

Logan-Gregg & Co.

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In 1829 John T. Logan arrived in Pittsburgh, at age 21, from Lancaster, after having served a 2-year apprenticeship with hardware business owner George Mayer. After 2 years working as a salesman for Hoag Hardware, Logan convinced his cousin, Robert T. Kennedy, to establish their own hardware business. Thus, in 1831, Logan & Kennedy Hardware opened their doors for business.

In 1848, after 17 years in business, the firm changed its name, when senior partner, John Logan formed a partnership with Philip Wilson and Edward Gregg, to Logan, Wilson & Co. Gregg had begun his association with the firm in 1836 as a stock boy.

This partnership lasted until 1857, when Thomas A. Parke became an additional partner and the firm's name was changed to Logan & Gregg. The firm continued under this name until 1867, when the firm name

became Logan-Gregg & Co. The firm continued under this name for the duration of its existence.

John T. Logan died in 1871, Robert T. Kennedy died in 1875, and Philip

Wilson died in 1877. This left Edward Gregg as senior partner with George B. Logan and Thomas B. Parke as the active partners.

In 1879 the firm was located at 52 Wood St., in a 4-story warehouse, where they were engaged in the wholesale hardware business. The firm dealt in general wholesale hardware and cutlery, with an annual sales volume of \$150,000-\$175,000, employing 10 clerks and salesmen. Their business was generally conducted in Eastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. However, they did ship as far as Michigan, Utah, Colorado and Nevada. They specialized in belting, mill and mine supplies, and building hardware.

The firm doubled its warehouse capacity in 1887 by adding to the original building. By 1888 Logan-Gregg & Co. had added supplies and equipment for coal and coke works. Mine supplies had become a larger part of the business by this time as well. This expansion

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ESTABLISHED 1831.

LOGAN, GREGG & CO.

306 & 308 Wood Street,

Hardware and Cutlery.

SPECIALTIES:

Barbed Fence Wire,
Plain Fence Wire,
Wire Rope, { Agents for Washburn & Moon
Mfg. Co.'s Make.

OUTFITTING AND SUPPLIES
FOR

Coal and Coke Mines, T Rail Cars,
Ferries, Scales, Tools, &c.

MILL, MACHINE SHOP AND TRADESMEN'S TOOLS,

Keamey & Foot Co.'s Files and Rasps,
Morse and Standard Twist Drills,
Best Oak Tanned Leather Belting,
Jackson Mfg. Co.'s Steel Barrows.

CAREFUL PERSONAL ATTENTION TO ALL MAIL ORDERS.



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allowed for the addition of machine shop tools and supplies.

A 1912 Logan-Gregg catalog, Number 30, in Nelson Ressler's collection, lists George B. Logan as President and Treasurer, P.L. Logan as Vice-President and Robert Repp as General Manager. The firm's address in 1912 for the offices and warehouse was 125-131 7th St. in Pittsburgh. This catalog pictured Logan-Gregg (Crown), Anton, Winfield, Dunlap, Zais and Monongahela Valley oil-wicks, Baldwin and Black Diamond carbide cap lamps and two Simmons handlamps, as well as mining tools and supplies.

According to the 1912 catalog, no less than eight varieties of miner's oilwick lamps were produced under William Tunnessen's Crown patent with the Logan-Gregg, Sterling Hardware label, two of which are shown here. Seven of the lamps pictured in the catalog are standard Crown trade-

Right: Advertisement from Logan-Gregg catalog, 1912.

Below: Brass Logan-Gregg face lamp with drip ring and boot kick.

LOGAN-GREGG HARDWARE COMPANY 249

STERLING MINERS' AND DRIVERS' LAMPS



No. 101 and 102
No. 99
No. 98

No. 101—Sterling miner. Charcoal tin. Double tube spout.....	No. 99—Sterling miner. Charcoal tin. Double tube spout. "Miners' Sunshine".....	Per dozen \$ 1.50
No. 102—Sterling miner. Charcoal tin. Copper lined. Double tube spout. "Miners' Sunshine".....	No. 98—Sterling miner. All brass except lid and hook. Single tube spout with drip cup.....	Per dozen 2.50
No. 98—Sterling miner. Copper body. Double tube. Tin outer tube, lid and hook. Adapted to use "Miners' Sunshine" and the most serviceable lamp ever produced.....		Per dozen 4.50



No. 100
Nos. 101D and 102D
No. 98D

No. 100—Sterling driver. Charcoal tin. Double tube spout. Large lamp and spout.....	No. 101D—Sterling driver. Charcoal tin. Double tube spout.....	Per dozen \$ 2.50
No. 102D—Sterling driver. Charcoal tin. Copper lined throughout. Double tube spout. Adapted to use "Miners' Sunshine".....	No. 98D—Sterling driver. Copper body. Double tube. Tin outer tube, lid and hook. Adapted to use "Miners' Sunshine" and the most serviceable lamp ever produced.....	Per dozen 4.50



No. 98D
No. 98DH

No. 98D—Sterling driver. All brass except lid and hook. Single tube spout with drip cup.....	No. 98DH—Sterling driver. With reflector. Per doz. 4.00
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Distinctive sterling features: full sized bodies and spouts; indestructible hinges—no solder used, the lid crimped to a brass collar and the collar in turn double seamed to the body; wire wick knocker and flat hook cleat. Highest grade material and workmanship throughout and every lamp absolutely guaranteed. Illustrations about two-thirds actual size.
One dozen in a box.

"STERLING BRAND FOR QUALITY STAMPS"



mark driver and face lamps with drip rings and/or boot kicks. The eighth is a shielded Crown. Also in my collection but not pictured in the catalog, is the pictured copper threaded lid oil-wick, which looks very much like the original Winfield patent, including the riveted hook and threaded lid. The Logan-Gregg stamping appears on the bottom of all examples I have seen rather than on the side of the font as the catalog displays.

The Sterling stamp on their oil-wicks and other products denotes, according to the 1912 catalog, "goods covered by our personal guarantee and are strictly first quality."

A 1925 catalog, in Jim Lackey's collection, is the latest material I was able to find on Logan-Gregg.

Sources:

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Catalog No. 30 Logan-Gregg Hardware Co. 1912.



Brass Logan-Gregg driver's lamp with drip ring and boot kick.



Copper Logan-Gregg with tin threaded cap.