

Old English silver

-- English silver marks: the guide to hallmarks of London sterling silver



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British Sterling

NOTE: It is interesting to note that the Sheffield process lasted slightly less than 100 years, from about 1745 to about 1840. Armed with this book, the process of reading these marks can be split into the 5 simple steps shown below.

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A letter of the alphabet is used to illustrate a given year, thus representing the date. The Britannia standard was obligatory in Britain between 1697 and 1720 to try to help prevent British sterling silver coins from being melted to make. The Lion standing sideways with its front paw raised to show it is of the required quality.

English silver hallmarks: maker marks identification of British Silversmiths

IMPORT MARKS The required use of import marks to be stamped on foreign made silver was instituted in 1867. Most of these wares are fashioned from designs created in the earlier periods and subsequently developed according to the dictates of the decorative arts as well as consideration for utility.

English silver hallmarks: British maker's marks identification B&

Old English Silver is another pseudonym they trade under - there will be more and I will find them. The success of this form of silverware was fantastic.

Old English Pattern Silver Flatware

Today's collectors sometimes need to employ other methods, such as studying old catalogs, in order to date vintage pieces by American companies such as Tiffany and Gorham. The Legislative Reform Order LRO which came into law on 8 February 2013 also changed the requirements for sponsor marks, allowing logos to be used for the first time, as long as they provide the required traceability. So, although, only 20 letters are used, it is possible to know exactly which year that particular combination of font, and shield is referring to.

Silver hallmarks

It sparkles without looking gaudy! SINGLE ROLLED PLATE: A silver strip was placed on one side of the copper ingot. Then the final product would show silver on both sides. She has been profiled on CNN and National Public Radio.

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Old Sheffield pieces invariably had fancy mounts.

The Story of English Silver

The exact date of the discovery that led to the production of Sheffield Plate is not known, but it was probably sometime between 1740 and 1750.

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