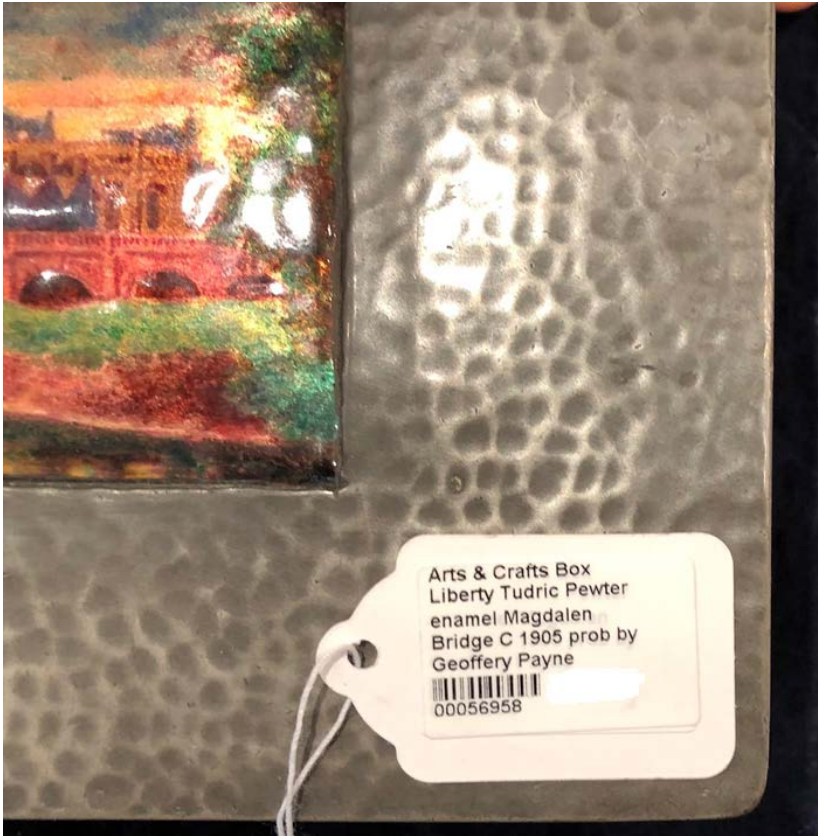


LIBERTY - EARLY CIGARETTE BOX WITH DISTINCTIVE ENAMEL

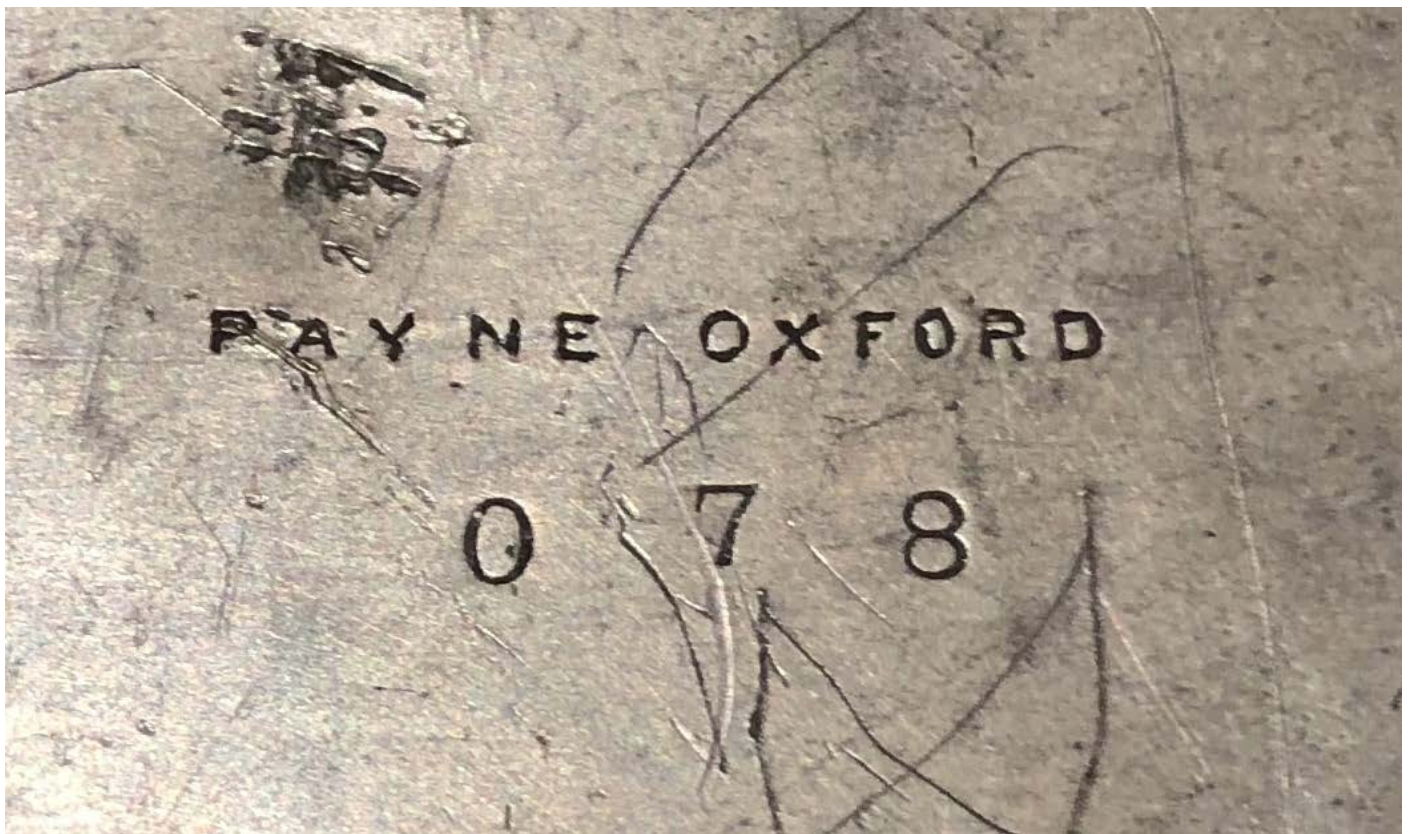
Seen at PAYNES OF OXFORD - SILVERSMITHS AND GOLDSMITHS - HIGH STREET OXFORD.



Size 8" x 5 1/4" x 2 3/4" approx







The numbers look as though usual Liberty numbers.

The lettering does not resemble Liberty script – was it added by PAYNES? It would be most unusual for Liberty to permit or add anyone else's name other than their own – LIBERTY – though occasionally Haseler of Birmingham, who likely made this at their Birmingham Factory, is found as their brand 'Solkets'

The planishing or hammering supports this being an early piece being a little more random and clearly hand done than much that is found.

For the number 078 it would be expected this to have been made in 1903 .

The enamelling work is really good. Geoffrey Payne died in his early 20s so not a lot of his work survives.

Below another example of his enamelling work at the shop in September 2018.

