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Vase mit Würfel-Muster, marmoriertes Pressglas, Pfauen-Marke mit Reg. Raute, Sowerby & Co. Gateshead, England, 1877

Guten Abend Herr Geiselberger,

ich habe noch ein Fundstück, was ich Ihnen gerne zeigen würde. Es ist ein Stück, das mir sehr gefällt (10 cm hoch), ich habe es in Hannover auf dem Flohmarkt erworben.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen, August Müller

Abb. 2017-2/57-01 (Maßstab ca. 145 %) Vase mit Würfel-Muster, marmoriertes Pressglas (slag glass), H 21 cm Sammlung Müller Registration Mark mit Pfauen-Marke Sowerby & Co. Gateshead, England, 1877





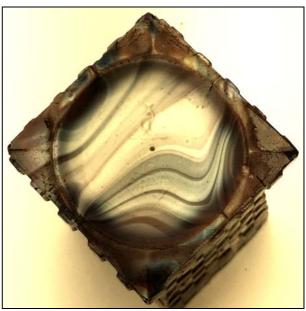


Abb. 2017-2/57-02 Vase mit Würfel-Muster, marmoriertes Pressglas, H 21 cm Sammlung Müller Registration Mark mit Pfauen-Marke Sowerby & Co. Gateshead, England, 1877











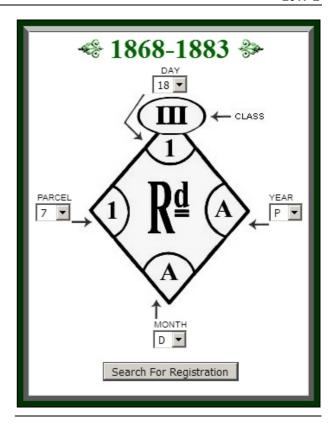
Abb. 2017-2/57-03 (Maßstab ca. 135 %) Vase mit Würfel-Muster, marmoriertes Pressglas, H 21 cm Sammlung Müller Registration Mark mit Pfauen-Marke Sowerby & Co. Gateshead, England, 1877



SG: Herr Müller hat vermutet, dass diese außergewöhnliche Vase von Richardson stammt, Aber Richardson hatte mit dieser Vase von Sowerby nichts zu tun ... die Registration Mark und die Pfauen-Marke dieser Vase weisen sie eindeutig Sowerby 1877 zu! Sowerby hat auch "malachite marbled glass" hergestellt. Form und Muster dieser kleinen Vase sind außergewöhnlich für Sowerby und für die Zeit um 1877! Sie gehört jedenfalls auch nicht zum Kunstgewerbe der Arts & Crafts (1870-1920)!

Die "Pfauenmarke" gehörte Sowerby. "Spezielle Fabrikmarken sind bei englischen Stücken relativ selten. Lattimore kennt nur sechs: die Pfauenmarke von Sowerby, zwei unterschiedliche Löwen von Greener, Davidsons Löwe und den Anker mit Initialen von John Derbyshire. Eine sechste - Distelblüte mit 2 Blättern-konnte er nicht zuweisen. Dagegen tragen die meisten englischen Stücke ein Registrierungsmarke zum Zeichen, dass das verwendete Muster geschützt ist und nicht nachgeahmt werden darf. Davon gibt es zwei." [Becker, www.pressglas.de/Pressglas_1840-1940/ Texte uber Glas/Glasmarken/glasmarken.html]

http://1st-glass.1st-things.com/ lozengetranslator.html: GLASS REGISTRATION LOZENGE TRANSLAT OR RESULTS: This glass design (Parcel No.7) was registered on the 18th of September 1877 by: Sowerby & Co. Gateshead.



Sowerby. Every type of glass has its archetypal producer. Undoubtedly Sowerby represents the premier producer for Victorian pressed glass. John G. Sow**erby** had a history in glass production when he founded the Ellison Glassworks at Gateshead in England in 1852. Sowerby is a little under rated as a designer, perhaps because the output was designed for the mass market. A range of colours were introduced including Flint (clear), Opal (opalescent), Turquoise (as described), Malachite (marbled a variety of coloured mixtures), Blanc de Lait (white) and Ivory Queens Ware (creamware). The latter can be found in very finely pressed forms and represents the pinnacle of its pressed glass production. Influences of Walter Crane are apparent in the Nursery Rhyme series taking themes from books illustrated by Walter Crane and his brother Thomas, a close friend of Sowerby. Basket weave patterns were produced, which appear as they sound but cover not just basket forms but also plates. Aesthetic patterns were produced as well as Peloton glass and Nugget glass, a single colour metal containing large lumps of coloured inclusions.

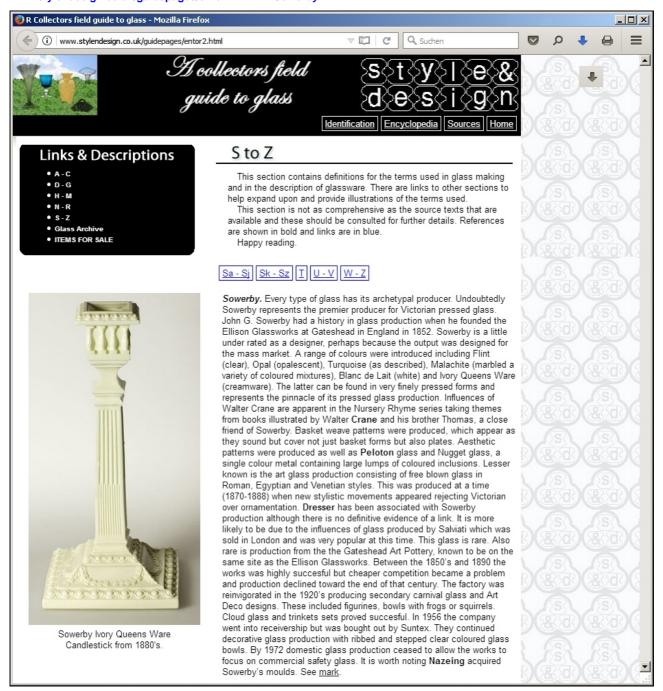
Lesser known is the art glass production consisting of free blown glass in Roman, Egyptian and Venetian styles. This was produced at a time (1870-1888) when new stylistic movements appeared rejecting Victorian over ornamentation. Dresser has been associated with Sowerby production although there is no definitive evidence of a link. It is more likely to be due to the influences of glass produced by Salviati which was sold in London and was very popular at this time. This glass is rare. Also rare is production from the the Gateshead Art Pottery, known to be on the same site as the Ellison Glassworks. Between the 1850's and 1890 the works was highly successful but cheaper competition became a problem and production declined toward the

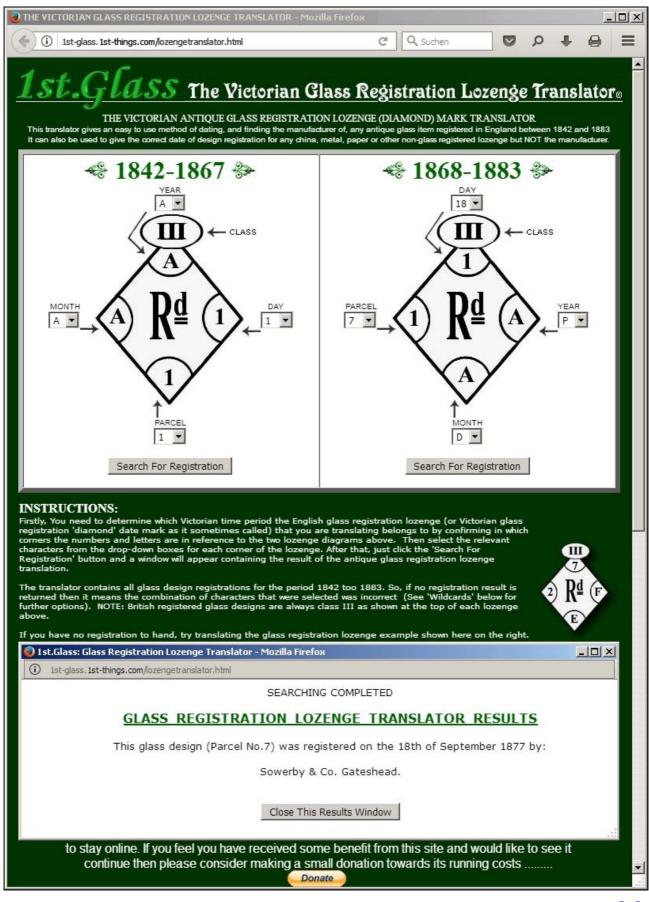
end of that century. The factory was reinvigorated in the 1920's producing secondary carnival glass and Art Deco designs. These included figurines, bowls with frogs or squirrels. Cloud glass and trinkets sets proved succesful. In 1956 the company went into receivership but was bought out by Suntex. They continued decorative glass production with ribbed and stepped clear coloured glass bowls. By 1972 domestic glass production ceased to allow the works to focus on commercial safety glass. It is worth noting Nazeing acquired Sowerby's moulds.

Typical raised mark for **Sowerby**:



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Richardson. This was more properly known as W. H., B., & J. Richardson, using the initials of three brothers (William Haden, Benjamin and Jonathan). William Haden being the eldest and Jonathan the youngest. Without doubt, they were to become one of the most innovative and influential glassmakers in Britain during the 19th Century. William Haden started work in the glass industry with Bilston in 1802 and then worked at Hawkes of Dudley from 1810 to 1828. William Haden and Benjamin and Thomas Webb bought the Wordsley glass house in 1829. Thomas Webb was to leave the partnership a few years later. It is thought that **Jonathan** joined the partnership in 1836. Richardson introduced press moulding in the 1840's, and used compressed air to get a sharper moulding. Many of the shops that they supplied were in London, including Thomas Goode and Mortlock. They also exported to **Boston** and **Montreal**. During the 1840's they were producing opaque white glass vases with enameled and transfer printed Chinese scenes. This was in tune with the **Chinese fashion** in Europe at the time.

When the **Portland Vase** was **smashed** [1845] it is thought that they produced **transfer printed replicas in various sizes**. The Richardsons also picked up on the **Rococo style** and added **acanthus leaves**, ornaments and the like to their designs. They were awarded a **gold medal** by **Prince Albert** in **1847** by the Society of Arts. More medals were to follow.

In the late 1840's they drew upon the French style, and an example is found of a white glass leaf bowl decorated with gilding, which was very similar to a French pattern made by Yolande Amic [???]. They also used coloured glass canes in the stems of glasses which drew upon Clichy [???], In 1857 Queen Victoria ordered Venetian style glasses from Richardson and this raised their profile even more. The Richardsons were to go on to produce highly decorated glass, using enamels and engraving, using highly floral designs. The main engraver at this time was William Jabez Muckley who produced magnificent engraved glassware including glasses with 'prickly' stems by creating a very special diamond and sharply cut knop in the stems. Despite all this success, in 1852 the company was bankrupt.

No doubt the stand at the **Crystal Palace Exhibition** [1851] had added to the **financial strain**. Every creditor was paid, and it is reputed that the bank reclaimed an interest on the debt several times more than the amount owed. **Benjamin** and **Jonathan Richardson buried their tools and moulds** to avoid seizure by the creditors, and thus they **could begin again**. It was amazing that within a year they were displaying at the **Dublin Great Industrial Exhibition** [1853]. The company was now renamed as **B. Richardson**. **Acid etching** on **cased glass** was developed by them in the 1850's. They used this to good effect on drinking glasses for classic geometric design, and also to produce a vermicular or

vermicelli patterns on the surface of jugs. They also developed a double twist loop handle on jugs which was to become a typical trademark of a **Richardson jug**. Benjamin patented **air trap decoration**.

In 1864 they were trading as Hodgetts, Richardson and Pargeter producing cut, engraved and acid etched glass. Unlike the earlier years there was no further experimentation in glass. In 1870 Pargeter left the partnership to run the Red House Glass Works. The company became known as **Hodgetts**, **Richardson** and Son, and new techniques began to be developed again. Hodgetts developed and patented a threading machine, which drew fine threads of molten coloured glass onto any revolving glass body. After the reproduction of the Portland vase by Northwood, they employed Joseph Locke and Alphonse Lechevrel so that they could compete in the cameo market. They displayed at the Paris Exhibition of 1878. It was an extraordinary display of threaded and etched and engraved and cameo glass. It was around this time that they entered into a dispute with Webb, as Webb believed that they had infringed on the Webb patent for bronze glass. The Richardson version is reputed to have a brown body when viewed with transmitted light. After the international exhibition, the company seemed to take time to recover from all the experimentation and developments running up to the exhibition.

Hodgetts retired in 1881. By 1885 they were making finely threaded glass, known as Iris Threaded Glass, and also Convolvulus vases with applied decoration. They displayed their new wares in London in 1897. At this time they were focusing on lighting. They produced a wide array of shades and globes in all their styles. They also did magnificent centre pieces for tables, and many flower holders, using the rusticana style. The ranges included Sunflowers, Campanula, Fir cone, Acorn and Bamboo. In 1905 they produced new effects with Ceonix (a marbled glass) and Firestone (an iridescent glass). In the 1920's they rejuvenated the cameo style, by producing what they called Cameo-Fleur. (Sometimes this is referred to as Pseudo-cameo). It used strong colours, such as purple, amber, green or blue on a clear body. It was acid etched and the clear background was then either stippled with the use of acid or cut into facets by hand carving. Webb took over the company in 1930. It had been one of the most influential glass companies of the previous one hundred years, developing glass techniques before others used them commercially. It could be argued that without Richardson, Gallé would never have seen a piece of cameo glass. Richardson glass is often high on quality and many collectors would like a piece!

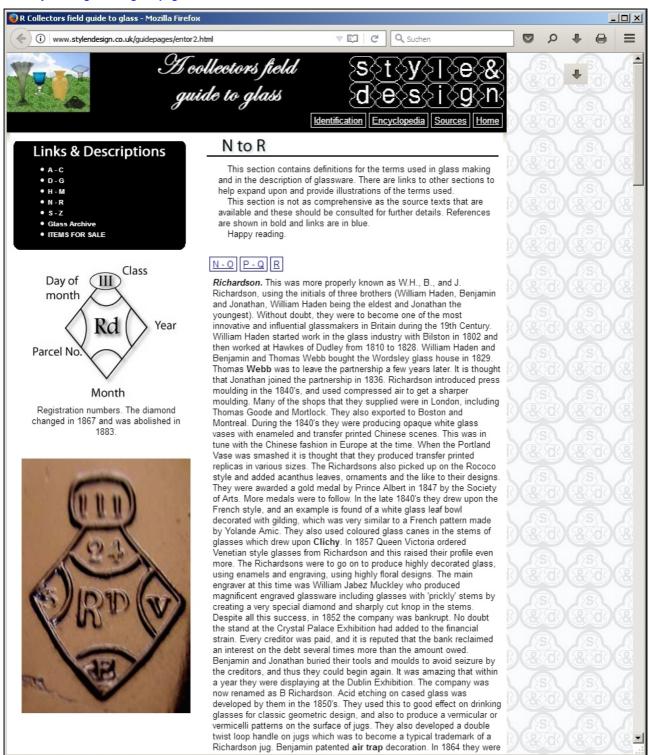
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The Richardson family have a complex history. B. Richardson began at Hawkes & Co. but left & joined up with W. H. Richardson taking over Wordsley Flint Glassworks (fnd 1720). Later W. H. & B. Richardson joined with Thomas Webb I (1804-1869) to become Webb & Richardson. The partnership was dissolved in 1836, Webb left selling his interest in the White House

Glassworks. The Wordsley works became W. H., B. & J. Richardson. The works closed in 1852 despite success in the Great Exhibition 1851, due to financial difficulties but reopened within a couple of years by Benjamin Richardson. He formed other partnerships; Hodgetts, Richardson & Pargetter (1836-1869) Hodgetts, Richardson & Sons (1871-1882) In 1887 his concerns were taken over by Benjamin Richardsons grandsons becoming H. G. Richardson & Sons. It was

acquired by **Thomas Webb & Sons in 1930** & the firm was operated from the Denis glassworks which finally closed in the late **1960**'s. The Richardson label was used until the 1970's. Benjamin Richardsons energy & experimentation combined to the partnerships he formed led to the **rebirth of English glass**. This has earned him the title of '**Father of the Glass trade**'. The Richardsons had **extensive influence**, **W. H. Richardson II** managed the **James Couper Glassworks**.

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