

## W.B. Bertels Oil-wick Lamps

by Dave Johnson

The firm W. B. Bertels & Sons, Inc. was listed in the Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania City Directory of 1908. Listed as tin-ware manufacturers at 415 N. Pennsylvania Ave., with W.B. Bertels as President and Charles E. Bertels as Secretary/Treasurer, little information is available on the firm's product line.

By 1916, Franck Dart was listed as President of W.B. Bertels & Sons at the same address, still manufacturing tin-wares. The 1927 City Directory listed a Bertels Metal-Ware Co. with George Goeringer as President. A reference was also made to a relationship between W.B. Bertels and the Wilkes-Barre Can Co.

The two variations of the W.B. Bertels lamp shown in the accompanying photo are the only variations this author is aware of. Anyone possessing a different type in their collection is encouraged to contact me, as is anyone possessing any advertising for W.B. Bertels lamps.

