

COMPLIMENTS OF CONSOLIDATION COAL

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The Consolidation Coal Company was chartered by the Maryland Legislature in 1860. Its organization was delayed by the turmoil of the Civil War years until April 19, 1864, when subscription books were opened at the office of Thomas Deveman in the city of Cumberland. Stock of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad was accepted in payment for Consolidation stock.

In May of 1864 Consolidation acquired the following properties in exchange for stock:

1. Ocean Steam Coal Company
2. Frostburg Coal Company
3. Mount Savage Iron Company

Some of the interesting aspects of the Consolidation Coal Company works were as follows: Shaft, slope and drift mines producing industrial, gas, and domestic coals from seven different seams in all standard sizes. Coal veins as thin as 30 inches and as thick as 10 feet.

Consolidation employed safety crews, methods, and equipment which were "admittedly unsurpassed." For years Consolidation rescue crews won high honors at district, state and national mine rescue meets.



Consolidation owned 5,675 dwelling houses, 25 company stores, and two merchandise warehouses; a bakery, ice plant, ice cream plant, bottling plant; one auto service station, one hospital, eight company operated and seven independently operated recreation buildings, all of which provided suitable living quarters for employees and their families and met their needs. Employee welfare was in the hands of 18 full-time physicians, three dentists, and eight registered nurses, furnishing modern medical attention and nursing to employees and their families.



In the early 1940's Consolidation merged and became the Pittsburgh Consolidation Coal Company. The company is still in business, and is believed to be owned by Dupont.



Four well-known Consolidation trademarks.

The Consolidation Coal Company oil wick shown here was a company giveaway, provided during a time when the company was showing an increase in production. This example is unused. The spout, font, and cap are copper with only the hook being brass. There is one other known example of this lamp.



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CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY
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