

The Acme Powder Company

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The Acme Powder Company was organized around 1887 in Pennsylvania by L. D. Stickney and E. B. McAbee to supply the demand of the local coal mines. The company attempted to manufacture a chlorate powder, but had a serious accident on March 23, 1894. The Eastern Dynamite Company bought the Acme Powder Company in 1897 and probably continued to run it for only a short time before totally shutting it down.

As far as I know, the billheads, like the one shown below, are the only items known from this company. If anyone knows of other items, please let me know.

E. B. McABEE, Pres		When convenient, make payments in New York, Philadelphia or Pittsburgh Exchange.		J. G. McABEE, Secy & Treas	
TELEPHONE, PITTSBURGH 188.					
Pittsburgh, Pa.,				Aug 31 st	1896
<i>Bear Rock Coal Co</i>					
<i>Pittsburgh Pa</i>					
Bought of THE ACME POWDER CO.					
MANUFACTURERS OF EXPLOSIVES,					
Terms, Days, Less per cent. for Cash days.				806 DUQUESNE WAY.	
Aug	31 st	2 Kegs of Powder @ 1.00		2 00	
"	"	39 Cans " " @ 28¢		10 92	12 92
Order No.		Shipped to <i>Wm. Leakey</i> <i>Supt</i>			

Coming in the Spring issue:

- Tonite Powder Company
- McAbee cap tins
- Patented cap crimpers
- Blasting galvanometers
- Consumers safety fuse

Anyone who has any items or information concerning any of these topics are encouraged to contact the Mining Artifact Collector.