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## English silver hallmarks: British maker's marks identification

Hallmarks, Touchmarks, and Guilds: Regulating the Production of Silver, Pewter, and Furniture By John Fiske and Lisa Freeman In early England, the selling and manufacturing of goods was tightly controlled by the Guilds. The crowned leopard a was used with Sterling, the lion in profile b was used with Britannia. The use of the traditional fineness mark lion passant, lion rampant, Britannia and date letter is maintained only on a voluntary basis.

## Gold Hallmark Identification Wizard

The old hallmarks were as unique as today's logos, and disputes often arose when one company copied another's stamp. Because of this, some companies within the U. The mark the head of the reigning sovereign in profile as it appeared on contemporary coins was struck on gold and silver plate items assayed in England and Scotland , with the exception of a limited number of small articles.

## Guide to Hallmarks

Thus a system was devised where each member of staff had , sometimes cut with the initials, but more often cut with a small symbol a star, a leaf, a triangle, etc.

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Hallmarks are applied with a hammer and punch, a process that leaves sharp edges and spurs of metal.

## British Sterling

Dublin silver is struck with a crowned harp, to which a seated figure of Hibernia was added in 1731.



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