

# René Claude Earnest Gaujot (1840-1909)

Gaujot was a French-born mining engineer who emigrated to the US in 1867, moving to Tamaqua, where he worked for John Fredric Blandy and the Little Schuylkill Navigation Canal, Railroad & Coal Co. as the Master of Machinery.

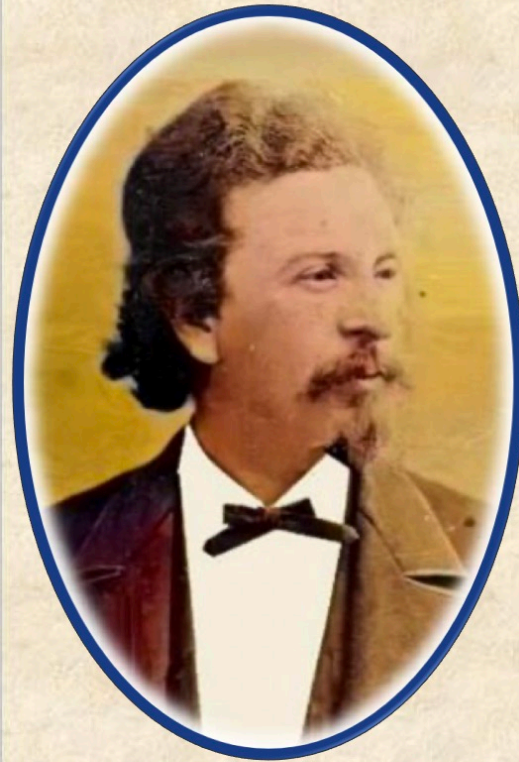
The family relocated to the Keweenaw Peninsula of Michigan in 1874, where Earnest worked in or for the Delaware Copper Mining Company.

He traveled to Japan in 1879/1880 to serve as general superintendent of mines in Hokkaido/ Yezo, during the Meiji reformation, and operated the Kayanuma mine and opened the Horonai coal mine.

Richard Rothwell then hired Gaujot as Superintendent of the Canada Consolidated Gold Mining Company's Deloro mine in Hastings County Ontario. Gaujot had consulting offices in Belleville and Buckingham Quebec.

In 1894, they went to Williamson WV, to buy coal properties for the Kountze Brothers companies, whose mineral holdings in Mingo County were consolidated under the name United Thacker Coal Company.

Ernest and Nellie had eight children.





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