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CHARLES LOCKHART

Charles Lockhart took crude oil and refined product to England in May, 1860, becoming the first to introduce these items to the old world.

In the 1860's, Charles Lockhart was the largest oil refiner in Pittsburgh, the major refining center in the country. Lockhart was an early buyer of crude oil pumped from saltwells before Drake Well and, later, an owner of large oil producing wells in Venango County. With William Frew and William Warden, Lockhart built the Atlantic Refinery in Philadelphia.

In 1874, he merged his Pittsburgh and Philadelphia refineries with Rockefeller's Standard Oil. Lockhart was one of thirteen Standard Oil directors that managed over eighty per cent of the nation's oil business.

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