

Thomas Hall Oil Wick

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The oilwick lamp survey published in the January 1995 issue of EUREKA listed an oilwick under the name of HALL. Since this name was only reported by another collector and I had not seen the lamp I did not have the full name. I have since acquired a lamp marked THOMAS HALL over the word IRVINE. Having searched the index of a current atlas for towns or cities named Irvine across the U.S. and having come up with Irvine, CA as the only listing, I am stumped as to the place of origin of this lamp.

This well-made little tin face lamp measures just 1 $\frac{7}{8}$ " tall to the top of the cap, with a double spout that measures 2 $\frac{1}{8}$ " in length. The base measure 1 $\frac{5}{16}$ " in diameter. The collar and shoulder are of separate construction. The cap has a slightly down-turned edge all around.

This lamp is more similar in size to the many Scottish oilwicks than it is to most American oilwicks. If anyone has any possible information that would identify the IRVINE portion of the stamping I would greatly appreciate that information.



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