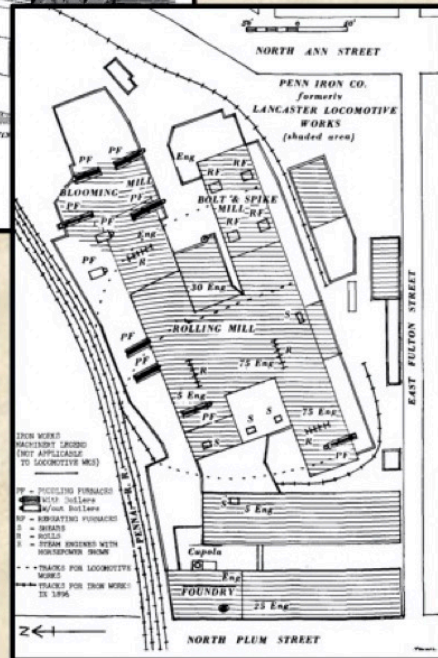
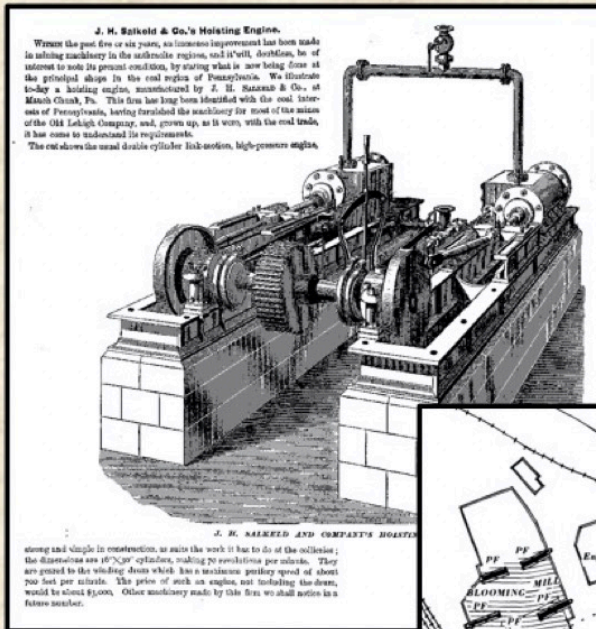


## William H. Roberts (abt. 1821-1895)



came to America from Wales as a teenager and worked as a machinist in PA, IL and IN before setting in Mauch Chunk PA working for Salkeld & Co., maker of much of the mine and breaker machinery for the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company. While there he patented a Steam Pumping Engine and other equipment in 1870, making enough money to purchase the Lancaster (PA) Locomotive Works in 1877, repurposing it as the Pennsylvania Rolling Mill & Manufacturing to make his steam pump &c. Unfortunately, a nationwide strike occurred just before he opened the business and it failed. He sold to Penn Iron, moved to Philadelphia and went back to being a machinist and inventor.

