Name 1	OIL LAMP 2
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ID number	002.187.Idrija
Manager / Administrator	Idrija Municipal Museum, Prelovčeva 9, SI-5280 Idrija
Ownership	Public
Owner	Municipality of Idrija, Mestni trg 1, SI-5280 Idrija
Local / Original ID Number	510:IDR;RZ-706
Type of Object	Mine, Daily life

DESCRIPTION

Short description	The closed type oil lamp, also called ripsovka, repičnica or jamšarica, is a simple lamp. The oil reservoir – storage is in a semicircular shape, with a top cover shaped like an arrow. The movable opening on the reservoir served for pouring the rapeseed oil. It was also possible to regulate and replaced the wick (still visible). The expanded part has a welded curved bracket with hook.
Measures	Length 28.2 cm, width 7 cm, height 7.3 cm.
Materials	Steel, fabric.
Dating	End of the 19th century.

Author / Producer	Manufacturer information is not known.

Picture attachments

Original use	The miners used the oil lamp with rapeseed oil burning for going to and out of the pit and to light the area of the ore digging. They also used for private purposes – for various tasks such as bobbin lacemaking and socialising in the evenings. The oil reservoir – storage had a wick, which protruded out of the opening at the top of the reservoir. A lit wick provided a small flame, therefore the intensity of these lamps was modest. Better rapeseed oil burning, and thus also a slightly better luminance, was achieved by adding kerosene to the oil. The bracket was used for carrying and the nailed tip was used for mounting or fixing the lamp to a wall or a rock crack in a pit. The oil lamps were used for more than 400 years, from the discovery of mercury in 1490 onwards. After 1913, they were replaced in the mines by carbide lamps. They used the oil lamps for private purposes for many years.
Present use	The oil lamp is being preserved, secured and presented as important mining heritage of Idrija with exceptional universal values. It is a part of the mine collection of the Idrija Municipal Museum. Visitors can view it within the permanent museum exhibition “Five Centuries of the Mercury Mine and the Town of Idrija”. It can be used for different types of mercury heritage promotions.
Original location	Idrija Mercury Mine (personal, working equipment of a miner).
Present location	Idrija Municipal Museum, Gewerkenegg Castle (showroom 1).

STATE OF CONSERVATION

History of conservation:	Before 1995, a conservation procedure was performed on the oil lamp, for the needs of the permanent museum exhibition. Additional interventions are not necessary. Security of the premises is taken care of.

Present state	good
Necessary activities:	Regular seasonal maintenance.

DOCUMENTATION

Addresses / collections / links etc. where further in-depth information is accessible:	- Inventory Book of the Idrija Municipal Museum.
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