

# Shanklin Knife

*by Larry Click*

Shown here is a knife I recently acquired. It was probably a give-away advertisement by the Shanklin Mfg. Co., for Guy's Dropper Lamps. The knife is 3" long closed and is 4-3/4" long with the steel blade open. At base of blade reads THE W & H. CO (possibly Whitehead & Hoag??) USA NEWARK, NJ. One side of handle reads SHANKLIN MFG. CO. GUY'S DROPPER LAMPS. SPRINGFIELD, ILL. At the base of the handle reads PAT'D 10-29-12. The other side of the handle is blank. I'm not sure what the design at end of handle is for, unless it is for a key chain. It is too small for a bottle opener.



# Mining House Address Tag

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When coal mining was in its heyday, miners lived in houses built by the coal company they worked for. The houses were affectionately referred to by the miners and their families as "coal patch houses." Each house had a number. This image is of a 3" x 6" porcelain, cobalt blue and white, house sign with two brass eyelets on each side. This particular sign No. 215 came from the town of Vestaburg, PA. and dates back to the 1920s.