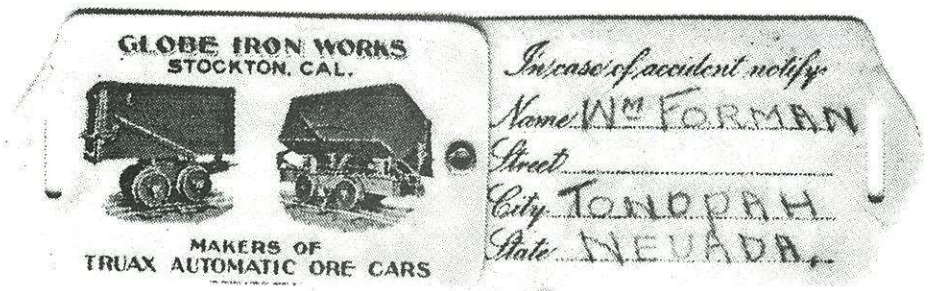
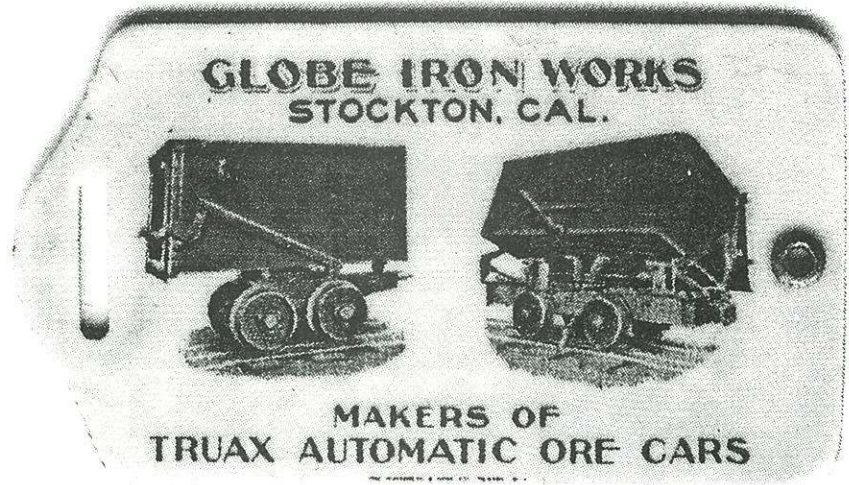


Accident Tags

You could say that this was the equivalent to a soldier's dog tag. Building ore cars must have had its hazards. The message on the flip out section conjures up some grim images. The reverse side identifies this laborer as S.D. Foman. One might guess that S.D. wished his father William to be notified in case of an "accident". If any of our readers find any of these tags in their travels, please notify me.

Bob Schroth

Actual size shown right.



New Surveyor's Oil Wick

One of the nicest lamps to make an appearance at the Eastern Reunion was a mine surveyor's oil wick lamp labeled "T.B. BICKERTON & CO. / MACHINISTS & MINERS / SUPPLIES / PHILADA. PA."

Bickerton was a mining supply outfit which lent its name to many fine instruments, and mining tools including safety lamps. This is the first we have seen of a Bickerton oil wick, and an unusual design at that.

There is no hook, but the screw-cap wick cover makes a sturdy handle. Thanks to Bill Blake of Charleston, West Virginia for sharing this find.

