The M. A. Cozzens Lard Oil Co.

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The M. A. Cozzens Lard Oil Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, produced an oil wick lamp fuel marketed as Winter White Miner's Oil. The product was touted as producing no smoke, giving a soft clear light and as always being reliable.

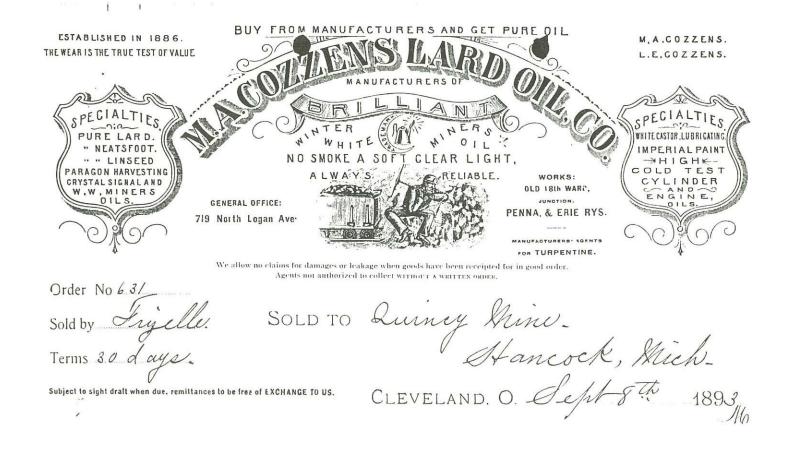
Established in 1886, the firm was owned and operated by Myron A. Cozzens and his wife Louisa. ^{1, 2} The production facility was conveniently located at the busy junction of the Pennsylvania and Erie Railroads.

Initially the company's business office was located at 719 North Logan Avenue. Eight years later they moved to The Society for Savings building.³ The office remained there for eight more years, then relocated once again to the Rose Building.⁴ In 1904, after eighteen years of continuous operation, the firm was either sold or went out of business.⁵

Has anyone seen any advertising for this firm or any marked fuel containers?

References

- 1. The 1892 Cleveland City Directory lists Myron A. Cozzens and Louise E. Cozzens as owners of the M. A. Cozzens Lard Oil Co., a producer of oils.
- 2. The names M.A. Cozzens and L.E. Cozzens appear on the company billhead.
- 3. The 1894 *Cleveland City Directory* indicates that the firm had moved it's offices to The Society for Savings building that year.
- 4. 1902 Cleveland City Directory.
- 5. In 1905 the Cozzens name no longer appears in the City Directory.



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