Hiram Gilbert Wentz (1824-1902) was a brother-in-law of John Hosie and worked with him on several railroad projects, including the Michigan Southern, Portland and Saco, and Covington and Ohio. Moving to Wilkes-Barre in 1862, where he oversaw coal sales for Hosie & Gray. He then worked in coal sales and as superintendent of the Port Bowkley Wyoming Colliery for Swoyer.

Wentz was a councilman and school director for Wilkes Barre, secretary of its Electric Company, and ran a successful meat market.

He was a partner in Leavenworth & Wentz coal sales, and spent his later years involved in the coal screen business of Eagle Iron Works.