

B Electric Oil Wick

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Identical to the B FROSTBERG pictured on page 10 of EUREKA! #4, this B ELECTRIC oilwick has a cap that opens to the right while the B FROSTBERG opens to the left. Does anyone know the significance of the "B" in both brand names?



Magic City Oil Wick

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How many collectors have seen an oil wick lamp labeled MAGIC CITY? After several years of trying to track down the origin of this lamp, I still have no definitive answer. The most likely source of the name comes from Roanoke, Virginia. In 1890 there was a big business boom in Roanoke which resulted in the population increasing from just over 5,000 to 16,000 in one year. This population and business increase earned Roanoke the nickname of the Magic City.

The Roanoke City directory lists the Magic City Coal, Oil & Gasoline Co. and the Magic City Fruit & Produce Co. in the 1920's.



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