

# BABY WOLF LAMPS FROM ENGLAND

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Jim Steinberg's article (*MAC* no. 2) on the Wolf pocket safety lamp described the various Baby Wolf lamps that were sold in this country. A visit from a long-time friend and colleague whom I had not seen for over ten years prompts me to write this addendum.

My friend had recently been given a safety lamp that had been presented to his father upon his retirement several years ago from the Steel Company of Wales. Imagine my surprise when the lamp turned out to be the Baby Wolf lamp shown in Figure 1. The lamp had obviously been in use, presumably in the extensive coal fields in South Wales. It is the first example of a Baby Wolf that I have seen that was made in England. The lamp is the same size and is very similar in construction to the lamps made in this country,

except for its materials of construction (steel and brass) and in a couple of minor details - the glass is protected by five upright posts (not four) and the lower brass ring on the bonnet has an adjustable air inlet. The lamp is marked "WOLF SAFETY LAMP CO. WM MAURICE LTD SHEFFIELD - BABY WOLF LAMP."

Figure 2 shows another English Baby Wolf with a corrugated bonnet and equipped for gas testing with a Fleissner platinum strip which is similar to the Beard-Mackie indicator. The lamp is described in Whitaker's *Mine Lighting* (London, 1928) as being 7 inches high (the same as other Baby Wolf lamps) and weighing 1 pound. The materials of construction were unfortunately not mentioned as part of the description.

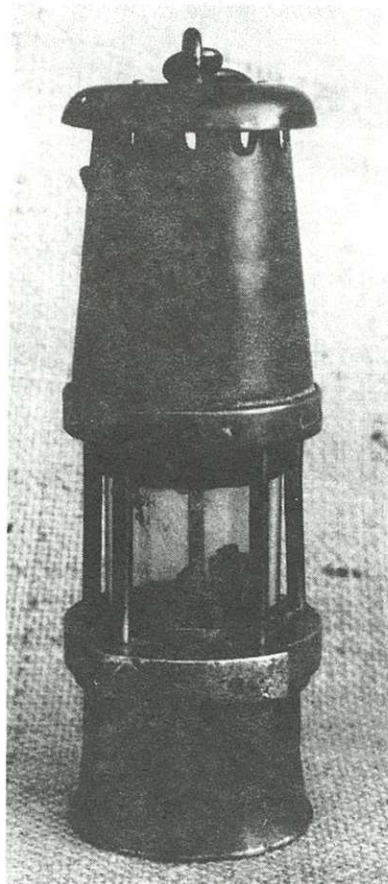


Figure 1.

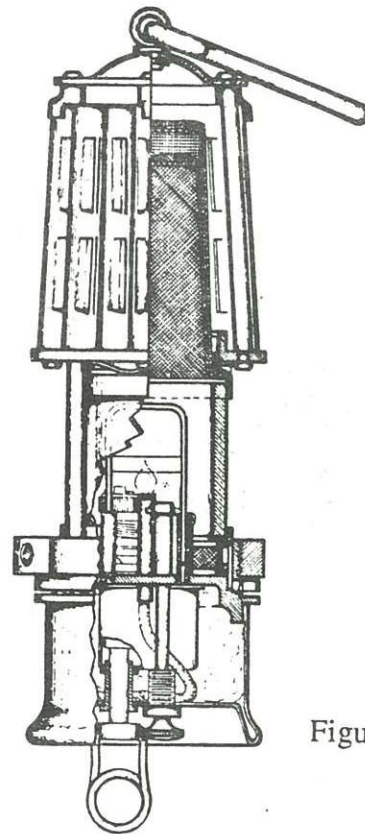


Figure 2.