

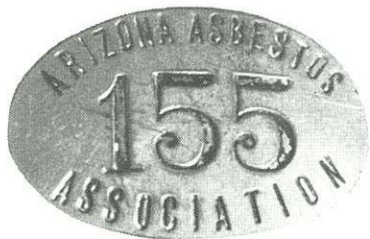
Arizona Asbestos Association

by Tod Town ‡

In 1913 fourteen mining claims were located 42 miles north of Globe, Arizona, by West Brothers and Mr. Fred Patee, and the Arizona Asbestos Association was formed. Their first year's mining resulted in about 1,000 feet of workings that yielded ninety pounds of Crude No. 1 fiber per foot. In 1915, production amounted to about one ton of Crude No. 1 per day. In 1916, the Arizona Asbestos Association became a subsidiary of the H.W. John-Mansville Co., which developed the claims into the largest asbestos mine in the United States. By 1928, the mine was worked by 159 men underground and 12 more on the surface. Eventually the Mansville Co. disposed of the property, ending the existence of the Arizona Asbestos Association, but mining operations continued until the early 1970's.

The badge pictured below was made by Irvine and Jachens, Market St., San Francisco. It was mining company policy that each employee be issued a number and badge, and wear the badge when on shift. Badge No. 155 was found when the asbestos mill in Globe was being disassembled.

Globe is noted by collectors for its great early copper mining artifacts. My family has mined asbestos in the Globe area for many years. I started working when I was old enough to "go get." I thought it would be interesting to show another mining industry that was important to Arizona and Globe.

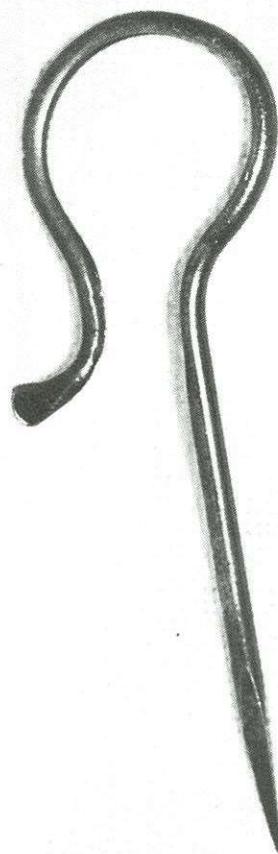


‡ Tod Town lives in Globe Arizona. His family owned one of the several Asbestos mines in Arizona. Started by his grandfather in 1952, it operated continuously for twenty years. The asbestos they mined was Chrysotile, which is lower in iron than other forms. Tod recalls that carbide lights, in preference to electric, were used in their mine until it shut down in 1972. The ubiquitous Streamlined Justrite was the model used.

Detachable Oil Wick Stick

by Dave Johnson

Sticks for oil wick lamps are a real rarity. The Knippenberg Manufacturing Co., of Oshkosh, Wisconsin produced a detachable stick for its many models of Husson oil wick lamps, as well as for one of its candleholders. The Vacuum Oil Co. had a stick permanently attached to its oil wick lamp (watch for future article). Both of these sticks were produced with a lamp.



Peter Home of Bessemer, Michigan patented a detachable stick attachment for oil wick lamps on April 18, 1889. The steel stick pictured here is 6 5/8" in length with a thumb tab. The inside of the loop has a machined groove that allows the edge of the lamp base to be held in place. While the pictured stick is not identical to the patent drawing, it is close enough that I am certain that it is a Peter Home product. This is even more likely since this stick was found in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.