Robert Christman Neal (1848-1913) was born in Bloomsburg PA and was graduated as a mining engineer at Troy. He then entered the employ of his father in the William Neal & Sons Iron Company, one of the first iron producing companies in the state. He first oversaw the mines, and later, the blast furnace. This was where he worked and where he lived 1871.

Nearly all traces of the Bloom Furnace are gone, some slag remains, but most all the slag is under Exit 242 on I-80.
In 1885 Neal became treasurer and general manager of the Tyrone Iron Company, of Tyrone, Pa., which had about 140 employees and produced 12,000 tons from the Rolling Mill and 6,000 tons from the Forges. Just across the river, a walk of ten minutes, was Nealmont, with a school and the company's cottages, which presented an “attractive picture of a neat and healthful workingmen's village.”

Tyrone purchased the Morris Foundry there in 1900 and manufactured the Morris Rock Crusher.