



# White Ironstone China Association E-News

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## J. & G. Meakin Plain Oval Platter Imported by Bowman & Bowlus of Tiffin, Ohio

Contributors: Boyd and Brenda Payne, Jean-Pierre Dion

Boyd and Brenda Payne found a plain white ironstone platter with an impressed "J. & G. Meakin" mark and a gorgeous, printed importer's mark which states "Manufactured for Bowman & Bowlus."

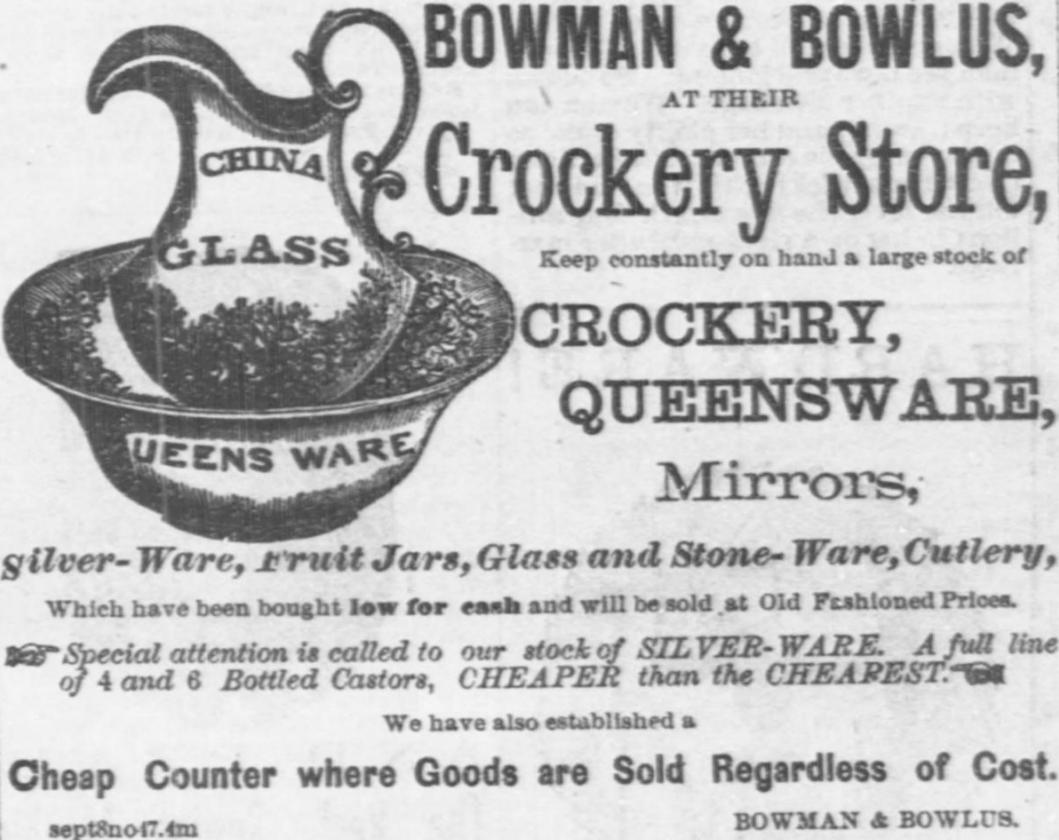


Jean-Pierre Dion  
researched Bowman &  
Bowlus and provided  
several very interesting

newspaper clippings. The company was only in business for about two years between 1870 and 1872 in Tiffin, Ohio. Geo. H. Bowman and H. A. Bowlus formed the co-partnership under the name Bowman & Bowlus on August 2, 1870. They acquired the former partnership of C. Snook and H. A. Bowlus (*The Tiffin Tribune* Sept. 1, 1870). The Bowman & Bowlus firm was dissolved on February 24, 1872 (*The Tiffin Tribune*, Feb. 29, 1872).

**Dissolution Notice.**  
**T**HE firm of Snook & Bowlus was this day dissolved by mutual consent, C. Snook retiring.  
**C. SNOOK,**  
**H. A. BOWLUS.**  
The undersigned have this day formed a co-partnership, under the firm name of Bowman & Bowlus, and will hereafter continue the Crockery business at the old stand of Snook & Bowlus.  
**GEO. H. BOWMAN,**  
**H. A. BOWLUS.**  
August 22, 1870.-n46-3t.

**Dissolution Notice.**  
**N**OTICE is hereby given that the co-partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the firm name of Bowman & Bowlus, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The accounts of the firm, for and against, will be settled by Mr. Bowman and the business conducted by him in the future.  
**GEO. H. BOWMAN.**  
**H. A. BOWLUS.**  
Feb. 24, 1872.



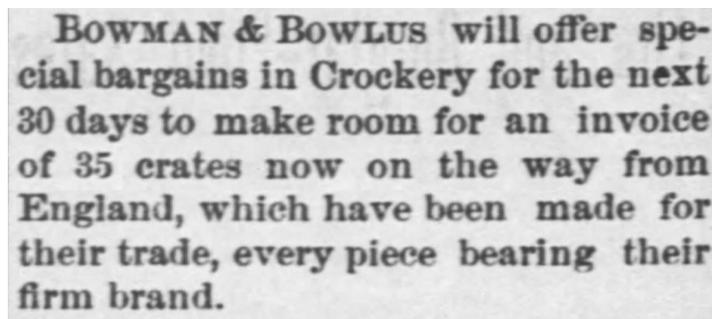
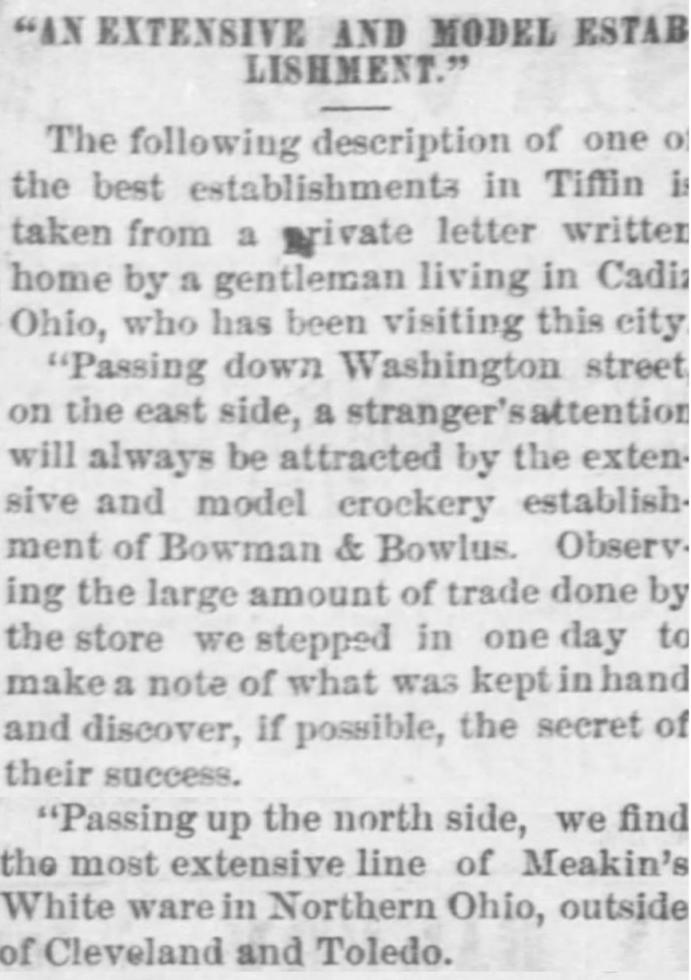
**BOWMAN & BOWLUS,**  
AT THEIR  
**Crockery Store,**  
Keep constantly on hand a large stock of  
**CROCKERY,**  
**QUEENSWARE,**  
Mirrors,  
*silver-ware, fruit jars, glass and stone-ware, cutlery,*  
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**Special attention is called to our stock of SILVER-WARE. A full line of 4 and 6 Bottled Castors, CHEAPER than the CHEAPEST.**  
We have also established a  
**Cheap Counter where Goods are Sold Regardless of Cost.**  
sept8no47.4m **BOWMAN & BOWLUS.**

The above advertisement appeared in *The Tiffin Tribune* on December 1, 1870. Note the term "Queensware" in reference to what we now call white ironstone. As reported in the January 2021 edition of *E-News*, the North American market applied the phrase Queen's Ware to many types of earthenware including ironstone china.

On April 6, 1871, *The Tiffin Tribune* printed a letter received from a visitor to Tiffin who had been very impressed with Bowman & Bowlus. Details of every department were included. For the purpose of this article, the clipping has been shortened and only includes a paragraph which mentions an extensive line of Meakin's white ware.

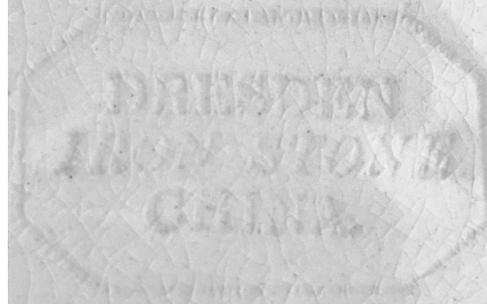
On June 1, 1871, *The Tiffin Tribune* advertised special bargains in crockery to make room for 35 crates on the way from England. Each item had been made for Bowman & Bowlus and each had their name. Could one of these items been the platter which Boyd and Brenda found?

While researching Bowman & Bowlus, Jean-Pierre found both surnames associated with other Ohio crockery retailers of the 1860s. James P. Bowman was in business in Bucyrus, Ohio, which is about 25 miles south of Tiffin. Approximately 20 miles north of Tiffin, the J. W. Bowlus & Co. Crockery Emporium operated in Fremont, Ohio. Could these have been relatives of Geo. H. Bowman and H. A. Bowlus?



## "Dresden Iron Stone China" Which English Potter Used This Impressed Mark?

Contributors: Denise Schine and Bob Hohl



Denise Schine found the 14-sided Gothic plate shown above. Its unusual impressed mark states "Dresden Iron Stone China." WICA has not previously documented this mark on a piece of white ironstone. Looking for more ironstone with the same impressed Dresden mark, Denise queried eBay and Ruby Lane and found two 12-sided Gothic plates decorated with the Chen-Si flow blue pattern bearing the same impressed mark plus a printed flow blue mark with the initials "I. M." In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the initial "I" was sometimes used in place of "J".



Potters who used the initials "I.M." in their marks include John Meir and John Maddock. Although Chen-Si had historically been attributed to John Meir, Arnold Kowalsky on page 262 of his book, *Encyclopedia of Marks 1780-1980*, noted that he thought Chen-Si was actually potted by John Maddock because the impressed mark "Maddock" had been found on large pieces (hollowware, platters, etc.) which were probably not available at the time of original attribution to John Meir.

Because Kowalsky posed this as a hypothesis we decided to ask WICA member Bob Hohl, who is also a member of the Flow Blue International Collectors Club, to check FBICC's attribution of the Chen-Si pattern in its digital database. Bob found the following statement: "Many references attribute Chen-Si to John Meir. However, the Chen-Si mark is often accompanied by the John Maddock impressed Castle mark."

It is interesting to find a new maker's mark on a piece of white ironstone china in 2022 and equally interesting to discover how makers' attributions are given and amended over time as more information becomes available.

Who made the 14-sided Gothic plate which Denise found? We would agree with Kowalsky and FBICC; it was John Maddock.

## Alfred Meakin Advertisement Circa 1878-1879

Contributed by Jean-Pierre Dion



The above advertisement which appeared in the *Pottery and Glass Trades Journal* 1878-1879, was provided by Jean-Pierre Dion. The journal was published in London, England.

Alfred Meakin was the younger brother of James and George Meakin, names very familiar to collectors of white ironstone. At the time of this advertisement:

- Alfred Meakin had been in business at the Royal Albert Works in Tunstall, Staffordshire since 1875.
- The main products were ironstone china and white granite.
- The New York agent was Meakin and Taylor.
- Markets included the United Kingdom, North America including Mexico, West Indies (Caribbean islands such as Cuba and Jamaica), and English colonies including Canada.

## Edward Walley Niagara Shape Two Different Impressed Marks

Contributors: Boyd Payne and Joyce White



Boyd Payne submitted the above photos of a Niagara Shape soup tureen underplate which is 16 1/4" x 10 3/4". Its impressed diamond registry mark states "E. Walley, Niagara Shape" and translates to November 29, 1856.

During her "Unmolded in Glory" presentation at the 2022 WICA Convention, Joyce White used a Niagara Shape plate which was marked "Paris White Ironstone China." This is the same mark shown on page 218 of *The Illustrated Guide of White Ironstone China from A to Z*; the Niagara Shape mark is not shown in the guide.



We now know that Edward Walley's Niagara Shape may be found with either one of two marks.

**New Mark for John Maddock & Sons  
Recently Found on WICA's Facebook Group**



A recent inquiry on WICA's Facebook Group led to the discovery of a new mark for the English firm of John Maddock & Sons. The mark, which states "John Maddock & Sons, Dale Hall, Staffordshire Potteries" was on a Plain Uplift sauce tureen. Plain Uplift was registered by the firm of Maddock & Gater on June 12, 1875. Source: *White Ironstone Tureens, An Identification Guide* published by WICA.

Kowalsky's *Encyclopedia of Marks 1780-1980* provides a mark for the firm Maddock & Gater which includes "Staffordshire Potteries." *Godden's Guide to Ironstone Stone & Granite Wares* and the website [thepotteries.org](http://thepotteries.org) indicate Maddock & Gater was in business circa 1874-1876 and was "succeeded and continued by Messrs. Maddock & Co. as part of the John Maddock firm."

According to the website [thepotteries.org](http://thepotteries.org) the transition from John Maddock (1842-1855) to "& Son" occurred in 1855 and "& Sons" in 1870. Kowalsky's encyclopedia indicates "& Sons" was circa 1880. A Letter to the Editor in *White Ironstone Notes*, Volume 9 No. 4, Spring 2003, reported a John Maddock & Sons Cable & Ring vegetable tureen with a diamond registry mark dated February 23, 1875. This substantiates the existence of "& Sons" prior to 1880.

## Wanted Photos of Alfred Meakin Sunflower Body Style

Contributor: Bill and Carol Lancaster



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Bill and Carol Lancaster would like to create an article about Alfred Meakin's Sunflower body style. They need photos of the items you have as well as photos of the backstamps if they are different than the one shown above. They would also like dimensions.

So far, Bill and Carol have photos of a teapot, sugar bowl, creamer, pitcher, two mugs, pickle dish, and a food mold. Please take your photos against a black or dark background and provide dimensions. Click on the link above to send your photos and information to Bill and Carol.

## Member News

### Welcome to the Following New Members

- Pamela Butt
- Edward DeCarbo
- Karen Dye
- David Hackett
- Shana Handschumacher
- Renee Klatt
- Nancy Kosiewski
- Gregory Newhouse
- Shirley Timberman
- Ellie Wetter

### Welcome Back to the Following Members

- Fred Blumenschein
- Jamie Damon
- Helen Lehman
- Bronwen Morris
- Alan Parker

### In Memory of Past Members

Rodger Kruse  
Peter Pandolfi

## Success Through E-News Classified Ads

Ed Rigoulot reported that through the Classifieds he was able to purchase the five Laurel Wreath saucers for which he had been searching.

Thanks to the Classifieds, Bill and Carol Lancaster ended their search for a child's Full Ribbed creamer and a Jacob Furnival (J.F.) Wheat creamer.

**Yes, Your Wishes May Come True  
by Advertising in the *E-News***

## Member Classified Ads - For Sale and Wanted

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 the next issue or to delete an ad**

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### For Sale

- **Laurel Wreath Vertical Toothbrush Holder, No Underplate.** Unmarked. 6 1/2" tall. Excellent condition with fine crazing. \$175 plus postage and insurance.
- **Sydenham Shape Large Round Compote.** Impressed T. & R. Boote mark. 7 7/8" tall, 11" diameter. Excellent condition with some crazing. \$350 plus postage and insurance.

### Parts Wanted

- **Ivy Wreath Coffee Pot Lid.** 3 3/4" diameter.
- **Western Shape Teapot Lid**
- **Miniature James Edwards Pedestaled Gothic Sugar Bowl Base**
- **Berlin Swirl Soap Dish Base**

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Jim and Mara Kerr  
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**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 towels are white. Elmore & Forster and J.F. towels are cream color.

### Wanted

- **Brush Tray Lid:** Grape Octagon
- **Cake Stand:** Any size with sawtooth edge
- **Compote:** Fluted Hops
- **Hot Beverage Lid:** Full Panel Gothic
- **Relish/Pickle Dishes:** Atlantic, Baltimore, Canada, Centennial, Dover, Girard, Greek Key, Havelock, Napier, Star Flower, Tuscan, Winterberry
- **Soap Box Base:** Potomac Shape
- **Soup Tureen Lids:** 1851 Octagon - 7 3/4" and Sydenham Oval
- **Soup Tureen Base and Underplate:** Columbia Shape by Challinor
- **Sugar Bowl Lids:** Dover Shape and Ivy Wreath
- **Teapot Lids:** Corn & Oats, Nile

Jeneen Berry

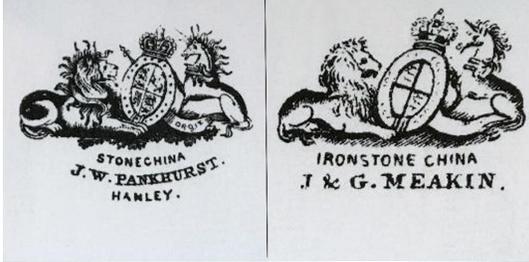
### Wanted

**Cake Stand on Pedestal - 6"-7" Diameter**

Michael Dantz

### Wanted

- **Adriatic Shape** oval soup tureen lid and underplate
- **Adriatic Shape** round soup tureen lid and underplate
- **Atlantic Shape** vegetable tureen lid
- **Budded Vine** brush vase
- **Forget-Me-Not** brush vase underplate
- **Forget-Me-Not** soup tureen underplate
- **Meadow Bouquet** sugar



**\$15 Each or Two for \$25  
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**Jeneen Berry**

**For Sale**

Variety of items available.  
Please contact:

**Ed Rigoulot**

**Wanted**

- **Children's Items:** Fig Union creamer, cups and saucers, and waste bowl; any Blue Decorated Ceres or No. 2 Tulip Shape
- **Creamers:** Adriatic Shape, Morning Glory aka Halleck Shape, Ribbed Chain, Napier Shape, Nile, Meadow Bouquet, Hill, Prize Puritan
- **Gravy Boat:** Fig Cousin
- **Lids:** Ribbed Chain sauce tureen, Nile teapot, Prize Puritan teapot, Arched Wheat soap box
- **Mugs:** Morning Glory aka Halleck Shape, Canada Shape, Arched Wheat, The Lorne or Roped Wheat, Ribbed Chain
- **Punch Bowls:** Prairie Shape, Canada Shape, Berlin Swirl
- **Sauce Tureen**
- **Underplates:** Adriatic Shape,

- bowl lid
- **Potomac Shape** hot beverage jug lid
- **Sharon Arch** brush vase
- **St. Louis Shape** brush tray lid
- **Vintage Shape** hot toddy bowl lid

**Rick Nielsen**

**Wanted**

- **Leaf and Crossed Ribbon** brush vase
- **Leaf and Crossed Ribbon** chamber pot base

**Boyd Payne**

**Wanted**

- **Elsmore & Forster Ceres Shape** teapot lid
- **Fig Union** teapot lid
- **Laurel Wreath** decorated with George Washington black transfer pattern
- **Laurel Wreath** sugar bowl lid
- **T. & R. Boote Sydenham Shape** coffee pot base
- **Ribbed Bud/Full Ribbed** creamer

**Ed Rigoulot**

**Wanted**

- **John Meir and Sons Ivy Wreath** creamer, dinner plates, coffee cups and saucers, and children's items, especially teapot
- **W. H. Grindley Flower Garden Border:** teapot, sugar bowl, creamer, plates, cups and saucers, toiletware, any other items
- **W. Baker Child's Potomac**

Laurel Wreath, Canada Shape, Ribbed Chain

- **Sugar Bowls:** Flora by Alcock, Gothic by Holland and Green, Wheat by J.F. (Furnival), Ribbed Chain
- **Wash Basins:** Morning Glory (Halleck Shape) by Elsmore & Forster, Wheat & Clover by Turner & Tomkinson

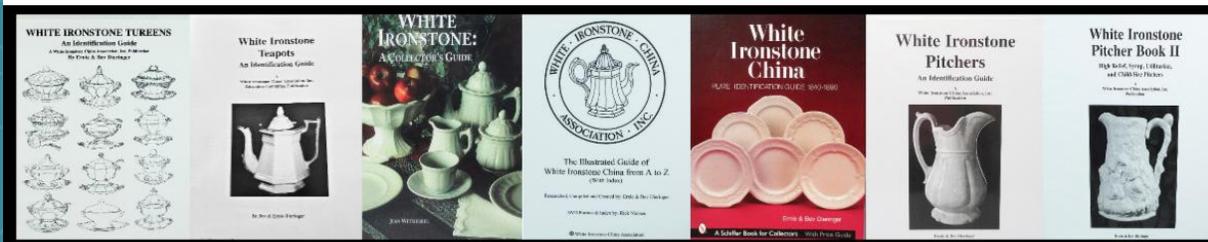
Bill and Carol Lancaster

**Shape:** any pieces

Gerald Goar

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Zoom?

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

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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 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.

## **Communications Committee**

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