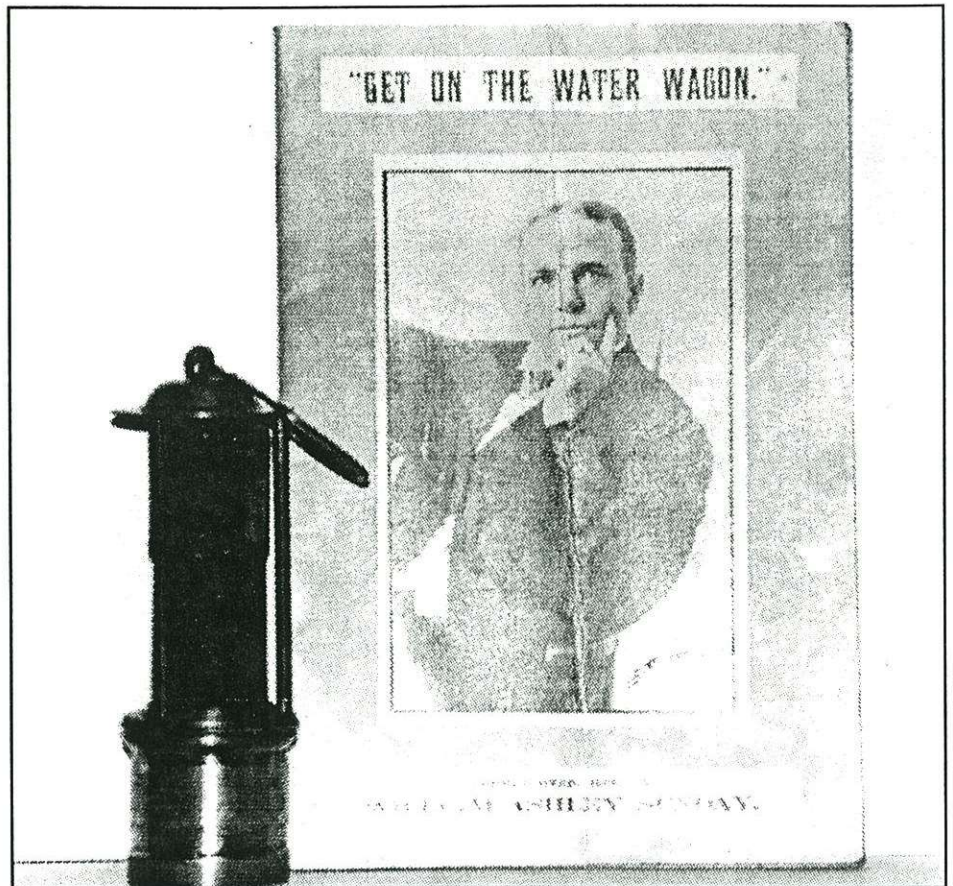


Presentation Safety Lamp

by Lester Bernstein

While at home one evening, I received a phone call from a longtime friend who owns an antique shop in Ohio. He described a small miners' lamp with some writing at the base. We agreed to meet and I returned home with an interesting little lamp with a past.

The lamp is a Hughes Bros. Davy approximately 4 1/2" tall with a Sterling silver presentation band around the base that reads "Presented to Rev. W.A. Sunday by Employees of No. 5 D&H Co." Along with the lamp was a soft-bound book authored by William Ashley Sunday (copyright 1908) titled "Get on the Water Wagon" which speaks at length about the scourges of drink. With the help of fellow collectors, I learned about the Delaware and Hudson Co. and their mine and railroad holdings in Pennsylvania, New York, and Vermont.



Miniature Hughes Bros. safety lamp shown next to book by W. A. Sunday.

(below left and right) Presentation Hughes Bros. safety lamp, assembled and disassembled.

