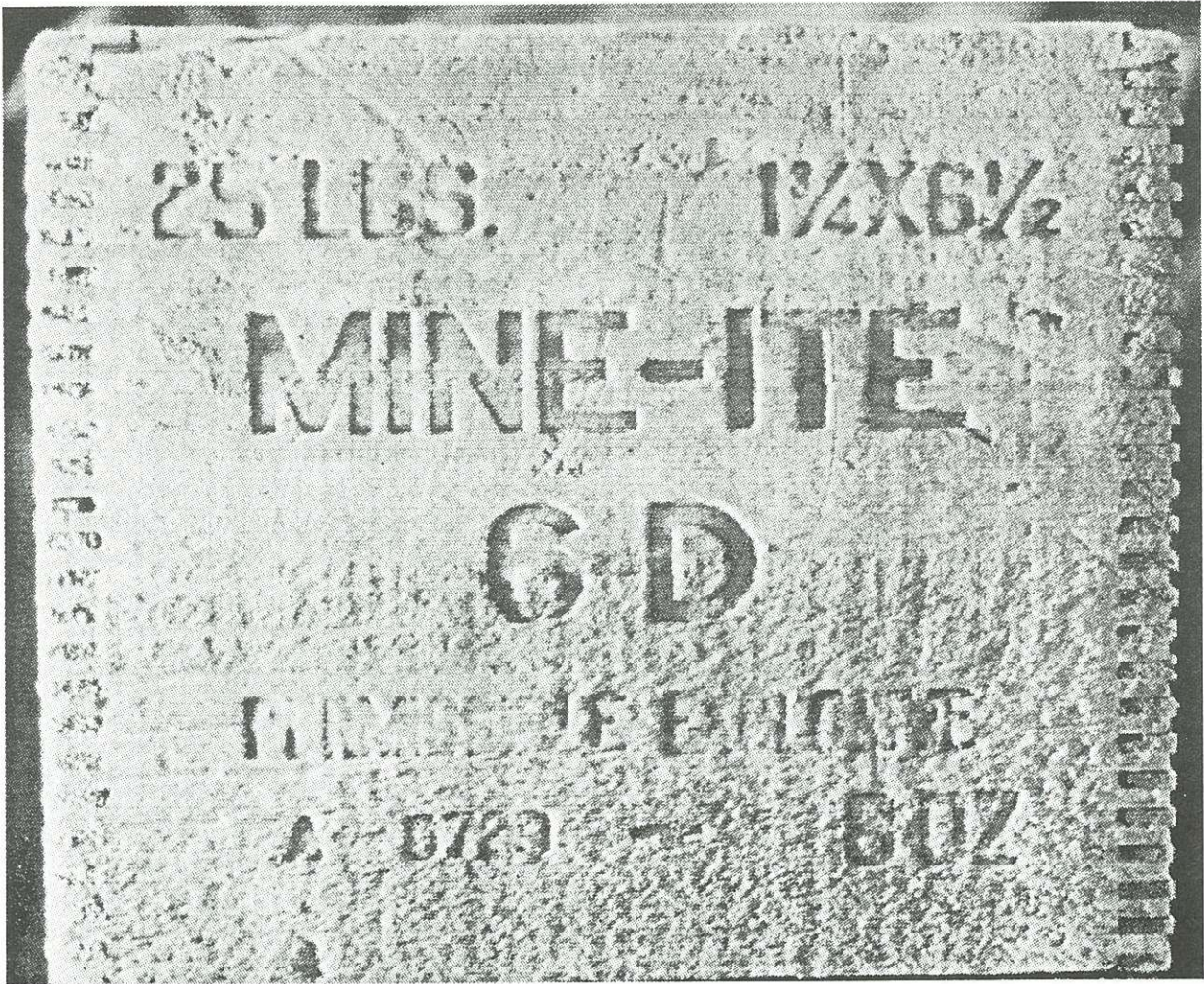


Mine-Ite: A Grasselli Product

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George Showengerdt found this nice 25 lb. dynamite box and Paul Kouts dug up some information on the brand.

"Mine-ite" was a brand name for permissible powders made by the Grasselli Powder Company, Cleveland, OH. The company trademark was "GRASSELLI" and was usually stenciled on each cartridge and box. They also carried: fuse, caps, electric caps, blasting machines, cables, etc. Company was established in 1839.

A 1919 ad lists these brands of permissible powders:

Feul-ite #3 & #3 L.F. (Low Freezing)
Cameron #1-A
Mine-ite A, A-2, B, 5-D, and

Mine-ite 6-D Not quite as speedy a powder as Feul-ite but of enormous pressure. It is so balanced as to speed, expansion, U.D.C., etc, as to make it especially adapted to lump coal production. Practically fumeless.