

A CONTACT FOR COLLECTORS OF OLD BRITISH PEWTER IN AUSTRALIA

My name is Geoff Lock, of Blackwood, Adelaide, South Australia.

I have collected antique British pewter since 1968 and have established a comprehensive collection of mainly 18th-19th century tavern-wares over the past 45+ years.



My main interest in pewter stemmed from a quart pot by Yates & Birch that has been in our family since 1927 as it was in the Cumberland Hotel, Glanville, which my family operated from then to 1971.

I have focussed on pewter that had a tavern theme as that was the main type of ware that was available here in Adelaide antique shops from the 1960's onwards. A number of my early purchases were pieces by the firms Yates & Birch and James Yates, both of Birmingham as these firms exported pewter to the Australian colonies during the period c 1840 to c1910. Several of these pieces are still with me today.

In 1982, I was accepted as a corresponding member of the Pewter Society of Great Britain and since then have become a full member.



My interests have diversified somewhat over the years and I have included Double Volute baluster measures, pre-1826 tavern pots and early bulbous measures to my areas of interest.

Since 1985, I have organised our small group of pewter collectors here in Adelaide so that we have regular meetings and lunch dinners with pewter as a discussion topic.



As a member of the Pewter Society, I have written regular items for the newsletter and also contributed to the society's journal, both of which have international distribution. I have also presented discussion papers to the Pewter Society on a regular basis since 1998.

Topics that I have presented include the following: Australian States Verification marks seen on British pewter
VR SM verification marks seen on British pewter verified in South Australia

Verification marks found under the base of British pewter: Double Volute baluster measures

Type 1 and early type 2 bulbous measures, c 1790 to c 1840

In recent years, I assist the Pewter Society by answering enquiries from the general public about pieces of pewter in private hands.

Should you have an enquiry, please contact me on my e-mail address as follows; geofflock@hotmail.com and I would be glad to assist.

Kind regards

Geoff Lock.

