

Restaurant Ware Collectors Network®



Iconic Establishments

A series of articles about the china used by venues ranging from hotels and restaurants to burger joints and hospitals

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Restaurant ware china makers did not sell their products directly to hotels and restaurants. Sales were handled through distributors. These could be restaurant supply dealers or department or hardware stores that had commercial sales departments. Most of these dealers had traveling salesmen, who traveled a circuit of customers in their territory, taking orders for all kinds of restaurant supplies, including china. China orders were billed directly to the distributor who paid the factory and then collected from their customer. The distributors fee was included in the price that the manufacturer quoted the end use customer. In many cases the distributors name on a backstamp can help narrow down the area when trying to identify a crest or monogram logo. There are exceptions to this, and the Albert Pick Company of Chicago is one of these because they distributed all over the country. Other large distributors in New York, Chicago and Boston supplied wide areas.

In the early years of the 20th century, many resort hotels operated only for a limited season. Summer resorts were in the North while winter resorts were in Florida and southern states. Some resort operators owned hotels in both areas, and would transfer their staff between their hotels. Before Florida was developed

enough to have restaurant suppliers located there, much of the china was ordered through distributors in New York or Boston.

D. William Scammell was the president of the Scammell China Co, but he was also a super salesman who enjoyed making personal calls on his customers. His note book of contacts in the New England area contains notes about who each customers distributor was. When Mr. Scammell called on these customers and received a sales order, the distributor still got their fee for the sale. Some the distributors listed below came from Mr. Scammell's contact book. For a number of these, I have never seen any china backstamped with their name. This suggests that there was a fee involved in adding the distributors name to the backstamp, and some small dealers opted not to have their name included.

Backstamps were basically there to promote reorders. They reminded restaurant and hotel owners which company produced the china, and which distributor sold it. Dates and date codes were there to show the customer how long the china lasted, even with heavy everyday use.

This is a list of the Lamberton Works distributors that I know of, which you may find useful when trying to identify unknown cresting.

(M = Maddock Pottery)

(S = Scammell China Co.)

Lamberton Works Distributors

CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles

Parmelee- Dohrmann Co. - M

San Francisco

Anglo-American China & Glass - M

Brown & Sons, Charles - M

Dohrmann - M

CONNECTICUT

Bridgeport

Howland Dry Goods Co., The - M&S

Platt & Co. (Globe Equipment Co.) - S

Read & Co., D. M. - S

Smith Comstock Co. (Smith, Addis & Co.)

- S

Hartford

Brown, Thompson & Co. - M&S

Fox & Co., George - S

Judson, Dwight R., Co. - S

Mellen & Hewes Co. - M

Wise, Smith & Co. - S

Meriden

International Silver Co. - S

Simpson, Hall, Miller Co - S

Middleton

Bunce Co., J. H. - S

New Haven

Gamble - Desmond Co., The - S

Malley Co., Edward - S

Wylie, A. F - S

New London

Lewis & Co., L - S

Waterbury

Miller & Peck Co., Inc - S

Willimac

Tracy & Wolmar - S

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington

Adams, E. B - S

Dulin & Martin Co. - M&S

Stern Company, The

FLORIDA

Tampa

Maas Brothers - S

GEORGIA

Atlanta

Lilienthal Crockery Co. - M

ILLINOIS

Chicago

American China & Glassware - M&S

Hartman Wholesale Corp. - S

Herbst, I. B., Corp - S

Marshall Field & Co. - M&S

Pick & Co., Albert - M&S

INDIANA

Indianapolis

Hollweg & Reese - M&S

Mutual China Co. - M&S

IOWA

Davenport

Harris-Emery Co. - M

Des Moines

Jacklin Co. - M

KENTUCKY

Louisville

Dolfinger & Co., J - M

MAINE

Portland

Blake & Co., W. L. - S

Swasey & Co., E - M

Waterville

Redington & Co. - S

MARYLAND

Baltimore

Chandlee Sons Co., H.P. - M&S

Edwards China & Glassware Co. - S

Hudson, J. L - S

MASSACHUSETTS*Boston*

French Co., Abram - M
 Jones McDuffee & Stratton Corp - S
 Mitchell, Woodbury Co. - M&S
 Thompson- Winchester Co. - S
 Whipple Co., J. R. - M

Haverhill

Leslie Dry Goods Co. - S

Holyoke

McAusian & Wakelin Co., Inc - S

New Bedford

Bedford Dry Goods Co., New - S

Northampton

Consolidated Dry Goods Co. - S

Pittsfield

Holden & Stone Co. - S

Rockwell Co., The - S

Salem

Almy, Bieglow & Washburn, Inc - S

Springfield

Forbes & Wallace - M&S

Meekins Packard & Wheat, Inc - M

Quimby & Co. - S

Worcester

Denholm & McKay - S

Durling & Rhodes Co. - S

Glazer, Soloman - S

Macinnes Co., John C. - S

Morse Co., I.H. - S

MICHIGAN*Detroit*

Burr, Patterson & Auld Co. - S

Crowley Milner & Co. - M&S

Marshall, A. J. , Co - S

Osborne - Boynton - Osborne Co. - M&S

Reichle Sons Co. - S

Kalamazoo

Gilmore Bros. - S

MINNESOTA*Duluth*

Burg Hotel Supply - M&S

Minneapolis

Boutell Brothers - M

St. Paul

Merrill Greer Chapman Co. - M

MISSOURI*Kansas City*

Beamish Glassware - M

Emery - Bird - Thayer - S

Regnier & Shoup - M - S

St. Joseph

Regnier & Shoup - M - S

St. Louis

Ford Co., Wm - M

Krenning - Westermann China & Glass -
M

Saint Louis Glass & Queensware Co. M

Simmons Hardware Co. - M

NEW JERSEY*Asbury Park*

Steinbach Co. - M&S

Newark

Hahne & Co. - S

Simon Davis, Inc. - S

Perth Amboy

Perth Amboy Hardware Co. - S

Trenton

Kaufman, S. E. - M

Zeissler Co., Harold P. - S

NEW YORK*Albany*

Whitney & Co., W. M. - M

Brooklyn

Loeser & Co., Frederick - M

Newburgh

Peck & Co., George G. - M

New York

Ballard Co, Walter M., - S

Barrow & Co., H - S

Barth, L & Son - M&S

Barth Equipment Co. - S

DeKyser Co, L - M Duparquet, Huot &

Moneuse, Inc - M&S

Ensign, W. S. - M

Frank & De Keyser - M

Gibney, J. R. - M

Gimbels - M&S

Hall, Inc, Charles - S

Higgins & Selter - M

Jacobs, Inc., F. - S

Johnson Service. Inc - S

Kniffin & Demarest Co. - M

Kronman, Inc., E - M&S

Lord & Taylor - M

Luft & Luft Sales - S

Macy's, R. H. - S

Maddock & Miller, Inc. - M

Markey, Lee Co. - S

McCreery & Co. - M

Mernit Inc, Ralph - S

Myers Minott & Co - S

O'Beirne Brothers - M (O'Beirne Brothers

& Lyons, Inc - M)

Plummer & Co. Ltd, W. H. - S

Shaw, James M. - M&S

Straus & Sons, I - M&S

Taunton Supply Corp. - S

White & Co., R. H. - S

Port Jervis

Sargent, Isaac - S

Poughkeepsie

Luckey, Platt & Co. - S

Rochester

Dudley, Given, Wamsley & Co. - M&S

Duffy McInnerney Co. - M

Sibley Lindsey & Curr Co. - M

Upper Saranac

Upper Saranac Store - S

NORTH CAROLINA*Greensboro*

Odell Hotel Equipment Co. - S

Pinehurst

Pinehurst Department Store - M

OHIO*Cincinnati*

Dean & Kite - M&S

Cleveland

Bowman & Co, George - M&S

Cleveland Range Co. - S

Halle Bros Co. - M

Dayton

Rike - Kumler Co. - M

Toledo

Freeman Co., J, J. (Broer- Freeman) - M

Steger - Showel - S

OREGON*Portland*

Prael, Hegele & Co. - M

PENNSYLVANIA*Allentown*

Leh & Co., H. - S

Yeager Co. - M&S

Easton

Penn Hotel Supply Co. - S

Philadelphia

Ayre, Inc, W. C. - S

Caldwell & Co., J. E. - S

Clad, Victor V. - S

Dougherty & Sons, William F. - S

Fisher, Bruce & Co. - S

Kaufman, S. E. - M

Lit Brothers - M

Ranson -Barton Co. - S (Arbycraft Co.)

Snellenburg, N. - M&S

Strawbridge & Clothier - S

Tongue & Bros, Inc, R.E. - S

Wanamaker, John - M&S

Wright, Tyndale & Van Roden, Inc. - M

Pittsburgh

Reizenstein Sons - M

Scholnick, Inc - S

Reading

Bechtel Lutz & Jost - S

Sayre

Teed's Sons, W. I. - S

Scranton

Coon Company, W. H. - M&S

Wilkes Barre

Star Products Co. - S

RHODE ISLAND*Pawtucket*

Peck & Co. George C. - M

Providence

Astle & Co., H. J - S

Tilden-Thurber Co. - M&S

Westerly

Westerly Furniture Co. - S

SOUTH CAROLINA*Greenville*

Gilreath Durham Co. - M

TENNESSEE*Memphis*

Memphis Queensware Co. - M

TEXAS*Waco- Forth Worth -Dallas*

Sanger Bros. - S

VIRGINIA*Lynchburg*

Barker -Jennings Hardware Corp. - S

Norfolk

Atlantic Equipment Corp. - S

Schwan, Inc, Max - M&S

Richmond

Ezekiel & Weilman Co.,Inc - S

WASHINGTON*Seattle*

Frederick & Nelson - M

West Coast China Co. - M

Spokane

Crescent, The - M