

The anthracite region became a center of mine mapping innovation because of the requirement of the 1870 Anthracite Safety Law for all mines to have accurate, up-to-date mine-maps. Many of the founders had extensive mapping and surveying experience.

William Henry Sturdevant (1838-1919) was the first Wilkes-Barre City Engineer, and his company made surveys and extensive atlases of the city and many other towns and counties

The meeting in Bethlehem in August 1871 had ten technical papers, one was on the *Works and Mines of Lehigh Zinc*, four were on surveying and mapmaking.

