

Richard Pennefather Rothwell (1836-1901)

Richard Pennefather Rothwell was a Canadian American civil, mechanical, and mining engineer. He was educated at Trinity College, Toronto, the Rensselaer Institute at Troy, NY, the École des Mines, and at Freiberg. He worked at a wire rope manufacturer in London before returning to the States in 1864.

Rothwell was appointed demonstrator of mining and metallurgy at Lehigh in 1868; he did notable work for Hazard Wire Rope, designing their Wilkes-Barre plant and inventing various machinery for cable and rope making; for Lehigh Coal and Navigation, introducing steam engines to their mining operations; and for the geologic surveys of PA and US.

He was an accomplished expert and writer on engineering and mining topics when, in 1874 he moved to New York as an editor and afterward the owner of the *E&MJ*. He founded and began publishing *The Mineral Industry*, an annual update of worldwide mining and metallurgical progress, in 1893.

He was President of AIME in 1882.



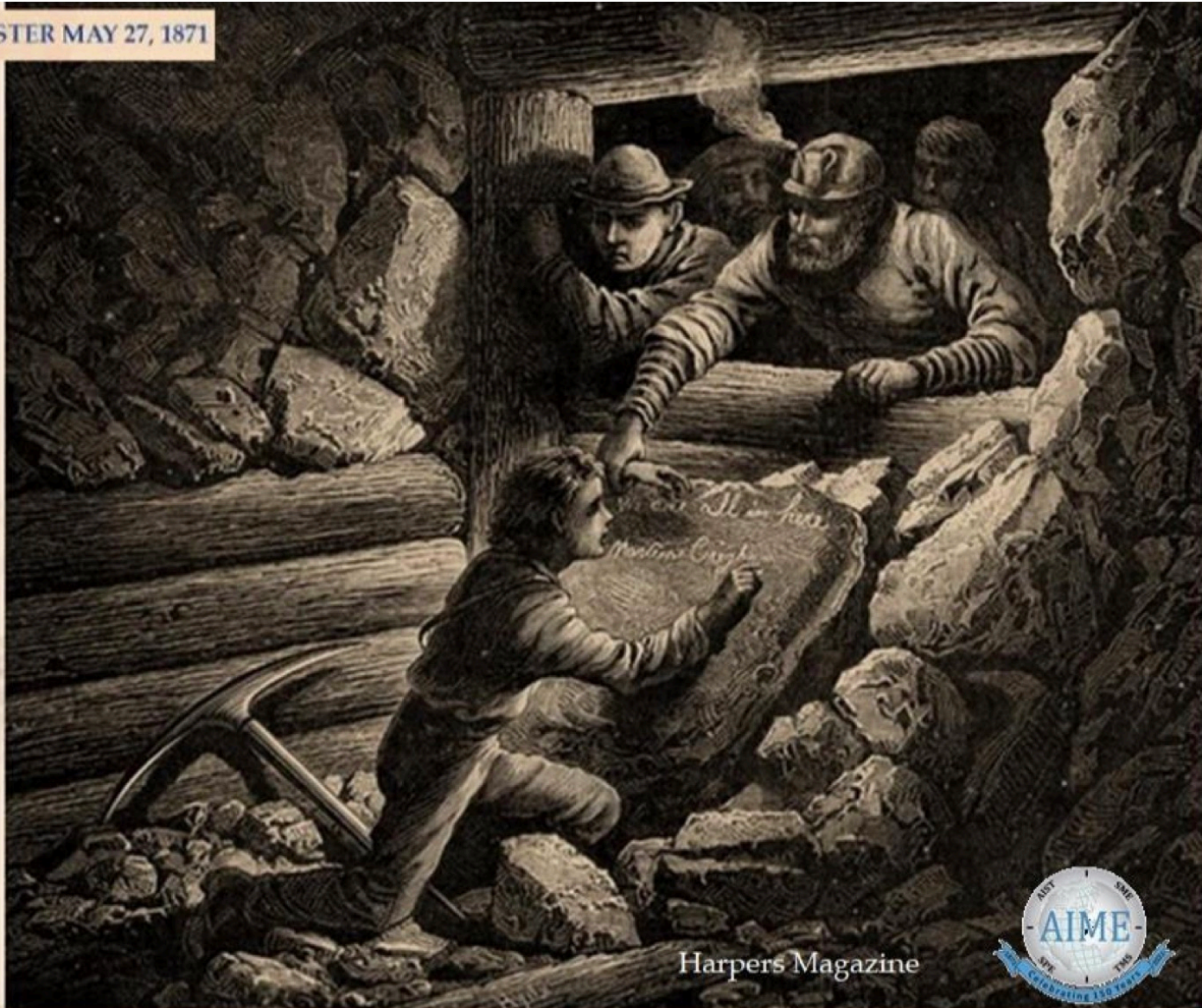
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WEST PITTSTON (KNIGHT SHAFT) MINE DISASTER MAY 27, 1871

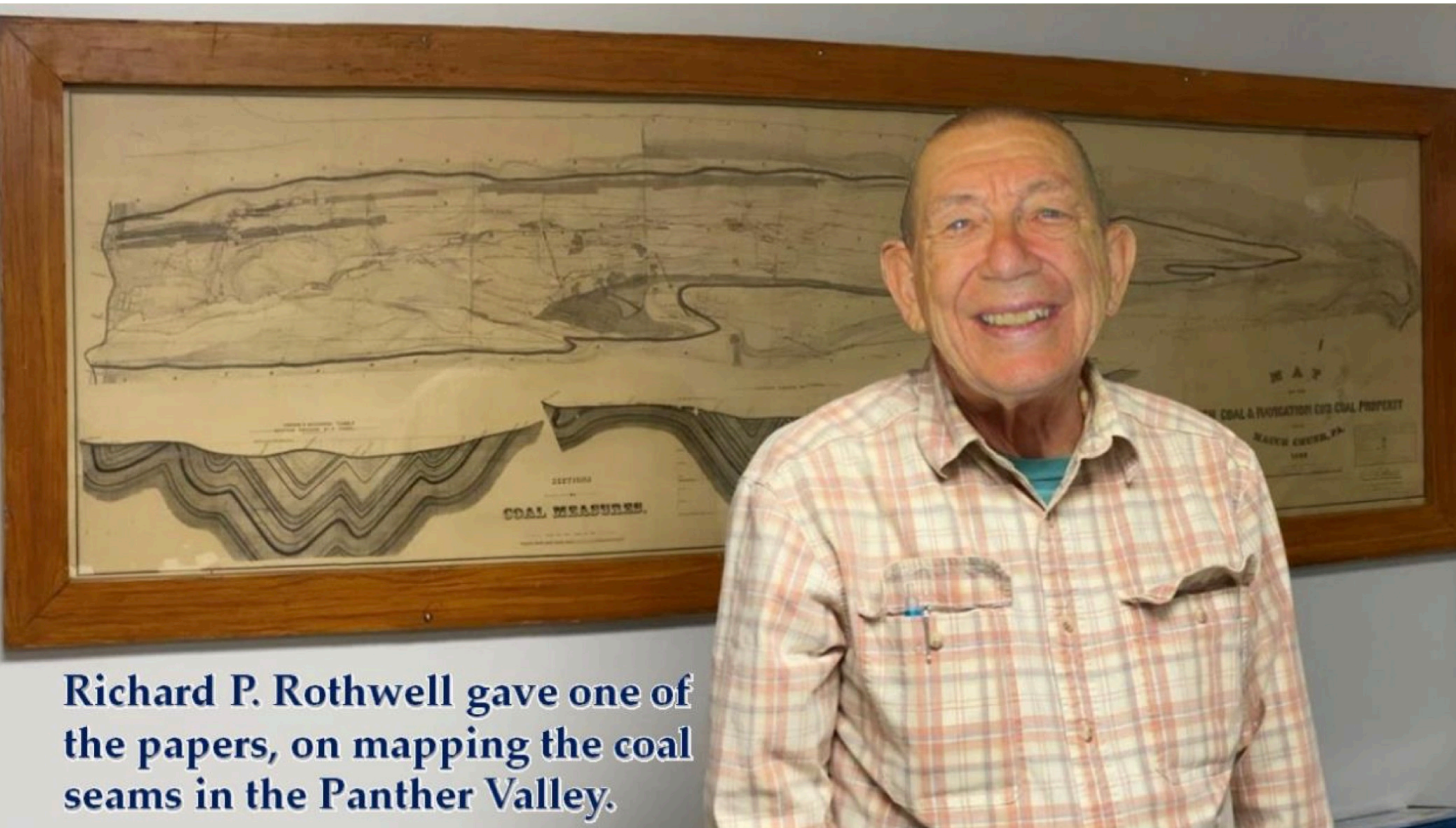


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Richard P. Rothwell gave one of the papers, on mapping the coal seams in the Panther Valley.