



# Engleby & Bro. Co. Oil Wick Lamp

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A new name to add to the list of miners' oil wick cap lamp manufacturers is that of Engleby & Bro. Co. of Roanoke, Virginia. I recently added this copper cap lamp to my collection. It is marked: ENGLEBY & BRO. ROANOKE VA. on the side of the font. It is

also stamped with individually applied letters on the front and shoulder with W. DOWER, most likely the owner. The lamp is made of somewhat heavier than usual copper sheet stock. The cap hook is brass. It measures 3" tall to the top of the lid. The spout is single walled. This lamp has seen much use in the mines. The 1893 Roanoke City Directory lists Joseph T. Engleby as President of Engleby & Bro. Co., Inc. with John Engleby as Vice-President and Treasurer. An advertisement in the September 15, 1895 Roanoke Times has Engleby & Bro. Co. advertised as being in the tinning, roofing, spouting, plumbing and steam fitting trade. They are also advertised as having the "Most complete line of stoves and ranges in the city", with their business located at 17 Salem Ave. in Roanoke. In the 1922 City Directory Engleby & Bro. is still listed, along with Engleby Auto Supply Co., Inc., with the same Joseph T. Engleby listed as president of both firms. A search has not located any further information on this previously unidentified maker of oil wick cap lamps.

