



ADDITIONS TO A COLLECTION

It is pleasing when collecting pewter to find pieces of merit to add to a small collection. A good part is in learning where the merit might be. I have been fortunate to add four pieces of pewter recently to the Scottish section of my collection and I am pleased to offer the information I have regarding them as follows and welcome any input from readers.

The Triple Dome Spouted Jug

This was made by William Scott OP4161 son of the same name at OP4160 whose father may have been in partnership with William Hunter and Robert Kinniburgh at different times. Dates suggested are from 1794 so the early 1810s seems a fair date for this piece. The dome seemed to me to be made in a different style to the body and I hesitated - but with reassurance that this though scarce is a known and recognised product I was pleased to add this fine and unusual piece to my collection. The name is on four faux hallmarks under the dome of the lid. Unusual Wi in the first, lIm in the second Sc in the third and ott in the last. The front bears the admonition NUNC EST BIBENDUM ('now is the time to drink'), there are no other marks. See the table included for weights volumes and other details of all these measures.

A Robert Galbraith Spouted half pint Jug

This jug is attractive to me partly because of its size, but also the delightful cast spout decoration, and the wonderful clear full pot touch in the base. I was drawn to it because I have a pint jug with similar spout made by a perhaps unknown Hood of Paisley, he is not in Old Pewter and not on the PS data base. As both are imperial and OP1802 gives a date for Galbraith of 1840 then perhaps we can assume that they used the spout molds between the pewterers, though it is just possible that Galbraith acquired them from Hood or vice versa. Paisley centre is just under 10 miles from Glasgow centre. I include photos of all these and also of the Hood Jug and its touch mark. This Galbraith has a nice verification of C ? R over U and two others for Renfrew, so in use then - very near to where made..

A Robert Turner Spouted Mutchkin, plain bodied, fish tailed, Jug

Robert Turner is found at OP4839 in 1792 he was apprenticed to Robert Graham and James Wardrop of Glasgow and the PS Database give his working dates as 1805-1825. Neither reference work show a mark, so the pot touch found here and photographed fairly clearly might be a useful addition to the PS database. Probably for private use as there are no other marks. A delightfully proportioned piece, very scarce so I am told, with the wonderful fish tail handle terminal. I do hold a Chopin mug (no spout) by the same maker in good condition with the same handle, a fillet at the lower handle attachment, (unusually?) - a mirror image of this pot touch in the base, owners initials engraved to the front.

A Moyes Half Pint Imperial Mug

J Moyes is found at OP3317 an Edinburgh pewterer - OP says that in 1872 his shop was in the West Bow and he was the last pewterer to practise the trade in Edinburgh. As such pieces by Moyes are not difficult to find so the attraction with this piece is that it is the first truncated cone by Moyes that I have seen. It has his usual Crowned V Castle R over 1862 and another Leith verification as used from 1882. A delightful front engraving of probable owner's name and address gives N Weir, 23 Coburg Street, Leith.

	W Scott triple dome Spouted jug	Galbraith ½ pint jug	Robert Turner spouted jug	Moyes half pint mug
Volume ml/fl oz	992 ml say 35 fl ozs Chopin?	292 ml over 10 fl ozs Half Imperial Pint	462 ml 16.26 fl ozs Mutchkin	289 ml 10+ fl ozs imperial half pint
Weight gms/ lbs oz	1002 gms 2 lbs 3 ozs	342 gms 12 ozs	524 gms 1lb 2 ½ ozs	376 gms 13 ¼ ozs
Height table to rim top	6 ¾" inches	4.1 inches	4.43 inches	3.73 inches
Height table to dome top	8 ¾ inches	Na	Na	Na
Footrim diameter	3.7 inches	3.2 inches	3.97 inches	3.17 inches
Touch	Wm Scott	R Galbraith	RT	Moyes
Verifications	None	Renfrew – three times Maybe AYRSHIRE	None	V castle R over 1862 Crown over VR over 448 Leith after 1882
Script	NUNC EST BIBENDUM	None	None	Ownership – N Weir 23 Coburg Street Leith
Feature to note	Scarce Triple dome style. Script, touch	Fine spout Fine full pot touch Scarce size	Scarce Size and maker Touch of Robert Turner – RT - (working on own 1805-1825) Fine fishtail handle terminal, plain drum Probable private ownership	Scarce truncated cone style
further	rare	I have same spout but larger size used by HOOD of PAISLEY holding 582 ml – 1 imperial pint	OP 4839 (no illus) Apprenticed to Robert Graham and James Wardrop of Glasgow in 1792	