

Hazleton Machinery & Supply Co.

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A recent addition to my collection was a beautiful unfired oilwick marked HAZLETON MACH. & SUPPLY CO. HAZLETON PA. This lamp is 3" tall to the top of its brass dome lid. There is a brass collar as well, with the remainder of the lamp being tin. The spout is 3 1/8" long with a spout support soldered half way around and half way up the spout from the front. The brass dome lid has a hole stamped in the top center. The front has the classic Trethaway Bros. concave base. The brass dome cap, cap hinge and spout support are all Trethaway Bros. features. This is obviously a lamp of their manufacture.



Hazleton Machinery & Supply Co. oil wick lamp.

This is a marked lamp name previously published in my oilwick survey as Hazleton Machine and Supply Co. Never having seen the lamp marking in person I reported it as it was reported to me.

The Hazleton Machinery and Supply Co. is listed in Barry's Hazleton Directory of 1895 as being located at 244-246 W. Broad St. in Hazleton. With this listing is the name William H. Taylor without referencing his affiliation with the firm. Was he owner, manager, president? The 1897 Hazleton Directory lists the firm with George Deeths as manager, located at 244 W. Broad St. The 1903-04 Directory lists Fred W. Bleckley as manager with the firm located on Broad at the corner of Vine. An ad appearing in the 1903-04 Directory lists builder's hardware, white lead, linseed oil, glass, putty, colors, sanitary plumbing, etc., as products with the statement: TRY OUR ANTHRACITE READY-MIXED PAINT.

The 1909 Directory again lists William Bleckley and the 244 Broad St. address. The 1914 Directory lists W. S. Robbins as manager with the firm still located at 242-246 W. Broad St. The firm is listed as a dealer in hardware, mill and mine supplies. An ad that same year lists mine and mill supplies, as well as new and second hand machinery. The 1916-17 Directory has the same listing as 1914, as does 1921-22. The 1923-24 R. L. Polk & Co. Hazleton Directory lists the Hazleton Machinery and Supply Co., with W. S. Robbins as manager, still located at 242 W. Broad St. They are listed as dealers in hardware, paints, plumbing, mine and mill supplies, as well as being electrical contractors. The 1927-28 Directory has the same listing as 1923-24.

The final listing is in the 1929-30 Directory. It is for the Hazleton Machinery and Supply Co., Inc. with John D. Taylor as General Manager. Since 1930 is the last listing I would venture to guess that the firm was a victim of the Great Depression.