



# White Ironstone China Association E-News

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To continue the educational content of the *E-News* and *White Ironstone Notes* we need the help of our WICA friends. Everyone's collection contains items of interest, otherwise you would not be collecting. So, take a look and send us photos of items or ask us questions. Examples of ways to help us are found later in this edition. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

## Ironstone Knife Rests in a Gothic Body Style

Collecting white ironstone can be so exciting. There seems to be no end to the types of items produced. David Klein provided this photo of a pair of unmarked, circa 1840s knife rests in a Gothic body style. Each is approximately 3 1/2" long and the ends are 1 3/4" in diameter. While these are identical they were purchased separately, ten years apart, and in different parts of the United States.



Knife rests were invented in the late 17th or early 18th century to save the knife, fork, and tablecloth from being stained by cooking fluids. They may have even existed in wooden form at the time of Henry VIII in the 16th century.

In the Victorian era, knife rests were created in a wide variety of designs, configurations, and materials, including glass, gold, silver, mother of pearl, and ivory. By the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, the need for knife rests was decreased because most knives were designed to be weighted towards the handle. For this reason late Victorian etiquette manuals mention that knife rests and worries about fouling the tablecloth had become unnecessary. In the Western world, knife rests were used at table through the first half of the twentieth century, mainly by the upper classes, but now usually are purchased mostly as collector's items. Source: Wikipedia

## Another Wonderful Gothic Body Style!



Marked "Porcelain Opaque" this phenomenal circa 1840s Gothic teapot was found by Jeneen Berry. It is 12" tall to the top of the finial. Its tall, slender shape is unusual. The majority of mid-19th century white ironstone teapots are approximately 9" to 10" tall. Rarely does a teapot which is 11" tall or more appear.

Jeneen has researched this body style but hasn't found one identical to it, especially with that interesting flower finial which is original to the lid. After carefully comparing the octagonal configuration of the lid's interior lip with that of the teapot's mouth, Jeneen is certain that the lid is original to the teapot.

Jim Kerr has stated that he has seen an identical teapot a number of years ago but it did not bear a manufacturer's name. This body style is not in the data obtained by WICA from the National Archives in Kew Gardens.

**Livesley, Powell & Co. Body Style**  
**The Union Shape, Registered September 5, 1857**

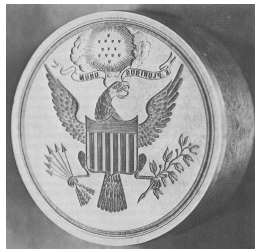




Manufactured by Livesley, Powell & Co. this gorgeous large vegetable tureen base was found by Boyd Payne. The top surface is 9" x 12" and it is 4" tall. Imagine the magnificence of the lid!



A fantastic impressed mark on the underside of this base features not only a diamond registry mark which translates to September 5, 1857, but an eagle in flight and the words "The Union Shape, L.P. & Co."



The eagle is carrying arrows and an olive branch as was found on the United States seal at the time this body style was registered.

A photo of a 13" tall ewer in this body style is on page 53 of *White Ironstone Pitchers, An Identification Guide* by Ernie and Bev Dieringer. It was submitted by the Kerrs. The mark was not legible.



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*The Illustrated Guide of White Ironstone China from A to Z* identifies a Union Shape body style registered by T. & R. Boote on August 22, 1856. Its design is quite different from this body style.

**ADELPHI DINNER SET.**  
**\$7.75**

MANUFACTURED BY  
**W. H. GRINDLEY & CO.,**  
TUNSTALL,  
ENGLAND.

**THIS SET IS A PURE WHITE WITH A BRILLIANT GLAZE.** Every piece modeled in beautiful outlines. The ware is embossed with a dainty scroll design, which has heretofore been the distinguishing feature of Haviland china.

To better realize this wonderful bargain, we quote the price of Haviland plain white dinner set of the same number of pieces as our Adelphi set, the price of which would be \$19.82.

**THIS SET CONSISTS OF 100 PIECES, AS FOLLOWS:**

12 Dinner Plates	12 Individual Butter Plates	1 Covered Vegetable Dish (2 pieces)	1 Round Open Vegetable Dish	1 Platter, 12-inch	1 Covered Butter Dish (3 pieces)	
12 Breakfast Plates	12 Tea Cups	1 Oval Open Vegetable Dish	1 Covered Sugar Bowl (2 pieces)	1 Sauce Boat	1 Quart Size Pitcher	
12 Tea Plates	12 Tea Saucers			1 Pickle Dish	1 Cream Pitcher	
12 Sauce Plates	1 Platter, 10-inch	<b>Complete 100-piece set, packed in barrel; shipping weight, 100 pounds.</b>				

No. 2R312 Our special price.....**\$7.75**  
In addition to the regular set quoted above, we can furnish the following pieces:  
Coffee Cups and Saucers. Per dozen.....\$1.46 | Soup Plates, regular deep shape. Per dozen.....94c | Soup Plates, new coupe shape. Per dozen.....99c



Jim and Mara Kerr provided this photo of an Adelphi cream pitcher and sugar bowl along with an advertisement from the 1902 *Sears, Roebuck Catalogue* which included sketches of the same two items. The Crockery and Glassware Department featured a 100-piece set of "Adelphi" white ironstone for just \$7.75! Manufactured by W. H. Grindley & Co. of Tunstall, England, this pure white body style embossed with a dainty scroll design was intended to compete with Haviland china for which a 100-piece set would cost \$19.82.

Imagine the housewife's excitement as she unpacked her new dinnerware from a shipping barrel weighing 100 pounds. The contents included 12 each of dinner plates, breakfast plates, tea plates, sauce plates, individual butter plates (butter pats), tea cups and saucers and one each of the following: two-piece covered vegetable dish, oval and round open vegetable dishes, two-piece sugar bowl, 12" platter, sauce boat, pickle dish, slop bowl (waste bowl), 3-piece butter dish, quart size pitcher, and cream pitcher.

In addition, the following could also be ordered: coffee cups and saucers for \$1.46 per dozen, regular deep soup plates for \$.94 per dozen, and coupe shape (rimless) soup plates for \$.99 per dozen.



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## WICA Member Zoom Meetings

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## Here's How You Can Help!

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Ironstone Photos, Marks, Stories, and Suggestions, and Place  
Your Classified Ads

### E-News

- Submit to *E-News* questions about white ironstone items in your collection. WICA does not provide value/appraisal information.
- Provide additional information regarding prior *E-News* topics.
- Provide photos of an item and its mark(s) on a body style/pattern you have not been able to identify.
- Provide photos of an importer's mark and the item on which it was found.
- Tell a story and show a photo of an item in your collection and how you acquired it.
- Provide 19th century or early 20th century white ironstone advertisements.
- Let us know of upcoming events in your area such as auctions, estate sales, etc. so we may send out a special bulletin notifying WICA members.
- Take advantage of our "Member Classified Ads - For Sale and Wanted Section" and place your advertisement for an upcoming issues of *E-News*. *White Ironstone Notes* will no longer have advertisements of any type.

### White Ironstone Notes

- Contribute suggestions and assistance with articles for future issues of *White Ironstone Notes*, which is issued in printed form three times per year.
- Create an article with photos of several items in your collection that are of special significance to you.
- Share your research and/or photos.
- For a future *White Ironstone Notes* article, provide photos of white ironstone items and marks by any of the Alcock potters (Henry, J. & G., John, Samuel, and any other).
- For a future *White Ironstone Notes* article, we would like to consolidate into one publication photos of items and marks of any circa 1840s-1850s Gothic white ironstone. These may include Boote's Gothic, Bordered Gothic, Bulbous

Octagon (Many Paneled Gothic), Cameo Gothic, Classic Gothic, Cockscomb, Curved Gothic, Divided Gothic, Europa Shape (Vertical Panel Gothic), Flowered Hexagon, Twin Leaves Hexagon, Fluted Gothic, Framed Gothic (Framed Classic), Full Panel Gothic, Full Panel Hexagon, Pinch Necked Gothic, Gothic Grape, Gothic Octagon, Gothic Rose, Gothic by Holland & Green, Lantern, Montpelier Hexagon Shape, Ninevah Shape (Darth Vader), Pedestalled Gothic, Plum Decagon, Pompei Shape, Primary Gothic, Primary Hexagon, Square Open Flower, Square Rosebud, Square Tumbling Petals, Vertical-Sided Gothic, and any other Gothic body styles.

## Conventions and Events

- Volunteer to speak at or provide suggestions for speakers for an upcoming convention.
- Volunteer to create white ironstone displays for an upcoming convention.

## Coming Soon to WICA

- **July, 2021: *White Ironstone Notes*, Volume 28, No. 1**
- **2021: WICA Website Members Only Section**
- **June 9-11, 2022: White Ironstone China Association Convention**

**Wyndham Garden York  
2000 Loucks Road  
York, Pennsylvania**



**Become A WICA Member by Clicking on One of the Following Options: [WICA Website](#) or [Postal Mail](#)**

## **Membership Benefits**

- Receive the *White Ironstone Notes* newsletter, which is published three times per year. The newsletter is filled with educational information. [Click here to view a sample newsletter.](#)
- Receive the periodic *White Ironstone China Association E-News* for continuous white ironstone education and to keep informed of WICA happenings. Members may also use the *E-News* to advertise for wanted items or for sale items.
- Attend our annual convention and auction and any WICA events such as member-hosted get-togethers or Zoom meetings.
- Access the upcoming Members Only section of the WICA website for additional WICA information.
- Receive the Membership Roster.
- Purchase educational reference books from the WICA Shoppe.
- Provide assistance with WICA activities and projects.
- Meet people who enjoy and appreciate white ironstone.

## Membership Year

- The cost is \$40 per year for up to two people living at the same membership address.
- A membership year is June 1 to May 31 of the following year.
- A new member will receive via email any *White Ironstone Notes* newsletters issued between June 1 and the date the membership was paid.

## Member Classified Ads - For Sale and Wanted

**Note:** This section will no longer appear in *White Ironstone Notes*. To contact an advertiser click on his/her name and an email note will open. If the advertiser does not have an email, other contact information will appear.

**To place a free classified ad in next month's issue or to delete an ad**

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### For Sale

#### **Sydenham Shape 62 Piece Dinner Set Consisting of:**

- **8 Place Settings**, each with **Three Sizes of Round Plates** (7 1/4", 8 1/4", 9 1/4"), **Soup Plate** (9 1/2"), **Handleless Cup and Saucer**
- **Tea Set** with Teapot, Sugar Bowl, and Creamer
- **Nest of Five Graduated Oval Serving Bowls** (8" to 12")
- **Sauce Tureen with Ladle and Underplate**
- **Two Round Covered Vegetable Dishes** (2 Sizes)
- **Three Leaf Shape Pickle Dishes**
- **Table Pitcher** (9 3/4" Tall)
- **Gravy Boat**

**For Price or Questions  
Contact:**

**Jim and Mara Kerr  
Cavern View Antiques**

### For Sale - Proceeds Go to WICA

Flour sack towels in 100% cotton. Choice of four hand screen marks as shown on photos of actual towels below. Pankhurst and J&G Meakin

### Wanted

Cochran's Ring and Arched Wheat  
by Robert Cochran  
Any Items

**Janice Stork**

### Wanted

- Davenport Scalloped Decagon sauce tureen lid
- T&R Boote 1851 Octagon child's sugar bowl lid
- T&R Boote Sydenham Shape chamber pot lid (adult size)

**Kris Wagner**

### Wanted

- Teapot Lids: Washington Shape, Corn & Oats, Nile, and Hidden Motif
- Sugar Bowl Lids: Dover Shape, Sydenham Shape, and Ivy Wreath
- Brush Vase Underplate: Memnon Shape
- Chamber Pot Lids: Grand Loop and Boote's 1851 Octagon
- Soap Dish Base: Potomac Shape
- Soup Tureen Underplates: Vintage Shape and Oval President
- Soup Tureen Lids: 1851 Octagon -



towels are white. Elsmore & Forster and J.F. towels are cream color.



**\$15 Each or Two for \$25  
Shipping Included**

**Jeneen Berry**

**For Sale**

Variety of items available.  
Please contact:

**Ed Rigoulot**

**Wanted**

- Soup Tureen Underplates: Athens Shape, New York Shape, St. Louis Shape
- Lily of the Valley syrup pitcher
- Tuscan sugar bowl
- James Edwards Rose basket
- Embossed mugs by any manufacturer in any body style
- Compotes by any manufacturer in any body style

**Bill and Carol Lancaster**

- 7 3/4" and Sydenham Oval
- Hot Beverage Lid: Full Panel Gothic

**Jeneen Berry**

**Wanted**

- Adriatic Shape oval soup tureen lid and underplate
- Adriatic Shape round soup tureen lid and underplate
- Atlantic Shape vegetable tureen lid
- Baltic Shape teapot lid
- Budded Vine brush vase
- Vintage Shape hot toddy lid
- Forget-Me-Not soup tureen underplate
- Forget-Me-Not brush vase underplate
- St. Louis Shape brush tray lid
- Potomac Shape hot beverage jug lid
- Sharon Arch brush vase
- Bordered Fuchsia teapot lid
- Meadow Bouquet sugar bowl lid

**Rick Nielsen**

**Wanted**

- Laurel Wreath decorated with George Washington
- Laurel Wreath sugar bowl lid
- Full Ribbed Creamer

**Ed Rigoulot**

**Wanted**

- John Meir and Sons Ivy Wreath basin, creamer, dinner plates, coffee cups and saucers
- W. Baker and Co. Potomac Shape sauce tureen

**Gerald Goar**



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