

# The Original Clanny Style

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## **Editor's note:**

**In the last decade Dave Gresko of Tampa, Florida has become of the world's preeminent collectors and historians of the miners' flame safety lamp. Dave's regular trips to Europe have earned an education that is occasionally shared with our readers.**

It's not too often that you find a lamp of major historical significance. Last month I acquired an unfired example of Clanny's first practical model safety lamp. He had developed several safety lamps, but it wasn't until 1839 when he took and combined the concept of Davy plus his idea of surrounding the flame with a glass cylinder. As you can see by the photo, the lamp is basically a Davy with a glass cylinder inserted.

But what makes this model particularly interesting, is that an old lithograph of Clanny exists of him holding this very model of lamp. Clanny died in 1850, so I assume that this lamp is around 1850.





**Sir Clanny himself holding an example of the lamp. The photo predates 1850.**

**Below: the disassembled lamp reveals a very thick sight glass.**

