WILEMAN & SHELLEY "SERIES"





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THIS IS A WORK IN PROGRESS (AND WILL ALWAYS BE!!!)

HOPEFULLY, ERRORS ARE FEW BUT NO DOUBT THERE ARE SOME! IF YOU SEE SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDED OR MODIFIED, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

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THIS PRESENTATION

- Goal: share a compilation, based on the works of many researchers/writers that took place over many years.
- over 50 Separate Series ... in Alphabetical order
- Lots of Images ... a few words.
- Basic Information about each series
- Hopefully, provide some "Wow" moments

SO, WHAT'S A SERIES?

Dictionary Definition: A series is a number of related things, events, or ideas arranged or occurring in a particular order or succession, often similar in form or purpose.

For this Project: Patterns/Designs/Themes manufactured by Wileman/Shelley that have something in common ... most importantly as they are described in the UK Registrations and the Pattern books.

WHAT'S BEEN EXCLUDED

- Childrensware Attwell
- Childrensware Cowham …. Only one "Series" included
- Childrensware Other
- Royal Commemoratives, though it's a close call to me
- Crestware, except for one obvious series
- Souvenirware, in general, though some could be bundled as a series
- Micklewright Plates
- Other Scenics, e.g. some Cabinet Plates of U.K. Places
- Chintz
- Mini C&S, except for one obvious series
- Intarsio Range, including Cats
- Faience Range, in general
- Urbato Wares
- Spano Lustra Wares unless clearly part of a series
- Pastello
- Moorcroft/Pomegranate
- Cloisello
- Old Chelsea
- Anything Else I May Have Missed !!!!!!!!!

REFERENCES

- Shelley Potteries by Chris Watkins, William Harvey, Robert Senft
- Wileman, A Collectors Guide by Richard Knight & Susan Hill
- The Shelley Style, A Collectors Guide by Susan Hill
- Shelley Pottery, The Later Years by Chris Davenport
- The Story of Shelley Potteries by The Shelley Group
- A Collectors' Guide to Wileman & Shelley Intarsio by Les Foley
- Presentations at NSCC Conferences and Shelley Group Weekends
- Magazine Articles (many, many): NSCC, Shelley Group, ASCC
- Photo Collections of a number of Wileman/Shelley Researchers



FOR EACH SERIES, YOU WILL SEE

Number in the Series

Pattern Book or Rd Numbers

Some Very Basic Information
About the Series

Pictures of Wares, which might extend to the next page(s)

Whether the pictures include "All" of the designs of a Series or a just a "Sampling" (either as many as there are pictures of actual wares or when there are many in the series, simply some examples)

A primary Reference for the Series

ALPHABET WARES

26?

No Pattern Number

- Primarily C&S, Beakers, Mugs
- Gifts/Souvenirs for Special Occasions?











A Sampling of the Designs Reference: Photo Collections



BIRDS



No Pattern Nos. / a few Rd Nos.



Green Woodpecker

- Separate Bird Series were made both pre and post World War I
- Large and Small Sizes, so could be considered four separate series
- In total: 26 Species, 38 Models, 80
 Color Variants
- No pattern numbers but many labeled "Bird Studies" with a number



Spotted Woodpecker

A Sampling of the Designs on this page and the next two

Shelley Group Magazine, March 2020, Article by Chris Watkins Articles & Talks by Watkins, Davenport, Goodlad, Elder, Banner, Leiser, Kent, Deller, Palmer

BIRDS: LARGE



Golden Eagle





Eagle



Woodpecker



Toucan



Kingfisher





Pockard Duck



Woodlark



BIRDS: SMALL



Shield Duck



Canary



Dove



Cardinal Finch



Turaco



Hornbill



Scarlett Oriole



Penguin (Crestware)



BOY SCOUTS / BE PREPARED

6 - 8

No Pattern Number

- Series created in 1913
- Drawings with Mottos aimed at children
- Pattern Book shows six designs
- Two Scenes also found on a Mug with somewhat different illustrations (different artist?) and coloring



What Shall We Do Next?



Now For Their Tails



Conscience



Besieged



"Be Prepared"



Pip! Pip!

Sentry Duty



Reveille

All of the Designs Shown
ASCC Newsletter, December 2019, Article by Robyn Cox

BRYTA NURSERY WARE

4

Rd 663447 to 663450

- Series created in 1918
- Inspired by William Heath Robinson nursery rhymes illustrations
- Only 4 designs versus the usual 6 in a Wileman series
- Unique Backstamps with Castle China (not an actual company)
 added plus other drawings related to the subject of the ware
- Sold only (maybe, maybe not) in the USA
- Manufactured until 1925

IMAGES SHOWN ON THE NEXT PAGE

All of the Designs Shown

BRYTA NURSERY WARE



Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe



Mother Goose





Humpty Dumpty





Old King Cole



CHARACTER/TOBY JUGS

3105, 3134, 3138, 3459, 3460, 7655 etc.



Made in the Intarsio, Faience, Late Foley/Shelley Ranges

- Made in three color styles: Multi-Color, Limited Colors and None
- Face Jug just made with Shelley backstamp



John Bull



Young England



Irishman



Scotsman



Friar Tuck



Face Jug

All of the Designs Shown Collectors Guide to Wileman & Shelley Intarsio, by Les Foley



CHARACTER POTS

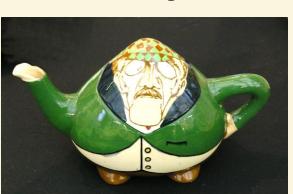
3246 and 16 more in the 3000s

17

- Made in the Intarsio Range
- Two Shapes: Teapot and Coffee Pot
- Lids are the faces of the individual portrayed



Paul Kruger



Lord Balfour



Joseph Chamberlain



Winston Churchill

A Sampling of the Designs Shown
Collectors Guide to Wileman & Shelley Intarsio, by Les Foley



Suffragette



Admiral Jellicoe



CHARLES DICKENS

7091 – 7100 7374

- 10 Wall Plaques/Chargers Known, from 7 Novels
- 12 ½ Inches in Diameter
- Plaques used Drawings from three Artists:
 Frederick Barnard, James Mahoney and ???
- Wileman used transfers for the Images, which were then Hand Painted
- No RD Numbers on the Plaques
- Pattern Numbers 7091 7100 per the wares BUT
 No Pattern Book entries at all FOR 7087 –
 7108 (unclear what these numbers were for)
- To Date, only two Designs have been found in the Pattern & "VIEWS & CRESTS" Books

All of the Designs Shown on the Next Page

Shelley Group Magazine, June 2008, Article by Janet Stiff Shelley Group Zoom Presentation, 2021, by Peter Porrazzo

CHARLES DICKENS



Oliver Twist



Oliver Twist



The Pickwick Papers



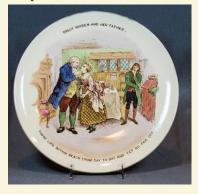
Nicholas Nickleby



Martin Chuzzlewit



The Old Curiosity Shop



Barnaby Rudge



David Copperfield



David Copperfield



David Copperfield





CHILDREN PLAYING

No Pattern Number

- Designed by Frederick Rhead
- Six Scenes found between own collection and photos
- No specific reference found as yet



















CHILDREN AT PLAY

No Pattern Number

- Introduced in 1914
- Six Scenes with poems based on children playing
- Scenes depict: (1) Two Girls and Teddy at Seaside (2) Boy and Girl playing with Train (3) Two Girls in a Garden (4) Two Girls in a Park (5) Boy & Girl on the Beach (6) Three Children Marching











Five of the Six of the Designs Shown (missing number 1)

The Shelley Style, A Collectors Guide by Susan Hill



CHILDREN'S NURSERY CHARACTER SCENES

5? No Pattern

Number

- Five Scenes found in photos collection
 - Sunday Afternoon
 - Market Day
 - Washing Day
 - Teddie's Bedtime
 - Mousie's Birthday
- Are there more Scenes/Characters?
- No specific reference found as yet







All of the Designs Shown

Reference: Photo Collections

CHILDREN'S NURSERY RHYMES



ENGLAND



By I

By Frederick Rhead

Rd Numbers 397890 - 93



First Produced in 1902









All of the Designs Shown

Shelley Group Magazine, December 1998, Article by John Barter

CHILDREN'S NURSERY RHYMES



By Linda Edgerton

No Pattern Number

- Introduced in 1924 / 1925
- Six Scenes with nursery rhymes
- Scenes depict: (1) Little Tommy Tucker (2) Daffy Down Dilly
 - (3) Mary Mary Quite Contrary (4) Little Red Riding Hood
 - (5) Simon Went Fishing (6) Little Boy Blue









A Sampling of the Designs Shown
Shelley Group Magazine, December 2007, Article by Linda Ellis

CHILDREN'S NURSERY RHYMES





By Hilda Cowham

No Pattern Number

- Introduced in 1925
- Three Scenes with nursery rhymes
- Scenes depict: (1) Pussy Cat (2) Fairies (3) Little Bo-Peep











All of the Designs Shown The Shelley Style, A Collectors Guide by Susan Hill



DEER STALKING

7667

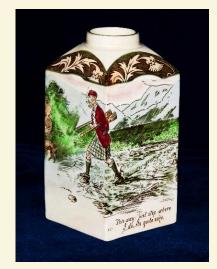
- Entered into the Pattern Books in 1910
- Applied to a number of Shapes
- Six Scenes are based in Scotland; they tell a Story!
 - 1. The start for the hills in gleeful anticipation.
 - 2. This way, just step where I do, its quite safe.
 - 3. After a painful approach to the quarry, our friend is in terror of sneezing.
 - 4. So astonished is the sportsman that he forgets to shoot.
 - 5. The sportsman having inadvertently killed his first stag is made free of the forest.
 - 6. The Triumphant Return.

All of the Designs Shown on the Next Page

DEER STALKING



Start for the Hills



Step Where I Do



Painful Approach



Forgets to Shoot



Killed First Stag



Triumphant Return





DELPHIC YACHTS / WINDMILLS

many

7331 and many more

- Entered into the Pattern Books in 1905 +
- Applied to many Shapes of Earthenware, from large to Small Vases to Gems
- Yachts applied in eight primary themes; Windmills in various colourways
- Could be considered two or more series

A Sampling of the Designs Shown on the Next Three Pages

DELPHIC YACHTS

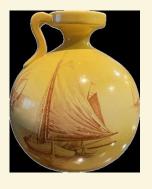
"Primary Themes"



Green



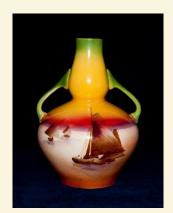
Yachting



Dawn



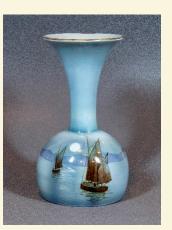
Noonday



Sunset



Moonlight



Midnight



Thunderstorm

DELPHIC YACHTS: MORE























DELPHIC WINDMILLS



















DUTCH CHILDREN

Rd 435556



- Registered in 1904
- Four Designs with Poems



Sitting on a Railing



Pussy Cat with Ribbon Blue



Little Dutchman has your Pa



Little Gretchen Thinks Its Grand

All of the Designs Shown
Pattern Book & Photo Collections

FALCONRY / HAWKING

7682

- A Series of only Two Drawings
- Celebrates Hunting a la the Deer and Fox Hunting Series





FANCY SCRIPT NURSERYWARE

ENGLAND

A Series of Many Designs

No Pattern Number

12 +

- Introduced in 1896 / 1897
- Based on Drawings of Charles Robinson
- Poems by Eugene Field from his book Lullaby Land















A Sampling of the Designs Shown Shelley Group Magazine, March 2011, Article by Linda Ellis



FESTIVAL OF EMPIRE

10

- Introduced in 1911 for the Exhibition at the Crystal Palace
- 7713
- Many types of wares manufactured: China & Earthenware
- Unknown who commissioned the wares















A Sampling of the Designs Shown
Shelley Group Magazine, March 2008, Article by John Barter & David Deller



FOX HUNTING

10





A Series of 10 Designs, each with a Saying about the Hunt

7371 7684

- (1) Hark Away! Away! (2) Hoick! Hoick! Forrad! Away! (3) Pick up the scent my beauties (4) Get Along! To Him! To Him! (5) Forrad! Forrad! Don't Shy at a Hat (6) At him my beauties (7) Hark forward, forward! Halloa! Ho! (8) Whoa! Stop him! (9) Halloa! Away! (10) Forrad! Forrad!
- Designs were used on many shapes/types of wares

















A Sampling of the Designs Shown
Shelley Group Magazine, December 2002, Article by Gerry Pearce



GLORIOUS DEVON

5?

12734 13709

- A use of the Surrey Scenery designs for mostly (all?) single colored wares:
- Manufactured in both Earthenware and China











A Sampling of the Designs Shown
Shelley Group Magazine, March 2017, Article by David Deller



GOLF

• Three Designs registered in 1900

7375 Rd 360460

• Manufactured in both Earthenware and Teaware









All of the Designs Shown
Shelley Group Magazine, March 2006, Article by Gerry Pearce

GOLF - AMERICAN SUBJECTS



Four Humorous Designs
(1) F-O-R-E !! (2) Stymied (3) Bunkered (4) Come! Step Out My Man!

7913 2099

• Manufactured in Earthenware









All of the Designs Shown
Shelley Group Magazine, March 2006, Article by Gerry Pearce

GROTESQUES

9

Various Rd Numbers

- Nine shapes, eight registered.
- Some shapes listed in the Urbato Range but not seen as wares yet
- Pattern Book has line drawings with shape numbers
- Most seen in the Faience range; one in Intarsio (Elephant)
- First seen (below) as unfinished in the Artist Magazine article of 1899

Left to Right: Ring-Tailed Pig, Toad, Elephant, Owl, Hedgepig, Monkey, Dog of Fo



Not Grotesques



Kelim (Chinese Dragon)

Dragon

All of the Designs Shown between this Page and Next Shelley Group Magazine, March 2005, Article by Helene Elder

GROTESQUES

Dragon and Toad Not Yet Seen as Wares

















JAPANESE PEOPLE

No Pattern Numbers

- Six Scenes as shown in Crests & Miniatures Pattern Book
- Only seen as Gems











A Sampling of the Designs Shown
Photo Collections





No Pattern Number





- Nineteen Whiteware Shapes for the Kitchen
- Three of the Moulds were Registered
 (1) Armadillo (2) Crayfish (3) Round Sculpted = Ritz
- Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval









All of the Designs Shown on the Next Three Pages Shelley Jelly Moulds Booklet, Curt & Lynne Leiser



Fluted Bowl



Cecil



Russell



Round



Carlton



Acanthus





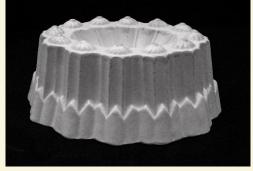


Swan Rabbit Hen



Armadillo





Crayfish Savoy



Star



Ritz – Crown Top



Ritz – Plain Top



Queens



Westminster



French



Victoria



LUCY DAWSON DOGS

6

No Pattern Numbers

- Six Designs; Backstamp includes L.D. x
 - (1) Pekinese (2) Setter (3) Scottish Terrier (4) Fox Terrier
 - (5) West Highland & Scottish Terrier (6) West Highland Terrier
- Manufactured in Earthenware and Teaware













All of the Designs Shown



MAPS (CRESTWARE)

87 +

Only Rd Numbers





- 87 Registered Designs ... but not by Wileman/Shelley
 ... by their designer Arthur Potts
- Illustrated by Shelley in the Views & Crests Book
- Produced on Earthenware and Teaware, on many shapes
- Primarily sold as Souvenirs











A Sampling of the Designs Shown

Shelley Group Magazine, September 2001, Article by Janet Stiff



MILITARY – PRE WW1

6 Patt

No Pattern Number

- A Series of Six Designs
- Introduced around 1914
- Six historical vessels / Scenes
 - (1) British Battleship (2) HM Battleship in Action
 - (3) British Submarine (4) Ready! Aye! Ready!
 - (5) HM Torpedo Boat (6) A Mining Boat









All of the Designs Shown
The Shelley Style, A Collectors Guide by Susan Hill

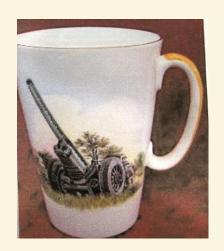


MILITARY - ARMY

6

Special 694

- A Series of Six Designs
- From the Specials Pattern Book











A Sampling of the Designs Shown
Shelley at War, Presentation and Booklet, by David Deller



MILITARY - NAVY

Special 695

- A Series of Seven Designs
- From the Specials Pattern Book















All of the Designs Shown
Shelley at War, Presentation and Booklet, by David Deller



MILITARY – AIR FORCE

6

Special 696

- A Series of Six Designs
- From the Specials Pattern Book











A Sampling of the Designs Shown
Shelley at War, Presentation and Booklet, by David Deller

Most Backstamps

MILITARY – LOTS MORE

• Besides the distinct series, lots more Military themed wares were made























Shelley at War, Presentation and Booklet, by David Deller



MINI C&S - BERMUDA

9 No Pattern Number

- Nine Designs on the Canterbury Shape Cup
- Only "Series" within the Miniature C&S wares range
- Crest of each Bermuda Parish is shown on the Cup





All of the Designs Shown
Wileman/Shelley Miniature Cups and Saucers, eBook by Ron Hoffman



MONKS FISHING

5

7430, 7432, 7447, 7611



- A Series of Five Designs
- Introduced in the mid-1930s
- Some wares include a saying or a poem











A Sampling of the Designs Shown
Shelley Group Magazine, March 2004, Article by Gerry Pearce



MOTORING

4

7372

- A Series of Four Designs
- Seen on Earthenware, Small Vase Series and Gems
- Introduced in the early 1900s







A Sampling of the Designs Shown
Shelley Group Magazine, March 2022, Article by Bruce Sandie



OLD ENGLAND

6

Special 490 / 491

- A Series of Six Designs by Eric Slater
- Introduced in the mid-1930s
- Backstamp includes the words "Old England"











Old England



All of the Designs Shown
Shelley Group Magazine, December 2009, Article by David Deller





PARIAN BUSTS

No Pattern Number

11

- A Series of 11 Designs introduced after 1915
- Matte-finish in unglazed porcelain; Shelley's only ones
- The busts are (from left to right below):

Robert Burns (the poet)

David Lloyd George (British Prime Minister)

Winston Churchill (First Lord of the Admiralty)

Sir John Jellicoe (Commander of the North Sea Fleet)

King George V

Albert, King of the Belgians

General Joffre (Commander of the French Army 1916)

Field Marshal Earl Kitchener (Secretary of State for War)

Field Marshal Sir John French (Commander in Chief, Expeditionary Force)

NOT Pictured: Death of Kitchener, Lord Roberts (Victorian Era Commander)



A Sampling of the Designs Shown
ASCC Newsletter, June 2002, Article by Gary Hoare



THE FOLEY CHINA

PETER PAN

6

A Series of 6 Designs introduced in 1910

7373 7977

- Based on the Book by J. M. Barrie
- Each pattern has unique combination of two drawings & words



Peter Guards the House of Wendy



Nana, the Faithful Nurse



Haste! Spring. Haste!



High Jinks in the **Cave Nursery**



Eagle's Nest



James Hook, Captain of the Jolly Roger



All of the Designs Shown Shelley Group Magazine, December 1998, Article by John Barter





Late Foley

PILGRIM EXILES

- A Series of 6 Designs to honor the Pilgrims
- Based on the paintings of American artists
- The scenes were subsequently "re-purposed" with fictitious labels to sell in the Canadian market.



The Mayflower in **Plymouth Harbor**

Arrival of the Don-de-Dieu and Champlain 1608



John Alden & Priscilla

6

7934

Life in Early Canada



Old Fort Burial Hill Block House Early Canada



The Pilgrim Exiles Life in Early Canada



Why Don't You Speak for Yourself John

The Canadian Habitant



Miles Standish & **His Soldiers**

Landing of Champlain 1608

All of the Designs Shown NSCC Magazine, Spring 2014 and Spring 2018, Articles by Carolyn Keating & Peter Porrazzo



PUFF PUFF (PUFF)

6

No Pattern Number



- A Series of 6 Designs introduced in 1910
- Apparently aimed at Children













All of the Designs Shown The Shelley Style, A Collectors Guide by Susan Hill



ROWLAND WARD FISH

6

No Pattern Number

- A Series of 6 Tropical Fish Designs introduced after 1950
- Produced for Rowland Ward, Nairobi, Kenya
- Uses a Unique Backstamp
- Designs Used on a Number of Different Wares











All of the Designs Shown
Shelley Group Magazine, March 2022, Article by Gerry Pearce

SCOTTISH MOTTOS - BROWN



- Faience, Fireproof Earthenware
- Numerous Mottos on Many Shapes

many

No Pattern Number









A Sampling of the Designs Shown Shelley Group Magazine, June 2019, Article by David Deller

SCOTTISH MOTTOS - BLUE



- Lustre Blue Finish with Scottish Thistle Symbol
- Numerous Mottos on Many Shapes

many

No Pattern Number















A Sampling of the Designs Shown Shelley Group Magazine, June 2019, Article by David Deller









SHAKESPEARE

- A continuing focus of Wileman/Shelley
- Many wares over time, including Intarsio





















8 +

3457 3465

3466

3467

3468 3470

3471

3498 - 3507

3522

6930

7387 7611

7665

Others?

A Sampling of the Designs Shown Shelley Group Magazine, March 2014, Article by John Barter

SLATER LADIES



Twelve Designs by Eric Slater

2135 - 2146

- Produced as Seconds Patterns
- Various Colourways
- Manufactured on a number of Teacup/China Shapes, Butter Pats





Lady & Coachman



Lady & Gent Strolling



Lady at the Ball



Lady in Canoe



Lady in the Garden



Lady in Conversation



Lady with Parasol



Lady Buying Flowers



Lady in Crinoline



Lady & Serenader



Lady Writing



Lady & Whippets

All of the Designs Shown
ASCC Newsletter, March 2008, Article by Gary Hoare





SURREY SCENERY

5?

6907 C

9121 C

7662 E 8676 E

et al





- A Series of at least Five Designs
- Introduced in the late 1890s as Teaware
- Earthenware range introduced before 1910
- Manufactured in multiple colourways on many shapes
- "Rebranded" as Glorious Devon in the 1940s















A Sampling of the Designs Shown ASCC Newsletter, September 2002, Article by Robyn Cox



TABLE TENNIS

6

Rd 391255

- A Series of Six Designs
- Introduced in the early 1900s
- It appears Table Tennis originated in England in the 1880s











WELSH WOMEN

6

A Series of Six Designs but only three registered

Rd 398711





Introduced in the early 1900s

• Manufactured for a number of years on a number of wares



















WELSH FISHERMAN & **FISHERWOMAN**

Rd 430994

- **Only Two Designs**
- Introduced in the early 1900s





All of the Designs Shown Shelley Group Magazine, March 2021, Article by Sheila Aves

Own

Separate Pattern

Book

ENGLAND Faience

ZOO

- Thirty designs / line drawings each designated for a specific shaped ware
- Likely introduced near turn of the 20th Century
- For such an extensive series, an example is rarely seen

















A Sampling of the Designs Shown Wileman, A Collectors Guide, by Richard Knight & Susan Hill



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THE END

ALSO SEE THE SPREADSHEET ON THIS
WEBSITE THAT PROVIDES FURTHER
DETAILS FOR EACH SERIES ON TWO TABS