

ASBESTOS GEEK PIC OF THE WEEK

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A weekly post featuring pictures of asbestos-related artifacts from the private collection of Andy Rowland, CIH – Principal at IMPRIMIS Forensic Health & Safety.

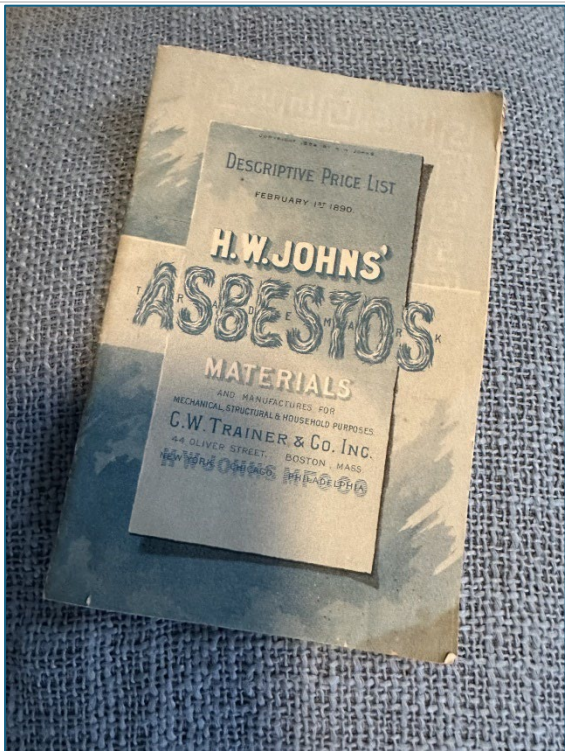


Photo #1 – Front Cover

This week's picture features a marketing piece released by H.W. Johns in February of 1890. As you can see, it is referred to as a "Descriptive Price List", and it bears the original H.W. Johns trademark (See Photo #2).

Please note that the cover also includes the name of another manufacturer of asbestos products - C.W. Trainer & Co. Inc. At the time, it was not uncommon for competing companies to combine forces in order to leverage their share of the market. One firm might have provided better geographic coverage, while another might have carried exclusive products. C.W. Trainer had such partnerships with both H.W. Johns and Philip Carey.

If you take a look at the index (See Photo #3), you will see that H.W. Johns was promoting a very wide variety of asbestos products. The index begins with the original products that put the company on the map – Paints and Roofing Materials. Then the index goes on to list insulation products, packing products, fireproofing cements, textiles, and "Vulcabeston". The latter being H.W. Johns' line of electrical insulating products.

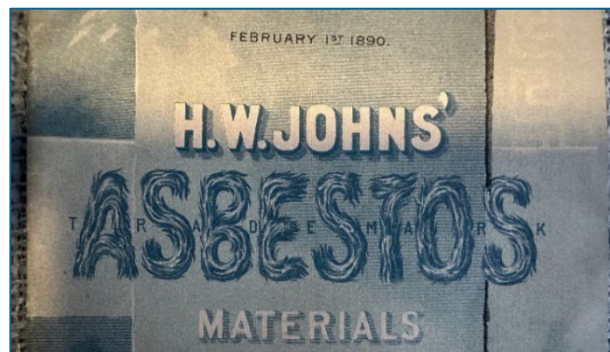


Photo #2 – Close-up Showing Trademark

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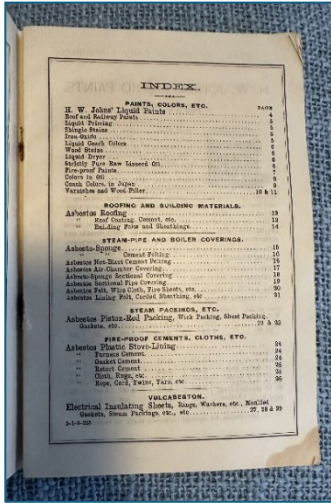


Photo #3 – Shows the Index

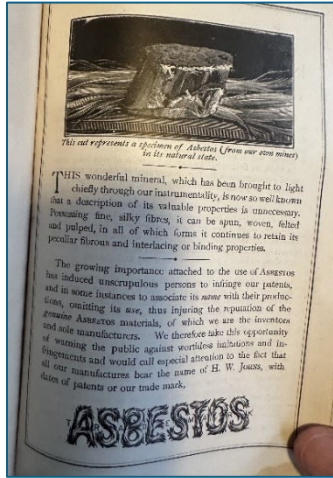


Photo #4– Shows the Introduction



Photo #5 – Shows the Back Cover

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