

Mr. A. E. Galstian--Dear Sir: In reply to yours, asking for information relative to my mining operation in the valley would state:

I commenced mining operation in 1851, and managed the Black Diamond Colliery, at Wilkes Barre, three years; came to this place in 1856, built the works known as the Stafford's Brook, managed it successfully four years; it is now under the management of the Messrs. Connell. In the spring of 1862 I a tunnel at plymouth and managed it successfully two years. In the Fall of 1863 the firm of Hunt, Davis, & Co. was formed, and about the middle of November of the same year commenced to build the works now known as the Roaring Brook Colliery, located midway between Planes No. 6 and No. 7 on the Pennsylvania road near Dunmore. This company commenced shipping coal the 30th June, 1864, being about seven months from the time the work was commenced, and shipped some 60,000 tons the same year. In 1865 we shipped over 90,000, and in 1866 shipped 125,000 tons. The shipments for the present year will probably amount to 140,000 tons.

In February, 1865, Hunt, Davis, & Co. dissolved and formed into the Roaring Brook Coal Co., Mr. Hunt becoming President, W. D. Briggs Secretary and Treasurer, and myself General Superintendent, which organization exists at the present time. I have just completed a first class colliery belonging to the Mineral Spring Coal Company, of which I am Superintendent, located on the Parsons property near Wilkes Barre, which company was organized on the 13th June inst. and bids fair to be a successful operation.

Respectfully yours,&c.,

J. R. Davis

Seranton, June 20, 1867.