

Commemorative Mining Medals

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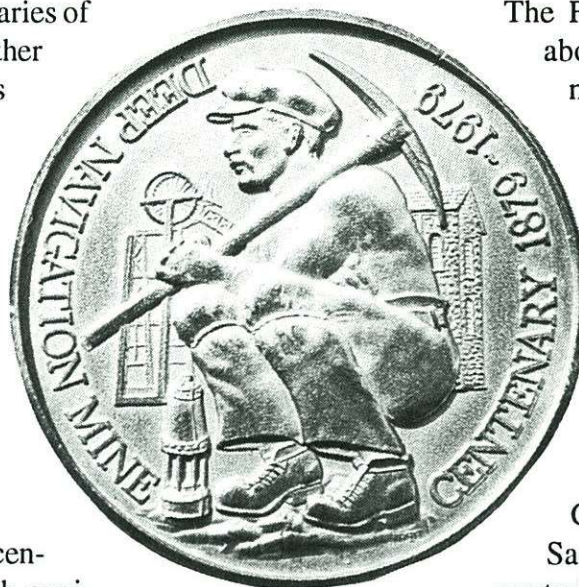


Commemorative medals were issued when long running mines closed, for anniversaries of a mine or mining companies, for anniversaries of specific mining regions or for any other number of reasons. Those medals most commonly found were produced in eastern and western Europe throughout this century, although earlier medals exist. Medals were also produced in the United States but not in the numbers produced in Europe. These medals were produced in copper, brass, bronze, nickel and silver.

The Deep Navigation Mine medal (center page) commemorates the 100th anniversary (1879-1979) of this famous mine's op-

eration. The location of this mine is at Treharris, South Wales.

The French medal (both sides shown above) commemorates French coal mining. The obverse side, dated 1928, illustrates a miner laboring underground.



The first German medal (below left) commemorates the 750th anniversary of a famous old copper area in Germany.

The second German medal (below right) commemorates Germany's re-occupation of the Saar Region in 1935 after having lost control of this famous coal mining region at the end of World War I.



The Polish Mining medal commemorates the 1988 National Exhibition of Philatelic Miners.



The Charleroi medal commemorates the 100th anniversary of that Belgian coal mining area from 1830 to 1930.



The Berwind White Coal Mining Co. medal was issued to commemorate the 50th anniversary of this company. Notice the carbide lamp worn by the miner. This medal was produced by Tiffany of New York, an unusual product for this famous firm. (Dave Johnson collection)



The Baggeridge Colliery medal was issued in 1967 at the closure of the mine after 71 years of operation. The coal mine was in the West Midlands Division, Gospel End near Sedgley, Staffordshire England.



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