

## Blasting Powder Keg Labels

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In response to the article on black blasting powder in the last issue of the MAC, the labels shown on this page were sent in by John Shannon, curator of the National Mining Hall of Fame in Leadville, Colorado. They were supplied to him courtesy of the Halley Museum and Library. The labels are each 9" in diameter and, as far as is known, were found on 25 lb. wooden kegs.



The Hazard Powder Company has been manufacturing black powder since before the mid-1850's. This label is probably pre-1874. (Courtesy of Halley Museum and Library.)



The Wapwallopen Mills were one of many black powder mills in the Pennsylvania area that were owned by DuPont. This label may have been also found on metal kegs. (Courtesy of Halley Museum and Library.)



It appears that in 1855, Albert Tyler Rand and John Smith formed the partnership of Smith & Rand Powder Company and then in 1869, the company was bought out by Laflin & Rand Powder Company. This label was probably used between 1855 and 1865. (Courtesy of Halley Museum and Library.)