

Grier Bros. Carbide Flask

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Grier Bros. of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania was a well known producer of oil wick and carbide lamps. It would appear that the firm found a way to utilize parts from its oil wick lamps after the lamps were no longer sold due to the use of carbide lamps by miners.

The pictured pocket carbide flask uses the single piece collar shoulder from one of its oil wick drivers' lamps. The cap had originally been meant for use on an oil wick lamp requiring the hole to be soldered over to keep moisture out when used on the carbide flask. The cap, hinge assembly and body are tin, while the collar/shoulder piece is brass.

The flask measures 7" in height, with an oval base that measures 2 ¹³/₁₆" by 1 ¹/₂". As with most Grier Bros. products, workmanship is very good. It is stamped with the Grier name and logo.

(Right) Grier Bros. pocket carbide flask.

(Below left) Flask collar/shoulder and hinge assembly.

(Below right) Drivers' lamp collar/shoulder piece and hinge assembly.

