

## THE ILLINOIS BLASTING CAP TINS

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On May 3, 1907, the Illinois Powder Manufacturing Company was incorporated in Missouri by J. Lowe White, with a factory located near Grafton, Illinois. On October 1, 1957, all of the assets of the Illinois Powder

Manufacturing Company were sold to the American Cyanamid Company.

There are four major styles of cap tins from this company. The two on the left are very rare while the two on the right are common.



White with black lettering



Bright red with gold lettering



Metallic red with gold lettering



Maroon with gold lettering