


THE ANTIQUE DETECTIVE

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**How To Recognize
Old English Silver**

Knowing the shape of various English silver date letters is one way to discover valuable silver.

When a pair of 18th century English sterling candlesticks can sell at auction for \$4,000 or more, and an early 19th century English sterling sugar caddy spoon fetches more than \$2,500 at auction, doing research can pay off for you. Not everybody is an expert on silver marks, or wants to spend the time searching for them.

Equally important is knowing the hallmarks and designs of the various periods. Is the design in keeping with the hallmark date?

CLUES: Just as in other antique categories, silver designs have been reproduced through the ages. If a candlestick has a classical Corinthian column form and a lion mark on the base, it may or may not date to the 18th century. The lion assay mark is a clue to its English origin and was used to designate solid or "sterling" silver, beginning in the year 1544.

The next clue to look for will be the Duty mark (the head of the reigning sovereign).

Hopefully you'll discover the heads of George III or IV on highly prized Georgian silver.

Their profiles faced left. Silver with the heads of King George V and Queen Mary will be found on pieces commemorating their 25th anniversary on the throne. They are referred to as jubilee marks.

What if you find a candlestick with a scratched mark on the base of say 1755? This could either be a mark showing it had been repaired or was in a pawn shop.

This is not a date mark.

A third mark on English silver shows where the piece was made. A leopard's head designates a London piece; a castle or thistle were used by Edinburgh makers. The date letter identifies the exact year. Each 20 year cycle in silver uses a different alphabet design.

Either try and memorize which alphabet represents the early years or put examples in a small notebook to carry when you go antique hunting.

Names can lead you astray. Popular "name" silversmiths like Boulton, Bateman, Storr and Lamerie are not only extremely expensive, but faked. Sorry to say there is nothing new about taking the hallmark

from an 18-century Georgian spoon and placing it on a new silver candlestick. Don't be afraid to blow on the hallmark.

found on faked pieces.

If you are looking at old English silver as an investment, consider the following. Prices are

based on age, current popularity of famous names, quality of workmanship, weight and condition.

If it was soldered on, and not punched, it will show.

Memorize the marks and names of some of the lesser known silversmiths. If the price is modest, and everything else points to an 18th or 19th century piece, take a chance.

Sometimes early silver pattern books are reprinted to show the variety of styles by makers. Check used book stores or dealers at shows.

There are several reference books on not only English marks, but European and American. Bradbury's Book of Hallmarks was one of the earlier ones. Another is Old Silver by Seymour Wyler.

Look for patch lines, before you pay too much. If repairs have been made and a patch inserted, this can be seen when the piece is tarnished or you breathe on it. Often a decoration that seems out of place is a clue and hiding a repair patch.

And, when marks have been applied to a reproduction, the patch lines will show up.

Fuzzy marks are also

HARRY'S AUCTION PRESENTS

ANOTHER OUTSTANDING NEW YEAR'S DAY TOY & COLLECTIBLE AUCTION

WED., JAN. 1, 2003 - 8:00 AM.

Held at the Bareville Fire Hall, 211 E. Main St., Leola, Pa. 6 miles east of Lancaster along Rt. 23 (Lancaster County) Pa. Turnpike to exit 22 & west 12 miles.

Starting with three tables of uncataloged toys to include: Character toys & figures including Ninja Turtles, Puppet Masters, Spawn, Bette Figure, Lobo Statue, Akira #1 Figure, Marvel Wolverine Figures, Decapitron & Buffy Figures, Freddy Krueger, Aliens and more. Large amount of Hubley toys for parts and to restore including trucks, cars, airplanes, tractors and more

Toys approx. 9:00 am.: 1960s & 1970s GI collection in original packaging to include Tiger Hunt set, Skyhawk, Search for the stolen idol, Fantastic Freefall, Footlocker, approx 50 action sets, 4-book & record sets, 3-12" dolls, 3-Superjoe dolls, 3-shipping boxes.

Character toys: 25 Big Little books, Little Rascals/Our Gang figures, Clubhouse, Rowboat, Orange crate cart, 7-McDonald's figures, battery-op Batmobile, Dick Tracy car, Star Trek 12" figures, playing cards, buttons, records, instant stained glass, Superman puppet, puzzle & Krypto Raygun, 1922 Felix the cat, Pinocchio, Jimmy Cricket figures, Muhammad Ali figure, Gumby & Gumby action outfits, Noddies including Baltimore Orioles, Atlanta Braves, Cincinnati Reds, Philadelphia Phillies, Donald Duck Xylophone & cars, Woody Woodpecker kaleidoscope

Hubley Toys: 2-VW Bugs, schoolbus, helicopter, airplanes, grader, Stake truck, trucks, tractors, cars, race car, fire engine, road roller, Motor Express, car carrier, cattle truck, car kits.

Hess Trucks: 2-1998 mini tankers, B-Model Mack tanker, 1974 split window tanker, 1976 barrel van, 1977 tanker, 1980 training van, 1985-present Wilco 32' tanker

Texaco Trucks: #2, #5, #6, #7, #9, #10, #11 banks, #1, #2, & #13 airplanes, tilt cab tanker, towtruck, Light-up mini gas pump (pedal car size)

Miscellaneous Toyage: Coca-Cola/Disney pin set, slot car sets, #301 & #371 American Flyer train sets, #1060 & #1110 Lionel train sets, Sante-Fe & Campbell Soup HO train sets, Asst HO cars, Revell HO building kits, C1 still banks, Chem Rabbit car, #5 Matchbox Ruston Bucyrus & #7 milk float, Matchbox display carousel w/cars, 6-Hot Wheel Zowies, 1966 Orioles glasses, hat, pin, Buddy-L airplane, Marx race set, B O & Friction cars, tin cars, Tonka jeeps, wooden A C tractor, Structo dumptruck, Midgetoy & Tootsie Toy vehicles, Dinky & Corgi busses & vehicles, plastic Ideal construction truck, Cragstan movie projector, Keystone cab, asst Holgate toys including Yogi Bear, Tin tops, plastic figures, Structo Toyland const, Baldwin & Ideal guns, tin Navy airplane, Marx jumpin Jeep, Friction Army, Navy, MP cars unique art airplane toy, Wolverine camper, plastic cars, 3-Pushem-up marble games, Tonka cement mixer, Emergency lunchbox, Cal Ripkin t/t, Hallmark ornaments & kidillac, Aspludh tree truck, Ertl trucks of the world, Lionel trucks & snowglobe First Gear inc Pa Turnpike lowboy & dumptruck, cement mixers, dumptrucks, Sunbeam Bread truck, Tonka anniv dumptruck & pick-up, DeHanes Heinz 57 truck, Barbie, Crissie, Ken, PJ dolls, mini coke pedal airplane, Tru-Scale flatbed truck, Ertl Pennzoil & race fuel tankers, Tru-Toy wrecker, Atlantic gold airplane, Dukes of Hazard car & race set, Tico plastic truck, Nylint bulldozer,

Nascar collection: Alan Kulwicki & Richard Petty banks, Dale Earnhardt cars including Bass-Pro, Coca-Cola, Elite, Goodwrench, Atlanta, Wheaties, Parts Plus, Delco, Wrangler, Lowes, Dale Earnhardt airplane, 1993 champion truck & RCCA truck, Jeff Gordon Action & RCCA cars, Action Funny cars, Alan Kulwicki helmet, Davey Allison airplane, Richard Petty Franklin Mint car, Petty/Earnhardt set Champion car sets, A J Foyte Indy car, GMP Sprint cars, and more

Model kits: Large selection of military kits including submarines, tanks, ships, airplanes, Star-Wars, Return of the Jedi, Empire Strikes Back, car kits including cadillacs, Corvettes

Promotional cars: 1962 Falcon, 1967 T-Bird, 1959 Corvette, 1966 American, 1970 Corvette, 1975-1982 Corvettes and more

Precision Farm Toys: JD 2-720'S, 9750 combine, Waterloo Boy, "A", 4440, 2-720's w/blades, 5 bottom plow, Hay wagon, Little Genius plow, Farmall 400, Case 930

Farm & Construction toys: 2-Case 1170's, Case 800, Case Maxum, Farmall M-TA, A C D-19, Farmall Cub, Sheppard Diesel, 2-M F 4225, Farmall 350, MH 44, Cat 2-ton crawler, Oliver Spirit of St Louis, J D, Historical set, 2266 combine, 4450, "R", 8760, "BR", "GP", 3010, L&G, 430 crawlers, "D", 1/8th scale J D "A", NZG paver, Terex 8250 crawler, trackhoe & compressor Welldriller, Conrad Compactor, Caterpillar pipe layer & road grader, Corgi Euclid dumptruck, I H construction pcs, Dinky crawlers, Steam shovel, Michigan loader, Akerman trackhoe, Grove 1500 crane P&H crane,

Pedal Vehicles: Jeep, Buddy-L, Pepsi, J D 8310 & 4400 pedals wooden child's Blackbird wagon, 2 person sled,

Jim Beam car decanters: 1969 Camaro, 6-1957 Chevys, 1934 Ford Roadster, 1974 Mercedes-Benz

Separate Collectible Auction at 9:00 am. With Second Auctioneer:

Rope bed w/original red paint, cedar chest, 40 Hummel figurines & plates, Granite coffee pots, Cocks & jugs, Barn lanterns, Shoe last, Hanging scale, Graybill's milk box, Ice tongs, hay hook, Cherry seeder, lunchboxes, Wood planes, Kitchen utensils, wooden trough, oil lamps, Coca-Cola machine, 15 Longaberger baskets, Hall covered dish, pottery vases, Fostonia punch bowl set, 45 rpm records, advertising signs & tins, Beer lights, Golf clubs, post-cards, Lighters, Pinbacks, U S Mail collection, Hess trucks, Matchbox cars, Beltbuckles, cameras, Solido car, Asst glassware, Animated X-mas decorations, marbles, Arctic Cat helmet, Coffee table books, Rocking horse, Daisy model 99 BB gun, dolls & doll clothing, wooden blocks, Cuckoo clock, plastic pig bank, wooden foot stool and much more

(We are still unpacking boxes at the time of our advertising deadline)

COINS: Peace dollars, Mercury dimes, Buffalo nickels, Kennedy halves, Ike dollars

This large quality auction will feature approx. 700 lots of toys. If you are considering selling one toy or a collection please give us a call. Everything is sold without reserve. Preview Tuesday Dec. 31, 2002

from 5:00pm.-7:00pm.

No out of state checks.

Auctioneers:

Randy Stoltzfus (717) 656-8919 Au-1906
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GRAND OPENING OF GERMAN TRADING POST AUCTION ART PANNEBECKER AUCTION SERVICE NEW YEAR'S DAY, JAN. 1, 2003 PUBLIC SALE OF ANTIQUES, PERSONAL PROPERTY COLLECTION OF ARROWHEADS SALE AT 9:00 A.M.

Located at 2152 N Reading Rd., Rt 272 Denver Behind the Black Horse Restaurant Close to Turnpike Entrance Watch for signs!!!

Marble Top Bedroom Suite, Marble Top Tables, Cylinder Desk, Victorian Furniture Jelly Cupboard Plank Bottom Chairs Hutch and Table Kneeling Bench Blanket Chest Drop Leaf Table Iron Bed Vanity Dining Room Suite Large Computer Center Cradle Karastan Rugs Folding Oak Screen Round Oak Wooden Baby Walker Oak Lawn Benches, Sewing Machine, Wood Coal Combination Stove, Carnival Depression Hall Collection of Music Boxes, Kerosene Lights, Cocks Chicken on Nests Bear Bank, Reed and Barton Pitcher S&P's Soap Stone Covered Dish Stangl Milk Bottles Cuiets Fire King Glass Bowls, Brass Candleholders, Lenox, Royal Daulton Milk White Cups, Saucers, Jewelry Community Plate, Paper Wis., Mantel Clock Scale, Miniature Waffle Iron Marble Base Lights, Swan Collection Snowflake As Is, Redware, John Long Paintings, Jay McVey Prints, Pictures, Auburn Rubber Cars and Trucks, New Holland Toys, Hess Trucks, Baseball Cards, Longaberger Baskets Collection of Agate - Coffee Pots, Milk Kettle, Etc.; Linens, Fancywork, 1806 Tauf Schein; 1843 Tauf Schein; J.H. Muth, Myerstown Adv.; Marbles, 20 Frames of Arrowheads and Some Loose to Be Sold at 12 Noon

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"Horst Auction Center" PUBLIC SALE

FINE ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES, DOLLS, HOUSEHOLD GOODS & TOOLS

SAT., JANUARY 4, 2003 AT 9:00 A.M.

Sale to be held at the Horst Auction Center, located at the corner of Rt. 322 & Durlach Rd. (approx. 2 1/2 miles west of Ephrata), Ephrata, Lancaster Co., PA.

FURNITURE - A lg variety of mostly antique & some modern including bedroom, dining room, living room, kitchen & patio (sets & individual pcs) "Highlights" - Walnut grandfather's clock, empire bureau, hanging cupboard, low dry sink, commode, dropleaf table, Sheraton stand, Victorian (MT dresser & washstand, brass & marble stands, Rosewood Melodian), Oak (wardrobe, china closet, library table, ice box) Mahogany (dining room suite, breakfront, music cabinet), baby grand piano, hardware store cabinet, hitchcock chair & settee, electric lift chair & much more!

LAMPS - Banquet, Gone w/Wind, Art Nouveau, piano lamp, Rayo, art deco, cranberry opalescent, etc

METALWARE - Copper apple butter kettle, candy kettles, buckets, gooseneck tea kettle, coffee pot, measures, butcher ladles, sm parlor stove, C I griddles & kettles, tailors & flatirons, dog-doorstops coffee mill, brass fireplace fender, fireplace tools, fine silver coffee & tea service

CHINA & GLASSWARE - lg variety of antique & collectible including RS Prussia, RS Germany, Limoge Coronet, Royal Vienna, white ironstone, German Majolica, Noritake azalea, bone china, child's tea sets, satin glass, opalescent, pressed & pattern, Fostonia, Hersey

LINENS - Lap robe, blankets, spreads, hooked rugs

ARTWORK - Gilt framed paintings, prints & antique frames, lg wall map of Perry, Juniata & Mifflin Counties, framed postcards

DOLLS & ACCESSORIES - Collection of antique bisque head, composition, tin head, doll cupboards & furniture, child's pull sleigh, Viet strollers

TOOLS - table saw, jointer, turning lathes, clamps, hand power tools, hand & garden tools, scalding trough, platform scales, treadle grindstone, antique work bench & much more!

A More Detailed Listing Is Available On Our Website www.horstauction.com The Most Complete Listing w/Photos on 1/3 and 1/4 All Day

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