

# What's New in Maple City

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The last informational article on Maple City lamps was in the Fall 1990 Mining Artifact Collector. Since then, a few "new" items have emerged. It had long been speculated that the rare Union Carbide cap lamp was made by Maple City, largely due to the stamping on the



side that read Monmouth, Illinois. This small town is where Maple City lamps were manufactured. An unrelated bit of trivia, is that Monmouth is also the birthplace of Wyatt Earp. While conven-



tional Maple City lamps and the Union carbide shared a similar reflector, there were just enough differences in their design to leave a slight doubt as to a common ancestry. This doubt was removed when Bob Schroth obtained two unfired examples of Maple City stamped lamps that are identical in every aspect to the Union Carbide.

Although several collectors have now obtained Maple City flasks, this one, owned by David Crawford, stands out as one of the finest. The advertisement shows what the various compartments are used for, and the circular stamping is also shown in closeup.

