John White (1843-1893) Although we aren’t sure that this is AIME’s “John White,” we think we’ve given it a good stab.

Our “John White” graduated from college and began studying law in New York City but abandoned it to become a coal dealer, often with offices in the Trinity Building at 111 Broadway. An early venture was to operate the McNeal Coal & Iron Company, Yatesville Colliery, near Mahanoy City, two breakers with a combined capacity of 1200 tons per day, employing 450 men and boys. He also bought/leased the West Lehigh Coal & Iron and combined them, under I. A. Stearns, superintendent. The P&R C&I bought them in 1874.
White was the senior member of the coal marketing firm White Fowler & Snow, and in 1875 began as the New York agent for Whitney, McCreary & Kemmerer, later Whitney & Kemmerer. They were part of the Leisenring group of businesses, and they and White were involved with Connellsville coke and Virginia coal. He was considered an “able coal expert” and owned Virginia coal lands, Maryland Union Coal and Montauk Gas Coal Companies.

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