

SOME COMMONLY SEEN SILVER MAKERS' MARKS ON CHURCH PLATE

verified by the London Assay Office and found at www.silvermakersmarks.co.uk






Introduction

Church Recorders have always enjoyed an excellent relationship with the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths and, in particular, with David Beasley, the now-retired Librarian. It worked both ways - Church Recorders found a range of makers' marks which were identified for us in the Goldsmiths' Library and then added to the Library catalogue. Indeed the original grant, which was later replaced by the more recent compiling grant, was provided by the Goldsmiths' Company. But, over time, the workload at the Library grew, fewer previously unseen makers' marks were being found and, with the improving reliability of the online research facilities, the way forward for identifying makers' marks for Church Records was reviewed.

The arrangements agreed are now that, using the Guide to *Recording Hallmarks* in these Supplements, the Pocket edition of *Jackson's Hallmarks* and any other reference books which the Recorder may have, a draft of the items should be made, including good photos of the hallmarks, and checked with one of the Help Desk team. And then, if help is still needed, the Help Desk will contact the appropriate Assay office.












The following pages list just some of the more commonly found makers' marks on church plate. From the 19th century larger manufacturers increasingly registered in more than one assay town but these additional towns have not been added to this list.

Please note that the table is only a guide to help you – it is not a complete list and you may find variations in the shields and the letters. Look carefully and always check that the date letter and its shield fit with the working life-span of the maker! The reference for the marks illustrated below is *Librarian, Goldsmiths' Company*..

MARK	MAKER'S NAME	DATE	ASSAY TOWN
	A • B over G • B Alice & George Burrows II	1801..1803 (registered Jul 1801)	London
	A over D within S Alan David Smith		London
	Alfred Deeley, 1926	1933..1948 (registered May 1921)	Birmingham
	Letters A.E.J Albert Edward Jones	(registered Dec 1910)	Birmingham
	Gerald Benney (Adrian Gerald Sallis Benney, born 1930, died 2008)	1956-2000	Whitfield Place, London W1; from 1963: Beenham, Reading, Berks










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	B & W L^D in rectangle Cut off top corners Blunt & Wray Ltd	1924-1978	Diadem House London
	Letters B over O & W over L^{TD} in a quatrefoil Burns, Oates and Washbourne Ltd	1925-1966	London
	C B & S Cooper Bros & Sons Limited	1975	Don Plate Works, Arundel Street, Sheffield & Holborn Viaduct, London
	C. F. in shaped rectangle Charles Farris	1906-	London
	C. B. W in a rectangle with cut top corners Cecil Beresford Walker	1921	London
	Charles Reily & George Storer	1828..1850 (registered Jan 1829)	London
	Letters E C over B Richards & Brown (Edward Charles Brown)	1868..1880 (registered Apr 1867)	London
	Letters E . P Edward Pairpoint	1863 (registered Feb 1859)	London
	Letters E P in conjoining circles Edward Pairpoint	1872 (registered Aug 1866)	London
	FDW in a quatrefoil for Frederick Dendy Wray	1900-1915	London
	Frank Goodridge 1963		London












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	Letters F. M. C Frank Morton Crookes	1929 (registered Jul 1910)	London
	Letters G & C^O over L^D Garrard & Co Ltd	1954..1986	London
	George Fox	1862..1908 (registered Mar 1861)	London
	Letters G. G. M Grant MacDonald Silversmiths	1973..2002	London
	Letters G S over covered cup Gabriel Sleath	1723..1735 (registered Jun 1720)	London
	Copperplate cap. GS Gabriel Sleath	1741..1750 (registered Jun 1739)	London
	George Unite before c1873	1864..1916 (registered Jul 1886)	Caroline Street Birmingham
	Letters J A Joseph Angell I	1813..1830 (registered Oct 1811)	London
	Letters J • A in conjoining circles Joseph Angell II	1850..1859 (registered Oct 1849)	London
	Letters J A & G A John Angell II & George Angell	1840..1841 (registered Jun 1840 & Jul 1844)	London
	Letters J A over G A John (Charles) Angell II & George Angell (sons of John Angel I)	1844..1849 (registered Jun 1840 & Jul 1844)	London

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	J • A over I • A central star, in quatrefoil Joseph Angell I & John Angell I	1831..1839 (registered Jan 1831) Joseph & John Angell were brothers	London
	J • A over J • A central star in quatrefoil Joseph Angell I & Joseph Angell II	1840..1848 Joseph Angell II was the son of Joseph Angell I	London
	Letters JW & CO Josiah Williams & Co (probably) Also with a larger &	1933..1943	London?
	Jones & Willis Ltd	1905-1931	London, Birmingham, Liverpool
	Letters LWB in rectangle with cut corners Leonard William Burt	1957 (registered 1953)	Art metalworker, Kenton Street, London WC1
	L - W Lesley Wood	1979 & 1987	London
	Letters M^NW^B above & Mappin & Webb Ltd	1898..1929 (registered Jul 1898)	London & Sheffield
	Letters M^NW^B above & Mappin & Webb Ltd	1899..1976 (registered Dec 1899)	London
	Letters M & B Mappin & Webb Ltd	1998-2002	London
	Omar Ramsden	1917..1938	London
	Letters R. E. S in a rectangle with concave corners Robert Edgar Stone	1935..1961	Garrick Street, London & Garelochhead, Scotland

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	Letters R G below a crown R & S Garrard & Co (Robert Garrard II)	1822..1888 (registered Jan 1822)	London
	R • H over S • H Robert Hennell I & Samuel Hennell	1802..1810 (registered)	London
	RM over EH Richard Martin & Ebenezer Hall Martin Hall & Co	1890..1904 (registered Jan 1880)	Shrewsbury Works, Sheffield
	S R over I E D for Solomon Royes & John East Dix	Registered 1818	London
	Thomas Pratt	1897 (registered May 1894)	London
	T.T & Co Thomas Tonge & Co	1868/76	Birmingham
	Letter V LTD Vanpoules Ltd	1965..1970	Church furnishers, Vauxhall Bridge Road, London SW1
	W over M for Wippell Mowbray 1973		

Military Chaplains' Communion Sets



The Imperial crown and W.D (for War Department). This is dated 1959-60 so is much later than those produced in WW2, and one would expect W.D to have been replaced by MoD.



The Imperial crown and AM (for Air Ministry). This is dated 1937-38 so just before WW2.