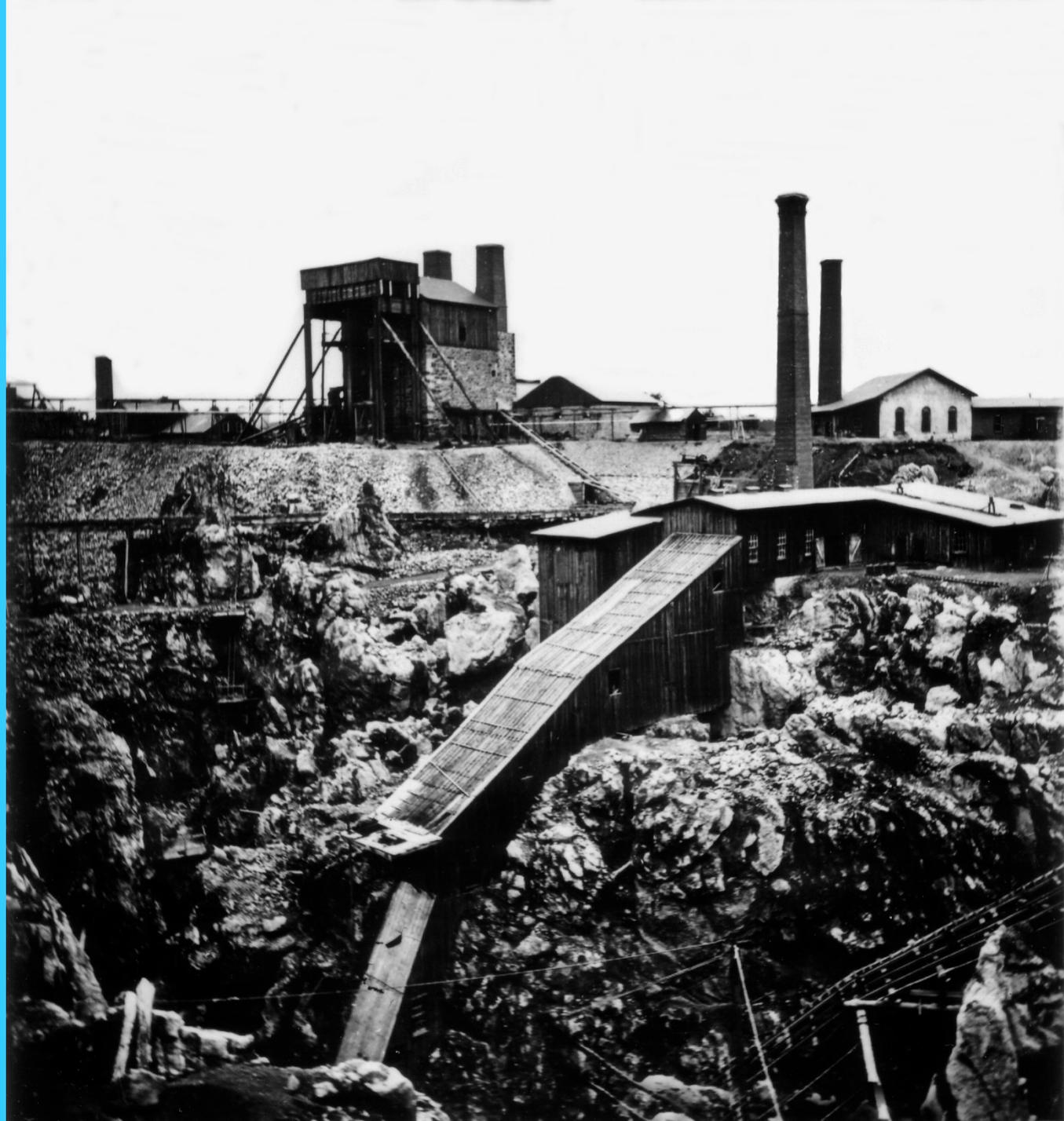
Initial Mining
in the Surface
Pit

Underground
Workings
Followed the
Veins

**WATER BECAME
A HUGE PROBLEM**



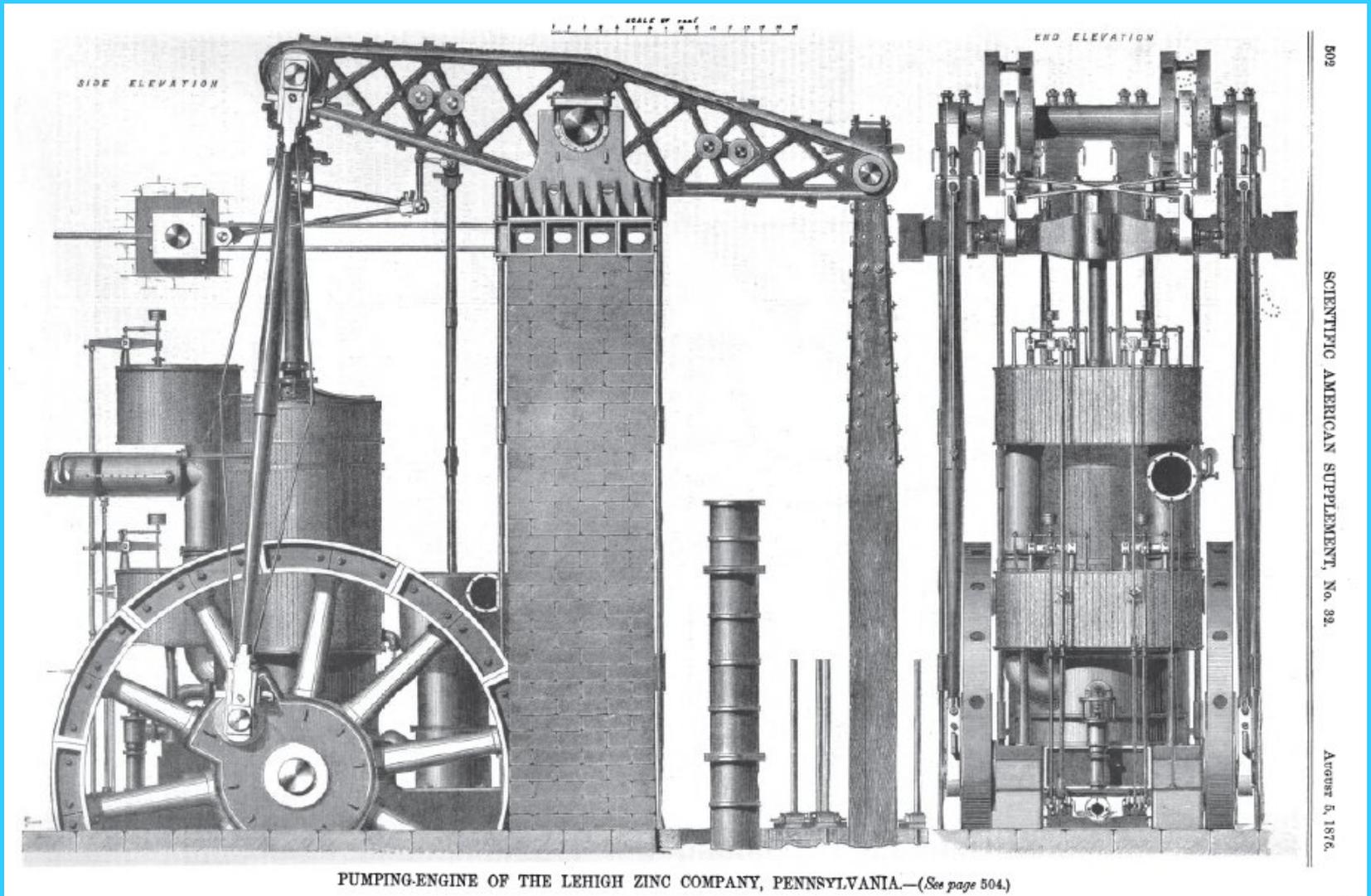
UEBERROTH MINE AND MILL, CA1876



(Miller, 1924, Plate II A)



“THE PRESIDENT” CORNISH BEAM ENGINE AT THE UEBERROTH, 1872



(Scientific American Supplement, 5 August, 1876)



ALL MINES CLOSE BY 1893 – 1899 NJ ZINC ACQUIRES PROPERTY

NEW HARTMAN MINE DURING NJ ZINC EXPLORATION, 1916-17



(Library of Congress)



THE REBIRTH OF FRIEDENSVILLE

1945 NJ ZINC DECISION TO DEVELOP THE FRIEDENSVILLE MINE

1947-1952 SHAFT SINKING (1261 FEET), 3 PUMP STATIONS

1958 MINE PRODUCTION BEGINS

1966 GULF AND WESTERN, INC. ACQUIRES NJ ZINC

1970-1974 SHAFT DEEPENED (2072 FEET), PUMPS ADDED

SEPTEMBER 18, 1983 FRIEDENSVILLE MINE CLOSES BECAUSE OF DEPRESSED ZINC PRICES AND HIGH OPERATION COSTS

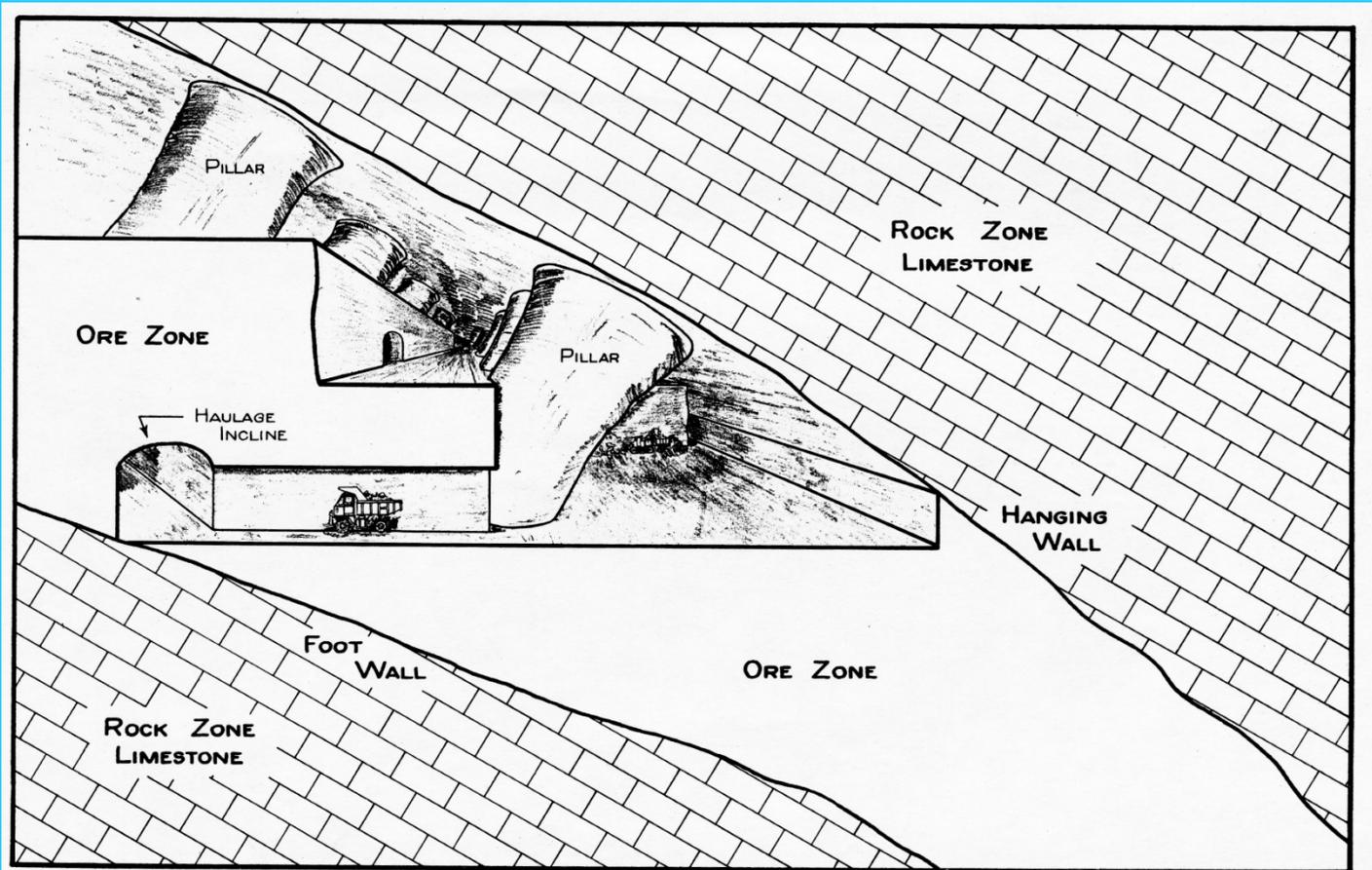
1984 STABLER LAND COMPANY ACQUIRES NJ ZINC PROPERTY FOR REDEVELOPMENT (1680 ACRES)

2012 STABLER DONATES REMAINING LAND TO LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

REDEVELOPMENT CONTINUES BY LEHIGH



NJZ FRIEDENSVILLE MINING METHOD

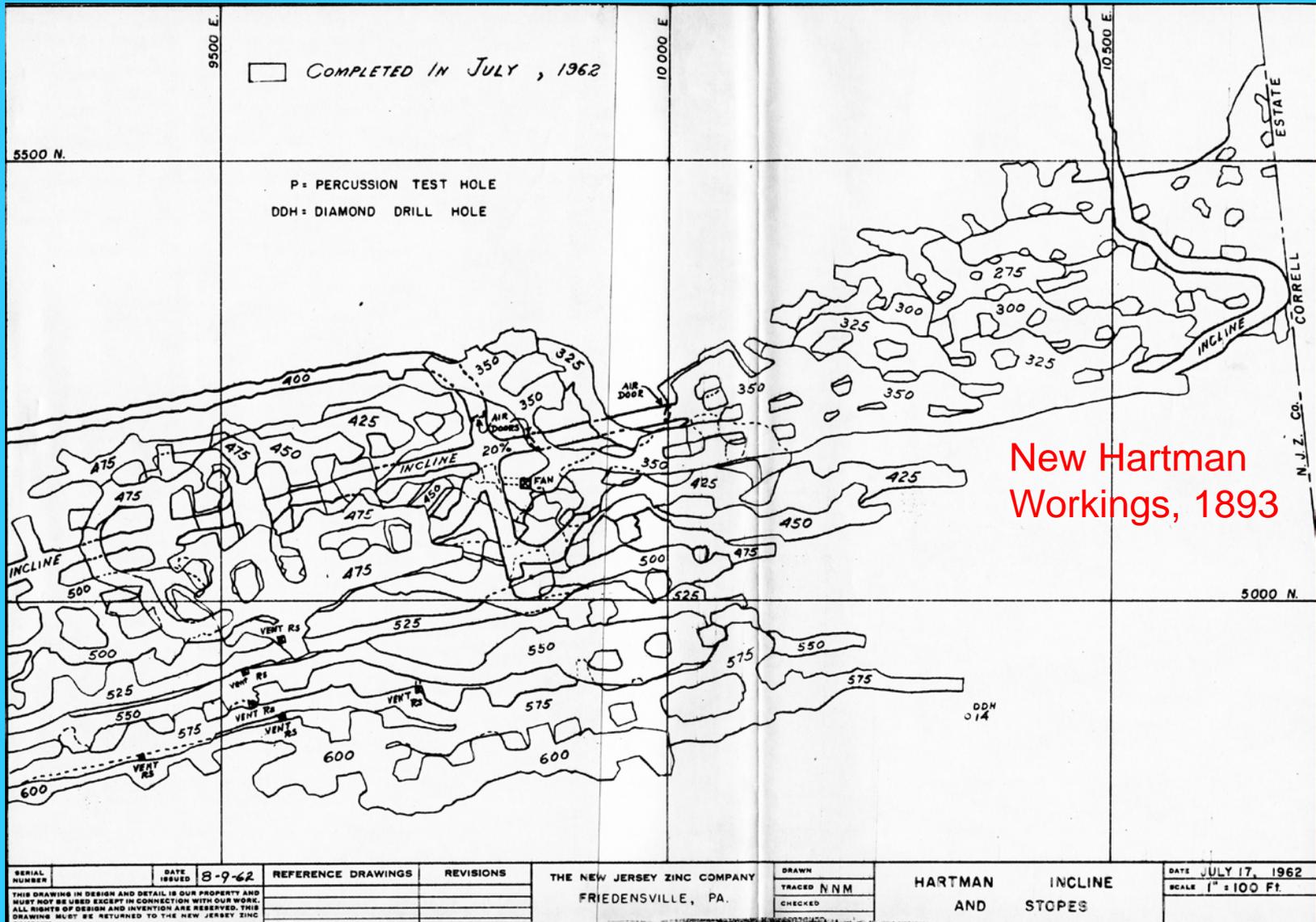


CROSS SECTION
SHOWING
PROPOSED MINING SYSTEM
FOR FRIEDENSVILLE
- LOOKING EASTERLY -

(New Jersey Zinc Company, 1962)



NJZ FRIEDENSVILLE MINE UPPER LEVELS, 1962



(New Jersey Zinc Company, 1962)



WATER WAS STILL A COSTLY PROBLEM

Three stages of pumps raised 35,000 gallons per minute up the shaft



Mining Engineer, Mayo Lanning, next to a water fissure (ca1954)

(Photo courtesy, Bob Lanning)



NJZ FRIEDENSVILLE MINE



(Clockwise) Mine and Mill, Scaling the Back from a "Giraffe,"
Underground Pump Station, Loading Ore (Photos Courtesy
Ken Cox, ca1976)



FRIEDENSVILLE PRODUCTION ESTIMATES

1853-1893 Period (Based on Miller, 1924; Smith, 1977)

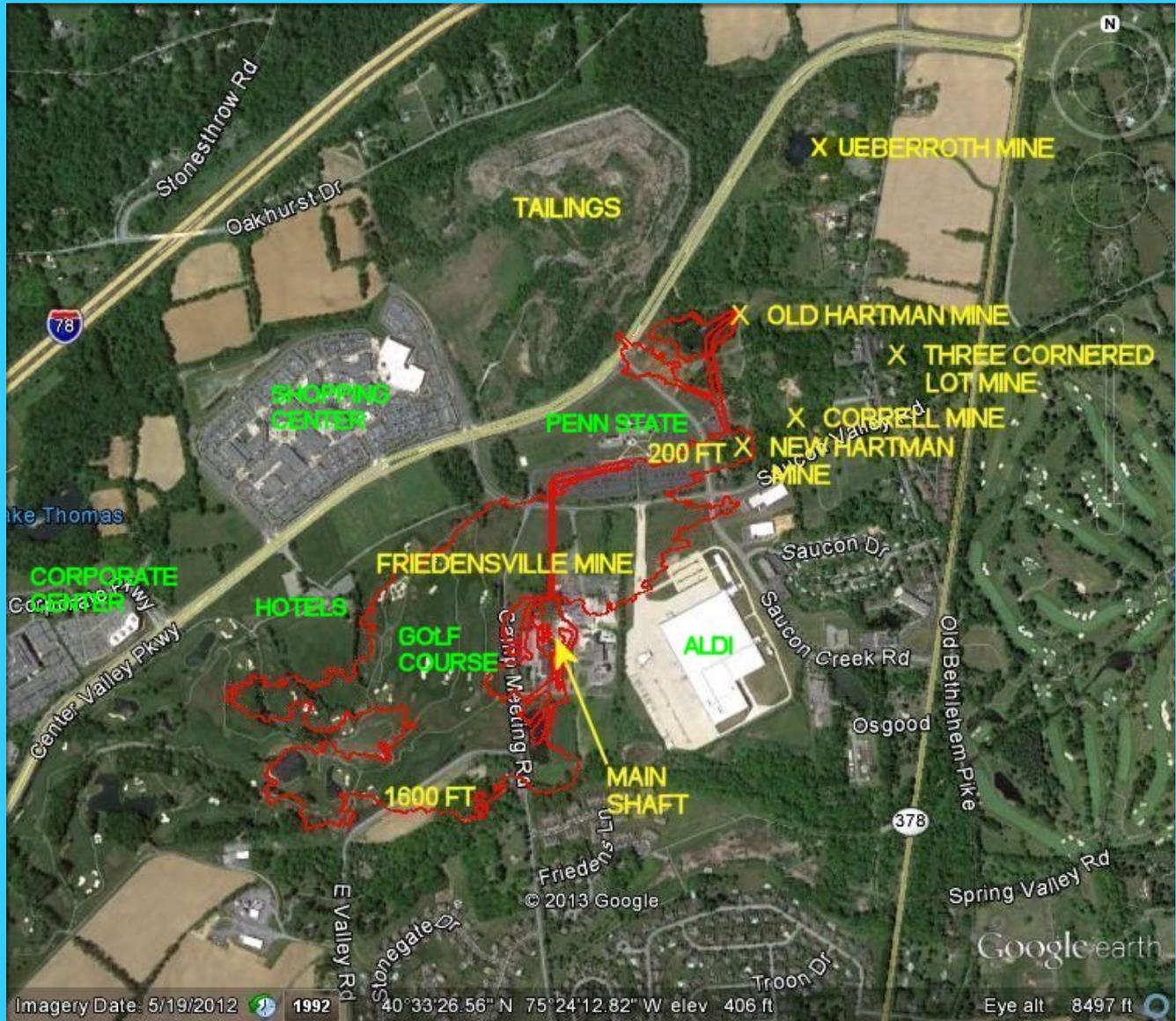
Est. Total Production (All Mines): 800,000 tons ore
Ueberroth Mine 450,000 tons ore
Old Hartman Mine: 200,000 tons ore
Correll Mine: 100,000 tons ore
Three Cornered Lot Mine: 50,000 tons ore
Average Ore Grade: 30% Zinc
Hand-Picked Sphalerite Grade: 45% Zinc

1958-1983 Period (Based on Metsger, 1973; Smith, 1977)

Friedensville Mine Capacity 2000-2200 tpd ore
Friedensville Mill Capacity 2500 tpd ore
Est. Total Ore Production (25 years): 14,000,000 tons
Est. Total Zinc Production: Over 900,000 tons
Ore Grade: 5.5-6.5% Zn



FRIEDENSVILLE MINES TODAY



(Google Earth Image 2013, annotations by author)



HISTORIC FRIEDENSVILLE VILLAGE



DEMOLISHED, 2017



(Clockwise from Upper Left) Friedensville Church, ca1839; Ueberroth Mine Superintendent's House, ca1840; David Hartman House, ca1870; and New Jersey Zinc Employee Housing, ca1950 (Kaas Photos, 2012)



Recreating The President Engine



HOUSE OF THE PRESIDENT – THEN AND NOW

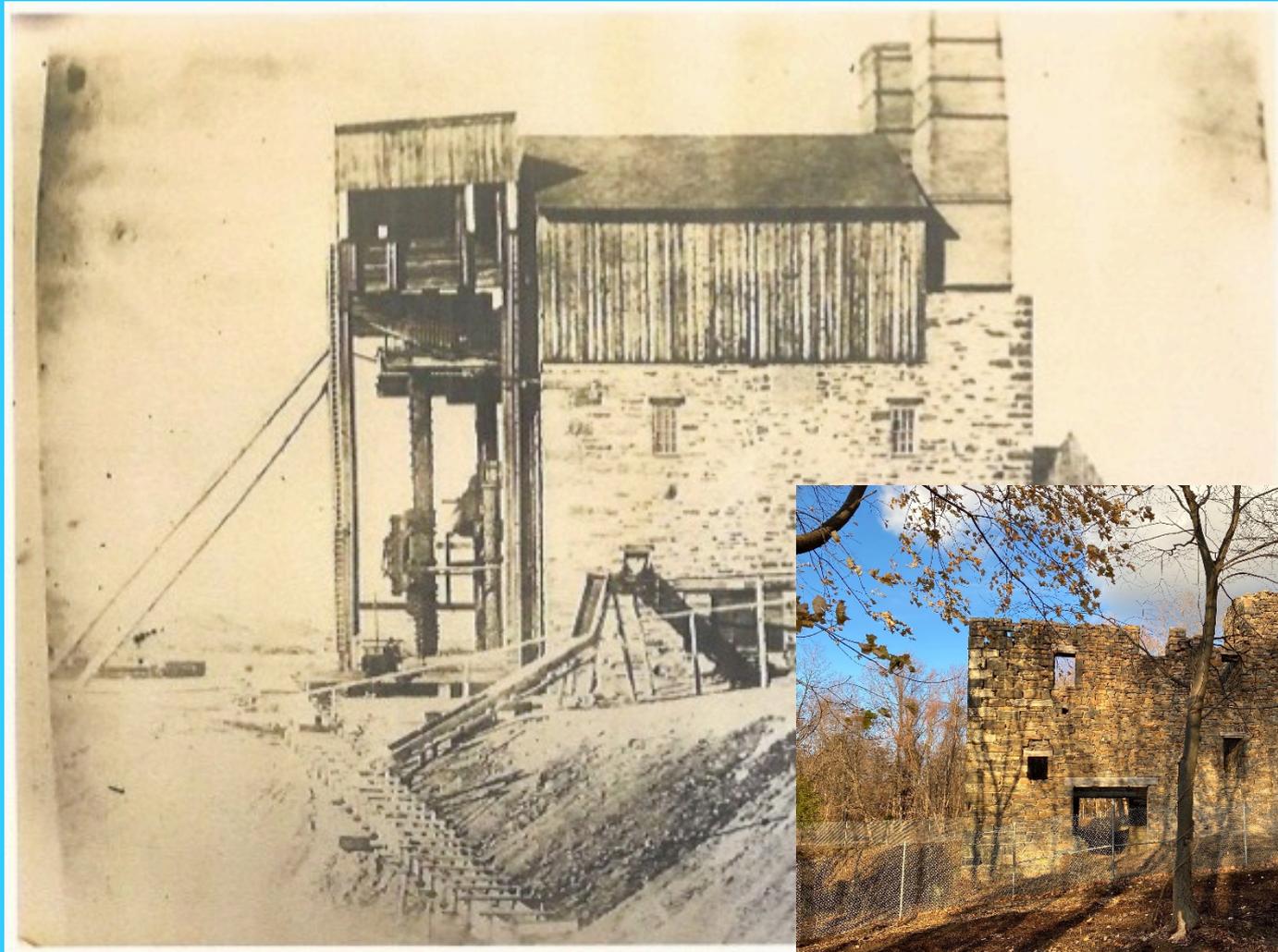


Photo – Connor (2018)

Preservation Status – 2021

- The existing President Engine House and the area surrounding the structure is a 19th century mining industry time capsule.
- Protection, preservation, interpretation and recognition of this engine house and its surroundings is of vital importance because:

**“ Why Saving
the Location is
Important.....”**

- It is the only structure and physical setting remaining of one of the earliest industrial age enterprises in the Lehigh Valley;
- The engine house is part of the largest and most powerful single cylinder rotative steam engine ever built anywhere in the world;
- It is a unique structure as the only surviving example in the United States of a “house-built” Cornish-style pumping engine house, hence, an international extension of a UNESCO World Heritage Landscape.
- Long Historical Connection with Lehigh University, the property owner.





PRESERVING THE ENGINE HOUSE

Lehigh University funding a study of the ruins with match funding provided by:

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Architectural Assessment – *Whitman, Requardt & Assoc.*

Engine House Structural Analysis and Construction Drawings – *Keast & Hood*



The only surviving example of a Cornish style Pumping Engine House in the United States

Challenge: Recreate the Engine as an operating machine in a virtual world

Meet the Artist:

Guy Janssen

- Resident of Schelle, Belgium
- Master's Degree in Engineering Sciences from the Catholic University of Leuven (KU Leuven) and a Master's Degree in Nuclear Engineering from the Polytechnic Institute Grenoble.
- Retired after long career with Tractebel.
- Fascination with steam and other foundational mechanical equipment has led to Guy's hobby of modeling equipment.
- He has a well-developed series of stationary and marine steam engine animated models on *YouTube* starting with Savery, Newcomen, Boulton & Watt, others and now also The President:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLeAFkeA7JwX4cvb3B1mDDWYKOA9VjI81x>

- Guy uses Blender 2.9x, which is a community-based open-source software, to create these animated models .
- He is currently experimenting with interactive modeling using the gaming functionality in Blender.

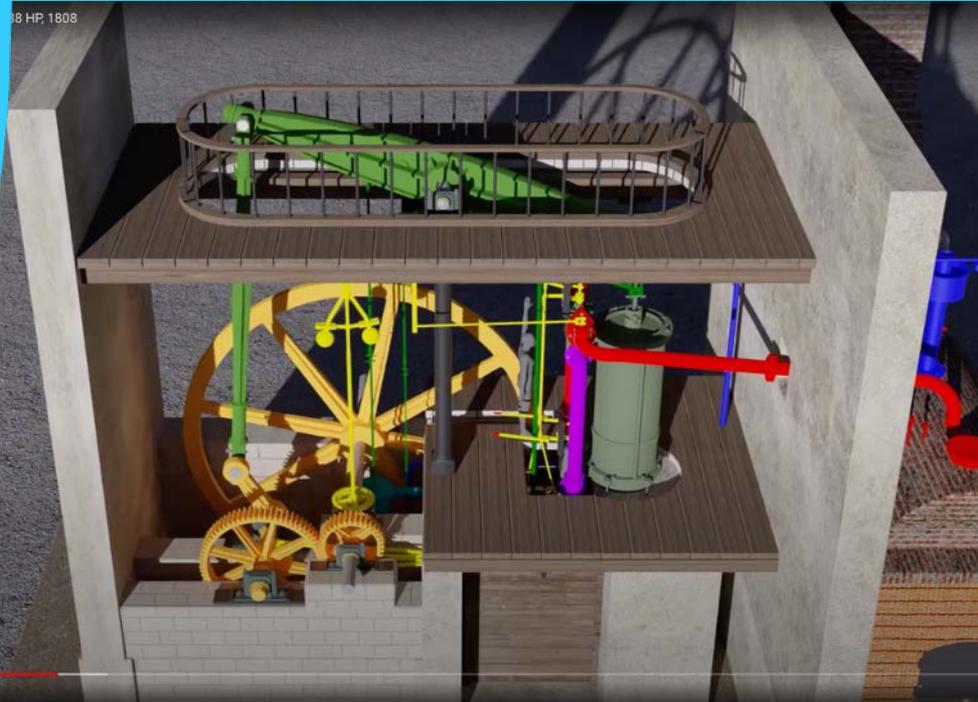
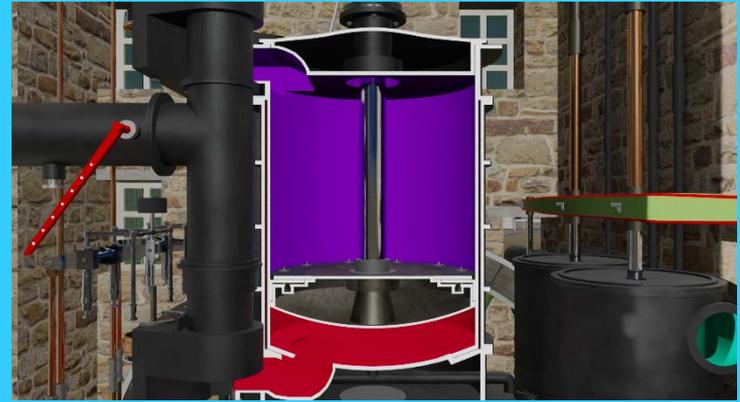




Illustration by Alexander Karnes

And the rest of the movie.....



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