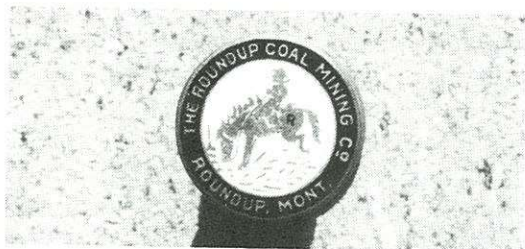


Roundup Coal Mining Co. Cufflinks

The Roundup Coal Mining Co. of Roundup, Montana had a number of sets of these brass and enamel cufflinks produced as promotional items. In true western style, they feature a cowboy on a bucking bronco with a large R brand on the bronco. The outer ring is black with gold lettering and a gold horse and rider on a white background.

Roundup is located 50 miles north of Billings, Montana, and was the site of a number of successful coal mines after 1900.

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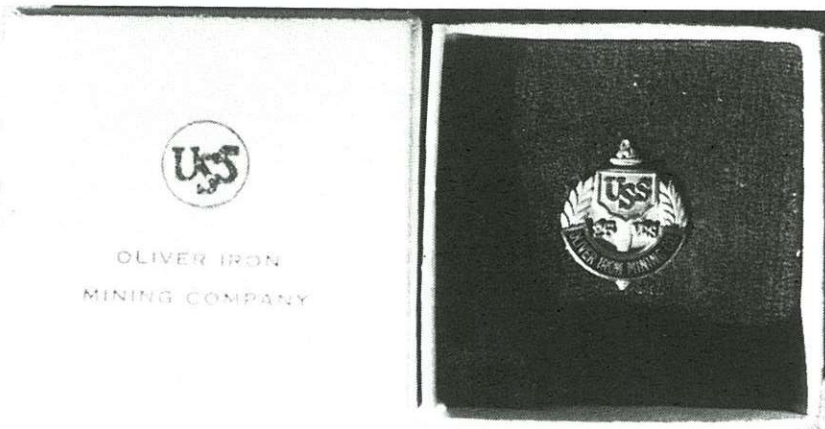


Oliver Iron Mining Co. Service Award

Like other industries, mining companies presented their long term employees with a variety of service awards. Some were watch fobs, watches, rings, medallions, and tie-tacs. Service awards were generally given for ten or more years of work in five year increments.

The Oliver Iron Mining Co., a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corp., operated iron mines in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and Minnesota. The pictured 18 carat gold tie-tac was given to a miner for 25 years of continuous service to the Oliver Iron Mining Co. in Norway, Michigan. The piece came in a nice presentation box with the company name and the U.S. Steel logo on the cover. I also have Oliver Iron Mining Co. brass and silver watch fobs presented for 20 and 25 years of service respectively.

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Review: Mine Lighting in Nevada

Jack Ramsdell, with the assistance of Ron Bommarito, has produced another of his occasional reference works on western miners' lamps. *Mine Lighting in Nevada*, printed in a limited edition of 100, is currently available from Jack (see the display classified ads). The 33 page book provides an excellent overview of the lamps used in Nevada mines from the 1870's through the first decade of the twentieth century. Here is the most complete information to date on the candle lanterns known as Comstock or General Grant lanterns, with history on the makers and over 40 illustrations and photographs of these unusual lamps.

MINE LIGHTING IN NEVADA



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Mine Lighting in Nevada also describes the miners' candlesticks which have been found in local mines, and manufactured or patented in Nevada. Jack and Ron have put together an excellent piece of research on mine lighting in their home state. The photographs, line drawings and other illustrations are generally of good quality throughout the book. It's sure to be a collector's item.