

X.—THE COPPER PLATE OF THE GOLDSMITHS COMPANY OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

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The great re-coinage of William III provided the silversmiths of this country with a cheap, ready refined source of silver; as the new coins came from the mints they went back into the melting pot to be wrought into the usual products of the silversmiths' craft.

A Statute, 8 William III c. 8 1696/7, was designed to stop this practice. It enacted that the standard for wrought plate should be raised from the "Sterling" standard, 11 ozs. 2 dwt. fine, (the same as the coins) to 11 ozs. 10 dwt. fine. It also provided that the marks should be different from those formerly in use. The Crowned Leopard's Head (London) and the Lion Passant Regardant were to be replaced by the *Figure of a woman commonly called Britannia* and a Lion's Head erased. The maker's mark was to be expressed by the first two letters of his surname. It further enacted that the article should be marked with a distinct variable mark to denote the year in which it had been made.

This Statute did not apply to Scotland or Ireland.

Either by accident or design it always refers to London and does not mention any of the provincial assay offices of this country, and as a result on March 27th, 1697, when the Act came into force the provincial offices were all closed down, and the provincial Goldsmiths were seriously affected and suffered great hardship. They protested loudly and continuously.

Parliament, seeing a chance to control their many irregularities, offered terms for re-opening. Wardens and Assay Masters were appointed for the cities of York, Exeter, Bristol,

Chester and Norwich, and directed that proper records must be kept, and that the *Touch* (Assaying) should be carried out correctly by Cupellation, and on these terms they were re-established. (Act 12 & 13. William III. c. 4. 1700.)

Newcastle was not mentioned, probably because it was not one of the places where mints had been established for the great re-coinage.

The Goldsmiths' Company, and also the Mayor, Sheriff, Aldermen and Common Council of Newcastle upon Tyne, presented a petition to Parliament on the 9th February, 1701/2. In consequence, an Act 1. Anne. Stat. 1. c. 9., 30th March 1702, re-established the assay office at Newcastle upon Tyne. It laid down the usual conditions specifying marks, records, assay methods, etc., and it constituted the Goldsmiths an Independent Company. (They had, since 1536, been part of an Associated Company together with the plumbers, pewterers, painters and glaziers. They did not completely sever connections until 1716.)

The records of this period are incomplete. Some entries are in the books of the Associated Company, some are in the books of the Goldsmiths' Company, some are missing.

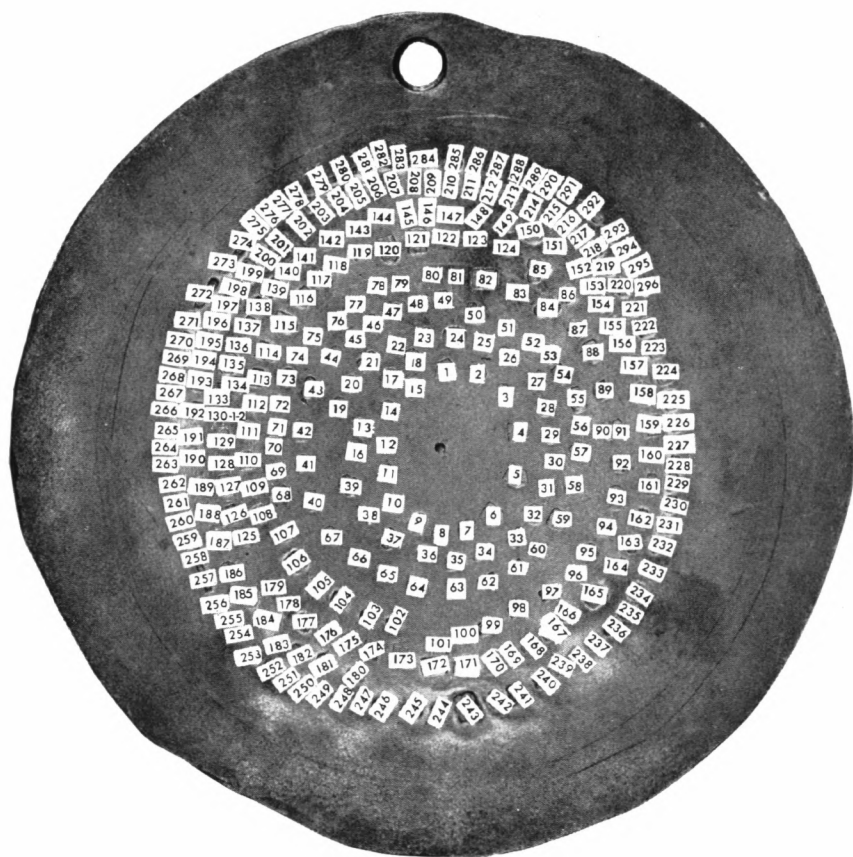
The most precious record is the circular copper plate, on which, from 1702 until the Assay Office closed in 1884, the makers' marks were impressed, of those persons entitled to have their gold and silver wares assayed at Newcastle upon Tyne. Previous to 1702 there is no record of makers' marks, and there were no date letters. As far as is known, no record was kept of the marks on the plate.

Sir Charles J. Jackson, writing about the Plate in *English Goldsmiths and their Marks*, says, *It contains 287 marks, most of which can be identified*. Actually, it contains 296 marks, and he, and his collaborator on the Newcastle section of his book, the Rev. J. R. Boyle (*A.A.*, Series II., Vol. XVI. 1894), leave many of them unidentified.

The best attempt at identification was undoubtedly made by the late Alderman Thomas Taylor, of Chipchase Castle,



The copper-plate of the Goldsmiths Company of
Newcastle upon Tyne [$\frac{1}{2}$ size]



Numbered key to Plate XII [$\frac{1}{2}$ size]

a former member of this Society and one of the organisers of the Exhibition of Newcastle Silver sponsored by the Society in 1897. (*A.A. Series II Vol. XXI. 1899.*) His attempt was never published, but I have had access to his notes by courtesy of Mrs. G. E. P. How.

Permission to study and photograph the Plate, and access to the books of the Goldsmiths' Company were given by Mr. C. Hetherington, High Steward, and members of the Goldsmiths' Company of the Freemen of Newcastle upon Tyne. Access to the books of the Associated Company was given by Mr. R. F. Walker, High Steward, and members of the Plumbers' Company of the Freemen of Newcastle upon Tyne. To them I tender my grateful thanks.

It is, perhaps, advisable to state, that an Act. 6. Geo. I. c. 11. (1719) restored the "Sterling" standard, and the goldsmiths reverted to their old type of "Marks", i.e. "Initials". The fashionable mark at Newcastle seems to have been the maker's initials in "Black Letter" capitals. See Nos. 21, 24, 26 *et seq.*

The Plate is copper, circular in shape, $8\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter (22.5 cm.) and varies in thickness from $\frac{3}{16}$ to nearly $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (5 to 6 mm.).

It contains 296 marks, five of which are artifacts and impossible to identify, two are probably smaller, badly struck marks belonging to a maker whose mark is next to them, (Nos. 266 and 269) and five which are decipherable but which I have been unable to identify. A list of these twelve marks appears on page 121.

The remainder are classified numerically as marked on the photograph of the Plate, and, where known, I have included details of the owner: i.e., apprenticeship, date of freedom, date of death, etc.

An alphabetical list is appended to facilitate reference.

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LIST OF MAKERS

The numbers refer to the marks on the copper plate (See Plates XII and XIII).

1. JOHN CARNABY Apprenticed 24th June, 1709 to Francis Batty II. Admitted 1718. Died June, 1733. See Nos. 2 & 27.
2. Same as No. 1.
3. ROBERT SHRIVE Apprenticed to Eli Bilton. c. 1687. Admitted October 16, 1694. Died January 1703/4.
4. Same as No. 3.
5. ELI BILTON Apprenticed to John Humble, glazier. 1674. *On March 25th, 1675, he was handed over to Widow Dowthwaite to finish his time.* (T. Taylor.) *Served his apprenticeship with John Dowthwaite.* (Hodgson.) Admitted April 10th, 1683. On this day he is described as *Late apprentice Jno Humble.* (Order Book.) Died January 1707/8.

6. Same as No. 5.
7. RICHARD HOBBS Apprenticed to William Ramsey c. 1693. Admitted October 14th, 1700, paying £4:7:4. He attended no meetings after 1718, but voted 1722; 1734 and 1741. Last mention 1744. (Jackson.)
8. JONATHON FRENCH Apprenticed to Robert Shrive, c. May 1695. (On May 23rd, 1695 Robert Shrive was fined £5 for taking an apprentice before he was qualified to do so. The name of the apprentice is not given. Order Book.) Admitted June 29th, 1703, paying £4:11:8. He was Assay Master 1707-1712. Died January 1732/33.
9. JOHN YOUNGHUSBAND I Apprenticed to John Ramsey. (Date ?) On May 18th, 1706, he was fined—and paid £5 for keeping a shop before he was free. Admitted October 7th, 1706 paying £4:12:4, for admittance, and also £2 for being married and £2 for getting a child. Died 1718.
10. FRANCIS BATTY I This is probably the mark of Francis Batty I, who was elected the first Assay Master in 1702, and who was the first to sign the new Minute Book, but it could be the mark of his son Francis Batty II (see No. 29) who certainly used it after the death of his father. (Note that there is no star over the Ba, as shown in Jackson and Taylor.) Apprenticed 1668 to John Douthwaite. Admitted 24th February 1674/5. He married the widow of John Douthwaite. 1676. Died November 1706.
11. JOSEPH BUCKLE—of York Apprenticeship—unknown. Jackson states—*Free 1715*. Cripps states that he traded in York 1715-1761. Died 1761. His son Stephen Buckle (Q.V. No. 64) served his apprenticeship with Isaac Cookson, in Newcastle.
12. Same as above, No. 11. See No. 20.
13. Same as above, Nos. 11 and 12 but different, larger punch.
14. JOHN LANGWITH—of York Jackson states *Free 1699*. Latest mention 1714.
15. Same as above, No. 14.
16. AN ARTIFACT. NO LETTERS. c. 1710/30.
17. JAMES KIRKUP I Apprenticed to Eli Bilton, 20th August 1705. Admitted 28th October 1713. Died January 1753.

18. NATHANIEL SHAW Apprenticed to John Younghusband, 15th April 1707. Admitted 1715. Died 1745.
19. WILLIAM PARTIS I Was never a member of the Company, but had his wares assayed and marked. Probably, he came from Sunderland. First mentioned 1735. (Minute Book.) Died August 1759. See Nos. 31, 66, 67, 74.
20. JOSEPH BUCKLE—of York See Nos. 11 and 12.
21. THOMAS MAKEPEACE I Apprenticed to his brother Robert Makepeace, February 9th, 1719/20. Admitted May 2nd, 1729. Died March, 1739.
22. THOMAS GAMELL Apprenticed to Abraham Hamer, Date ? . Admitted August 1st, 1717. In 1718 he was given five shillings "In charity". Thereafter his name disappears.
23. JAMES KIRKUP I Apprenticed to Eli Bilton August 20th, 1705. Admitted October 28th, 1713. Died January, 1753. See Nos. 17 and 40.
24. JONATHON FRENCH See Nos. 8, 28, 36.
25. AN ARTIFACT. NO LETTERS.
26. JOHN RAMSEY II Jackson and Taylor say that he was in business from 1720-1728. It is possible that he was a grandson of Wm. Ramsey I, a son of John Ramsey I, and therefore a step-son of John Younghusband I.
27. JOHN CARNABY Apprenticed to Francis Batty II, 24th June 1709. Admitted 1718. Died June 1733. See Nos. 1 and 2.
28. JONATHON FRENCH A smaller punch than No. 24, otherwise similar. See Nos. 8 and 24.
29. FRANCIS BATTY II Son of Francis Batty I. See No. 10. Apprenticeship: Doubtful. Admission: The Admission Book—Goldsmiths' Company—states that on 29th November 1708, Francis Batty, son of Francis Batty was admitted, formerly the apprentice of Lyonell Moore. It also gives the date of his indenture as 29th November 1700. The Minute Book—Goldsmiths' Company—29th November 1708 does not give the name of his master, but says that he paid for admission: £ (no figure). Paid as p' ord^r towards the Assay, £2 more for taking an Apprentice before free three years contrary to ord^r 5 Total 11. Hodgson says that he was admitted by patrimony.



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(Enlarged X2)

There is no entry in the Order Book—Associated Company—for 29th November 1708, but it says that he was admitted at a meeting on December 6th, 1711, paying £4:13:8 and also s2:1. for his stamp. Died March 1728.

30. JOHN RAMSEY II Same as No. 26 but a smaller punch.
31. THOMAS PARTIS I Is stated to have traded in Sunderland 1720-1734, (Hodgson) but in the Minute Book he is shown as paying for assaying from 1720-1754.
32. WILLIAM WHITFIELD Apprenticed to John Younghusband, 12th September 1713, after whose death he was set over to Jonathon French 18th December 1718. Admitted 10th October 1720. Last mention 1742. See Nos. 33, 52, 53, 54.
33. Same as above, No. 32.
34. ROBERT MAKEPEACE I Apprenticed to Francis Batty, 2nd February 1707/8. Admitted 11th November 1718 Died 9th May 1755. (He was Sword-bearer to the Corporation 1732-1745.) See Nos. 44 and 45.
35. GEORGE BULMAN Apprenticed to Francis Batty, 25th February 1717/18. Admitted 21st March 1725/6. Died February 1743. See No. 42.
36. JONATHON FRENCH See No. 8. or JOHN FRENCH Apprenticed to Jonathon French, May 8th 1717. Admitted The date is doubtful. Jonathon French was fined for employing him, August 10th 1724, and again on May 3rd 1726. He is described as voting as a member of the Goldsmiths' Company at the Newcastle elections of 1734, 1741 and 1780. At the last one he is described as *of London*.
37. ISAAC COOKSON Apprenticed to Francis Batty, 1st October 1720. Admitted 6th May 1728. Died August 1754. See Nos. 41 and 43.
38. WILLIAM DALTON Apprenticed to James Kirkup, 17th September 1717. Admitted 29th October 1724. Died January 1768. See No. 65.
39. WILLIAM BEILBY & J. BAMBRIDGE or BAINBRIDGE of Durham Their names appear in the Minute Book, paying for assaying 1739/40-1754. Beilby married in Durham September 1st 1733. He died in Newcastle March 1765. No details of Bambridge have been found. This mark could possibly be that of *Wm. & John Busfield of York*.

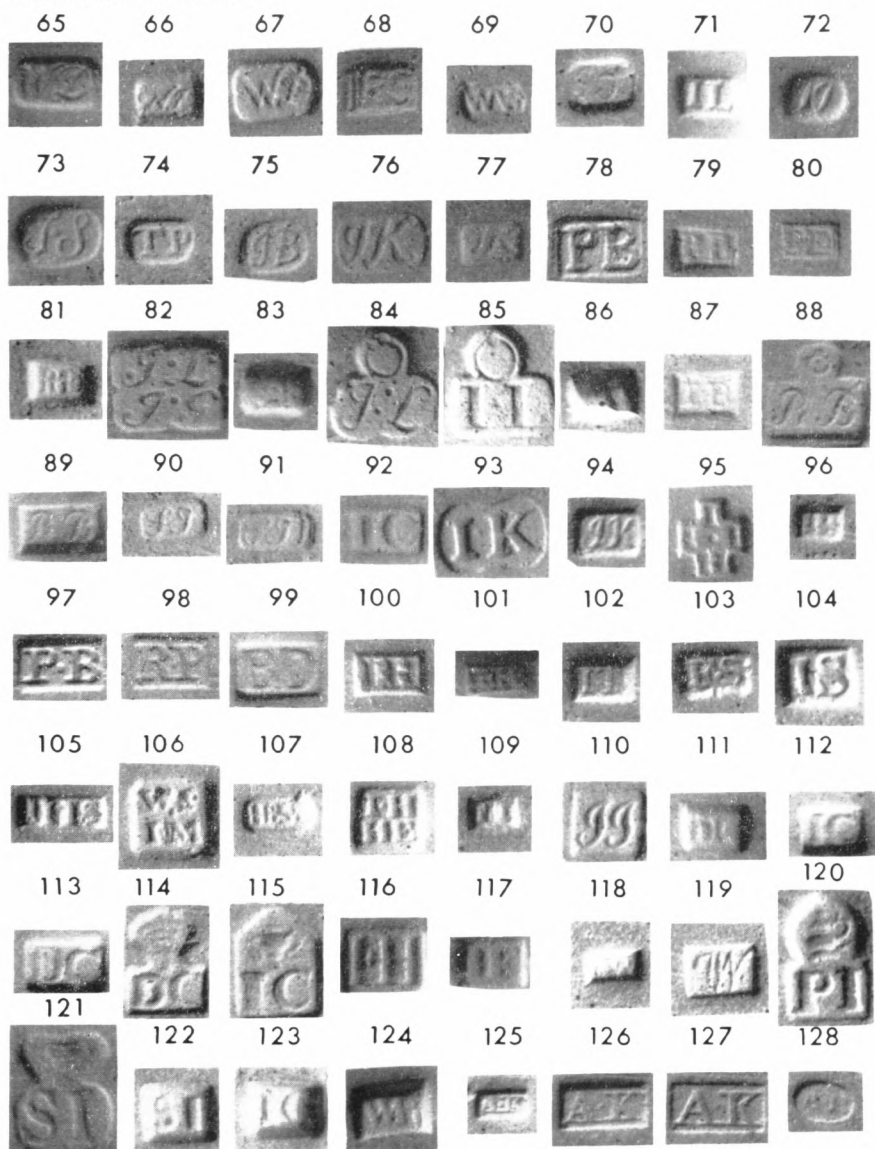
40. JAMES KIRKUP I or JOHN KIRKUP For James Kirkup I, see No. 23. John Kirkup was admitted 3rd May 1753, after the death of his father, paying £6. No apprenticeship. He died May 1784. Taylor says that he used his father's marks. See Nos. 76, 77, 93 and 94.
41. ISAAC COOKSON See Nos. 37 and 43.
42. GEORGE BULMAN See No. 35.
43. ISAAC COOKSON See Nos. 37 and 41.
44. ROBERT MAKEPEACE See Nos. 34 and 45.
45. Same as above but smaller punch.
46. J. BAMBRIDGE, of Durham or J. BARRETT, of Sunderland or JOHN BUSFIELD of York or JOSEPH BUCKLE of York. They were all having silver marked at Newcastle at this period. See No. 47.
47. Same as above, No. 46.
48. WM. BEILBY & J. BAMBRIDGE of Durham See No. 39.
49. A double strike, probably, THOMAS STODDART Apprenticed to Isaac Cookson, 1st September 1728. (Cookson was fined £5 for taking him, before he himself had been free for three years.) Admitted 4th May 1752. This is the last mention of him. See No. 70.
50. WILLIAM BEILBY of Durham. See No. 39.
51. Same as above, No. 50, but smaller punch.
52. WILLIAM WHITFIELD See No. 32.
53. Same but larger punch.
54. Same but even larger punch.
55. THOMAS REED of York? Attributed by Jackson, but the only Thomas Reed of York was admitted 1693. This mark would be struck c. 1750.
56. UNIDENTIFIED Very lightly struck.
57. ? WILKINSON of Sunderland *Mr. Wilkinson of Sunderland* is mentioned in the Minute Book and the Assay Book as having silver assayed 1747-1752. Jackson gives this as *John Wilkinson of Sheffield, probably*. I can find no evidence of this.
58. THOMAS BLACKETT Apprenticed to Robert Makepeace,

- 25th June 1732. Admitted ? On 11th August 1740 Isaac Cookson was fined £2 for employing him. On 3rd May 1742 George Bulman was fined £2 for employing him. He voted, as a member of the Company, at the Election in 1741, and also at the Election in 1777, where he is described as *of London*. He was a kinsman and godfather of Thomas Bewick, the Engraver.
59. W. BEILBY & J. BAMBRIDGE of Durham See Nos. 39 and 48.
60. F. MARTIN ? Jackson gives this as *F. Martin, probably*. A *Mr. Martin* paid for assaying 4th May 1741.
61. Same but a larger punch.
62. Same but an even larger punch.
63. GEORGE LAWS Apprenticed to George Bulman, 2nd March 1730/1. No further information of this man, but he is the only person with the initials G L in this period. It is *just* possible that this may be the same George Laws who was in partnership with John Walker c. 1797. See Nos. 191, 211 and 215.
64. STEPHEN BUCKLE of York Apprenticed to Isaac Cookson 27th April 1732. Son of Joseph Buckle of York. See No. 11. No evidence of his admission, but he voted as a member at the Election in 1741. Admitted to the freedom of York 1740, by patrimony. Chamberlain of that city 1748-1749. Last mention 1758.
65. WILLIAM DALTON See No. 38.
66. WILLIAM PARTIS See No. 19.
67. Same as above, No. 66, but a larger punch.
68. Badly struck. R. GILLSON or GIBSON of Sunderland. Jackson gives the name as Gibson c. 1750. Hodgson gives the name as Gibson c. 1750. Taylor gives the name as Gillson, and says that he had 16 ozs of buckles assayed in 1750.
69. WILLIAM WHITFIELD See Nos. 32, 3, 52, 53 and 54. or W. WILLIAMSON of Whitehaven. He entered his stamp 1749, and his name does not appear again.
70. THOMAS STODDART See No. 49.
71. JAMES LAMB of Whitehaven. He entered his stamp 1748, and his name does not appear again.

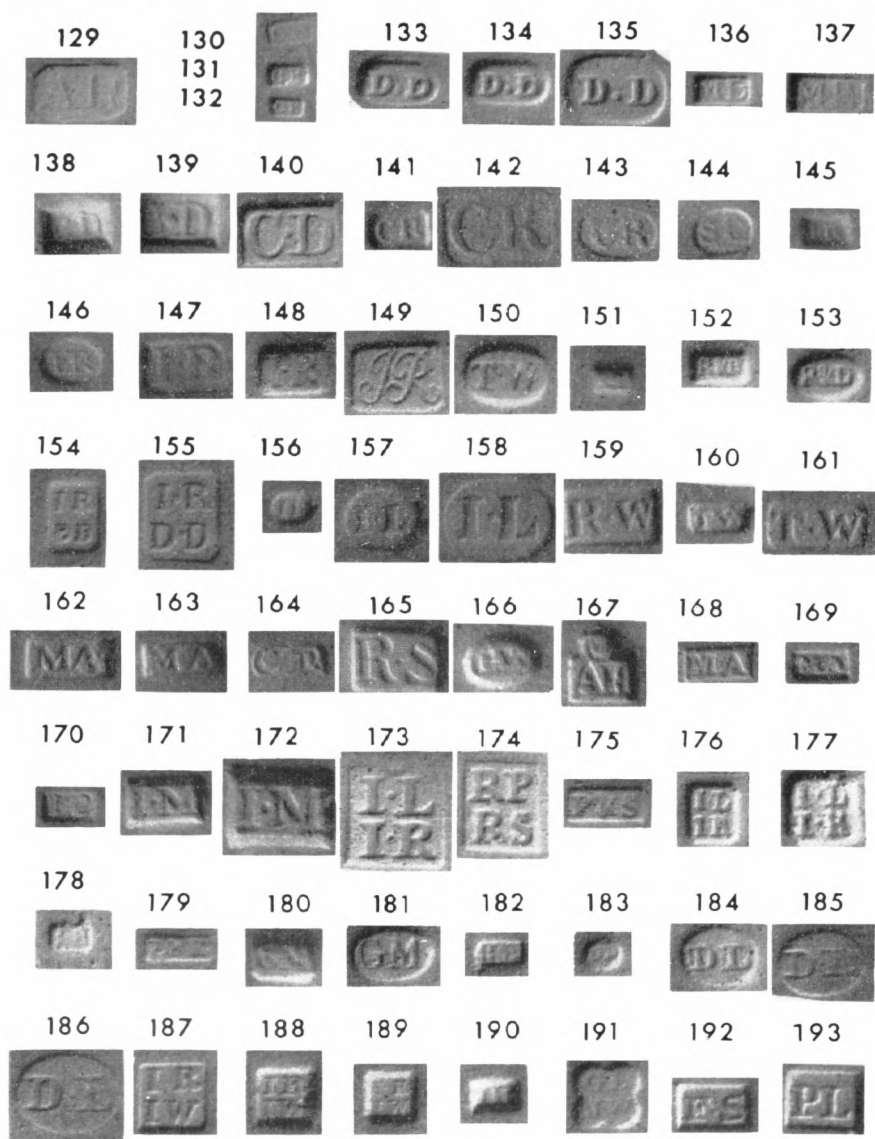
72. JOHN JOBSON Cripps says that he was trading at Newcastle 1773. Taylor says that he worked until 1776. A tankard exists with this mark and 1774 date. See No. 95.
73. THOMAS STODDART See Nos. 49 and 70.
74. THOMAS PARTIS II Traded at Sunderland. Entered his stamp 1751, and assayed small goods 1751-1753 (Taylor).
75. JOHN BARRETT of Sunderland. c. 1751 or JAMES BROCK of Whitehaven. c. 1749 or JOSEPH BUCKLE of York. (Died 1761.) See Nos. 11, 46 and 87.
76. JOHN KIRKUP II See Nos. 40, 93 and 94. This is *not* the same punch as No. 40.)
77. Same but a smaller punch.
78. PATRICK BEECH or BEATCH In 1778 he had a shop in the Side. Taylor says he was assaying small goods in 1777 and 1778. See No. 97.
79. Same as 78, but a smaller punch.
80. Same but a still smaller punch.
81. UNIDENTIFIED
82. JOHN LANGLANDS I & JOHN GOODRICK Both of these men were apprentices of Isaac Cookson, and worked as journey-men for him. On Cookson's death they set up in partnership (1754). JOHN LANGLANDS I Apprenticed to Isaac Cookson 2nd October 1731. Admitted 24th September 1754. Partnership with John Goodrich, 1754-1757. Partnership with John Robertson, 1778-1793. Died 10th April 1793. JOHN GOODRICK Apprenticed to Isaac Cookson 1st April 1743. Admitted 24th September 1754. Died April 1757.
83. Same as above, No. 82, but a very small, badly struck punch.
84. JOHN LANGLANDS I See Nos. 82 and 85.
85. Same as above, No. 84.
86. BLANK
87. JOHN BARRETT or JAMES BROCK or JOSEPH BUCKLE. See No. 75.
88. RALPH BEILBY (Jackson identifies this as Ralph Beilby, the son of William Beilby, of Durham. See No. 39.) Ralph Beilby was a very famous engraver—especially on glass—but I have found no evidence that he worked as a goldsmith.

89. Same as above, No. 88.
90. SAMUEL THOMPSON of Durham. Payment for assaying, 1745. He was alive in 1780 (death of a son).
91. Same as above, No. 90.
92. JAMES CRAWFORD Payment for assaying, 1763. Described in Whiteheads Newcastle Directories, in 1787 and 1790, as *Of the Side, Goldsmith & Jeweller*. Died May 1795.
93. JOHN KIRKUP II See No. 40.
94. Same as above, No. 93.
95. JAMES HETHERINGTON & JOHN JOBSON c. 1776/78. JAMES HETHERINGTON was in business alone 1772. In partnership with Henry Edwards, 1774. In partnership with John Jobson, 1776/8. He appears to have traded alone again 1781/2. See Nos. 96, 100 and 101. JOHN JOBSON was in business alone 1771/76. See Nos. 72, 105, 109 and 110.
96. JAMES HETHERINGTON See above No. 95.
97. PETER BEATCH (Taylor) More probably the PATRICK BEECH or BEACH who is mentioned as assaying small goods in 1777/8 (Hodgson). See No. 78.
98. ROBERT PINKNEY Apprenticed to John Langlands, 10th June 1767. Admitted 4th May 1778. Died 9th April 1825, aged 73. He was Sword-bearer to the Corporation of Newcastle 1793-1815. He was in partnership with Robert Scott until 1790. Traded alone until 1798, then turned the business over to David Darling. See Nos. 133 and 165.
99. BENJAMIN DRYDEN Taylor and Hodgson both say that he worked from 1778-1784, making buckles only.
100. JAMES HETHERINGTON See Nos. 95 and 96.
101. Same as above, No. 100, but this is a smaller punch, and the I is not like a J.
102. JOHN THOMPSON There are two references to baptisms of his daughter and son, 1779 and 1780 (St. Nicholas' Register). I have found no other reference to him. See No. 151.
103. FRANCIS SOMERVILLE I He had children baptised at St. Nicholas' 1771, 1775, 1777, 1780, 1782. (The youngest being Francis Somerville II. See No. 192.) Nothing else seems to be known about him.

104. JOHN STODDART Admitted 25th May 1775, by patrimony, so he was probably a son of Thomas Stoddart. (See Nos. 49, 70 and 73). In 1795 he was elected a Sergeant at Mace, in place of Thomas Gill. Died 30th December 1798.
105. Probably JOHN JOBSON & JOHN STODDART c. 1775. The period is correct for them both, but I have found no mention of any partnership.
106. WILLIAM STALKER & JOHN MITCHINSON WILLIAM STALKER Apprenticed to John Langlands, 1st January 1766. Admitted 3rd May 1774. Last mention 1780. JOHN MITCHINSON Apprenticed to John Kirkup, 22nd September 1763. Admitted 3rd May 1774. Died May 1792, aged 42. See Nos. 171 and 172.
107. JAMES HETHERINGTON & HENRY EDWARDS JAMES HETHERINGTON See Nos. 95, 100 and 101. HENRY EDWARDS was never a member of the Goldsmiths Company. They were in partnership in 1774.
108. Same as above No. 107.
109. JOHN JOBSON See Nos. 72, 109 and 110.
110. Same as No. 109.
111. DAVID CRAWFORD His work has been traced from 1768-1784 (Cripps). In 1769 he paid for assaying. In 1778 he had a shop in the Side. He had children baptised at Hanover Square Chapel in 1781, 1783, 1785 and 1787. See Nos. 113 and 114.
112. JAMES CRAWFORD See Nos. 92, 115 and 123.
113. DAVID CRAWFORD As above, No. 111.
114. As above, Nos. 111 and 113.
115. JAMES CRAWFORD See Nos. 92, 112 and 123.
116. JAMES HETHERINGTON See No. 95—with Jobson. See Nos. 96, 98, 100 and 116.
117. JOHN FEARNEY of Sunderland c. 1766-1773.
118. JOHN WALKER Apprenticed to John Mitcheson, 2nd May 1776.
119. Same as No. 118.
120. PETER JAMES c. 1765-1771. Buried 24th February 1771 (St. Nicholas).



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121. SAMUEL JAMES c. 1763-1774. Buried 11th December 1774 (St. Andrews).
122. Same as No. 121.
123. JAMES CRAWFORD See Nos. 92, 112 and 114.
124. WILLIAM POLLOCK Buried 19th January 1800, aged 22. (St. Nicholas).
125. ALEXANDER KELTY or KELTRY c. 1800.
126. Same as No. 125 but a larger punch.
127. Same as Nos. 125 and 126 but a still larger punch.
128. ANN ROBERTSON c. 1801-1808. She may have been the widow of John Robertson, partner of John Langlands, 1778-1795.
129. Same as No. 128 but a larger punch.
130. Three graduated small punch marks. CHRISTIAN REID
131. or CHRISTOPHER REED. CHRISTIAN KER REID
132. Came to Newcastle from Edinburgh in 1778, to work for John Langlands, with the prospect of a partnership. Langlands took John Robertson into partnership, so Reid set up in business founding the firm of Reid & Sons. He was never a member of the Company. Died 18th September 1834. See Nos. 141, 142 and 143. CHRISTOPHER REED 1783, *January 21st, Margaret, wife of Christopher Reed, silversmith, buried.* (St. Nicholas' Registers.) 1784, *April 17th, Mary, daughter of Christopher Reed, silversmith, buried.* (Ibid.) Hodgson states that a tablespoon by Christopher Reed was exhibited at the Blackgate Exhibition, 1897, but the Catalogue attributed the piece (No. 378) to *Christian Reed*.
133. DAVID DARLING Hodgson says that he entered into partnership with John Langlands II in July 1795. This cannot be correct. On 11th July 1795 he entered into partnership with John Robertson I, which lasted for three years. In the Newcastle Courant for 28th August 1798 he gave notice that he had taken over the business of Robert Pinkney, in the Side.
134. Same as No. 133 (same Punch).
135. Same as No. 133 (larger Punch).
136. UNIDENTIFIED
137. UNIDENTIFIED The punches are small—137 being the larger—and both are very lightly struck.
138. CHRISTOPHER DINSDALE Son of Cuthbert Dinsdale, of Walker on Tyne. Apprenticed to Robert Pinkney, 1st March

1788. Admitted 16th March 1818. He traded in Sunderland until c. 1830. He had two sons admitted, James K., December 6th 1831 and Cuthbert, December 21st 1837. See No. 237, which Taylor gives wrongly as the mark of the son, Cuthbert.
139. Same as No. 138.
140. Same as No. 138 and 139.
141. CHRISTIAN REID
142. Same. See Nos. 130, 131 and 132.
143. Same.
144. SARAH CRAWFORD Name given by Jackson. No other details.
145. JOHN ROBERTSON I Probably came from Peebles. He was never a member of the Company. Partner of John Langlands I, 1778-1795. Partner of David Darling, 1795-1798. Then traded alone until c. 1801.
146. Same as No. 145.
147. Same.
148. Same.
149. Same.
150. THOMAS WATSON Apprenticed to William Stalker, 1st January 1783. Admitted 4th February 1793. Died 24th December 1845, aged 78.
151. JOHN THOMPSON A very small punch. See No. 102.
152. JOHN ROBERTSON I & DAVID DARLING 1795-1798.
153. Same.
154. Same. See Nos. 145-149 and Nos. 133-135.
155. Same.
156. JOHN LANGLANDS II Son of John Langlands I. Admitted by patrimony, 24th December 1793. (After his father's death, his mother carried on the Langlands and Robertson partnership. This was dissolved 10th June 1795.) On 11th July 1795 Langlands gave notice that he intended to carry on the business on his own account in Dean Street. Died 9th May 1804, aged 31.
157. Same as above.
158. Same.
159. ROBERT WILSON Traded in 1794/1795 as a maker of Spoons (Taylor).

- 160. THOMAS WATSON
- 161. Same. See No. 150.
- 162. MARY ASHWORTH of Durham 1787-1798.
- 163. or MERCY ASHWORTH of Durham 1799-1800. These are probably the same person.
- 164. CHRISTIAN REID See Nos. 130, 141, 142 and 143.
- 165. ROBERT SCOTT Apprenticed to John Langlands. 10th October 1760. Admitted 3rd May 1781. Was in partnership with Robert Pinkney c. 1778-1790, in the Side. On the dissolution he commenced business on his own account in Dean Street. Died 23 April 1793.
- 166. GEORGE WEDDELL In 1790 he had a shop in Mosley Street. (Newcastle Directory.) Died 30th January 1796.
- 167. ANTHONY HEDLEY Apprenticed 1st October 1770 to John Langlands. Was described as *of York*, when he voted at Newcastle in 1780. Married at St. Nicholas 1789. Latest mention 1800 (Jackson).
- 168. MARY ASHWORTH of Durham
- 169. Same. See Nos. 162 and 163.
- 170. JAMES CRAWFORD See Nos. 92, 112 and 115.
- 171. JOHN MITCHISON
- 172. Same. See No. 106 where he is in partnership with William Stalker.
- 173. JOHN LANGLANDS & JOHN ROBERTSON I 1778-1793/5. See Nos. 71 and 145.
- 174. ROBERT PINKNEY & ROBERT SCOTT II
- 175. Same. See Nos. 98 and 165.
- 176. LANGLANDS & ROBERTSON 1778-1795.
- 177. Same.
- 178. Same. See Nos. 71, 145 and 173
- 179. Same.
- 180. GEORGE MURRAY
- 181. Same. This name—no details—given by Jackson. This name c. 1805/8 given by Taylor.
- 182. HUGH BRECHINRIDGE This name—no details—given by Jackson. This name c. 1800 given by Taylor.

183. DOROTHY LANGLANDS
 184. Same. Widow of John Langlands II.
 185. Same. She carried on the business 1804-1814.
 186. Died 29th March 1845, aged 76.
 187. JOHN ROBERTSON & JOHN WALTON c. 1811-? John Robertson, son of John Robertson I. Apprenticed to Thomas Watson, 11th March 1799. John Walton was a working goldsmith who carried on business in Painterheugh, mentioned in Newcastle Directory 1827.
 188. Same as No. 187.
 189. Same.
 190. JOHN ROBERTSON II See No. 187.
 191. GEORGE LAWS II & JOHN WALKER c. 1797—? GEORGE LAWS II. No details of this man are known. If he was the same person as George Laws I (see No. 63) he must have been more than 80 years old in 1797. JOHN WALKER. Apprenticed to John Mitchson, 2nd May 1776. See Nos. 118 and 119.
 192. FRANCIS SOMERVILLE II Son of Francis Somerville I, born October 1782. Apprenticed to Thomas Watson, 20th February 1799. Admitted 1st August 1815. Name appears in the Newcastle Directory 1727, trading at 5 Collingwood Street. Last noted 1754.
 193. PETER LAMBERT of Berwick
 194. Same. This name is given by Taylor. No details.
 195. Same.
 196. DARLING & BELL c. 1808/9.
 197. Same. Both Jackson and Taylor give the mark No. 196 as:



It is



No details of either, but they could be David Darling (See Nos. 133/5) and James Bell (See No. 232) although I have found no evidence of a partnership.

198. JOHN BROWN This name is given by Taylor. No details.
 199. REID & SON c. 1819-
 200. Same.

201. Same. CHRISTIAN K. REID & DAVID REID. Mark No. 199 is badly struck. It should be noted that neither Christian Ker Reid nor his son David Reid were ever admitted to the Company, but these are the longest established marks (Reid & Sons) of the Newcastle Office. The business is still flourishing today (1968).
202. THOMAS HUNTINGTON Name given by Taylor. No details.
203. PETER LAMBERT of Berwick. See Nos. 193-195.
204. JOHN WALTON
205. Same. See No. 187.
206. WILLIAM LISTER 1833/4—? Name given by Taylor. No details.
207. JAMES HAMILTON Name given by Taylor. No details.
208. CHRISTIAN REID & DAVID REID
209. Same.
210. Same. See Nos. 199/201, 208/10 and 231.
211. GEORGE LAWS & JOHN WALKER c. 1797- See Nos. 191, 211, 215 and 217/8.
212. JOHN BROWN
213. Same.
214. Same. See No. 198.
215. GEORGE LAWS & JOHN WALKER See Nos. 191, 211, 215 and 217/8.
216. WILLIAM SHERWIN This name is given by Taylor. No details or WILLIAM SHIELD Apprenticed to John Mitchinson 20th July 1787.
217. GEORGE SAMUEL LEWIS
218. Same. This name is given by both Jackson and Taylor with no details. N.B. This mark could be George Laws (No. 191 etc.), but I have found no evidence that he was ever in business alone at this period.
219. UNIDENTIFIED c. 1800/1810. This may be the mark of Robert Oswald of Durham. See No. 292.
220. JOSEPH WATSON Apprenticed to Thomas Watson, 11th November 1794. Admitted 3rd May 1809.

221. CHRISTIAN REID & DAVID REID

222. Same. See Nos. 199/201 and 208/10.

223. JOHN DEAS

224. Same. This name is given by Taylor. No details. Jackson queries it but gives no reason.

225. THOMAS WATSON

226. Same. See Nos. 150, 160 and 161.

227. Same.

228. THOMAS ROBINSON Apprenticed to Robert Scott 11th November 1791. On Scott's death he was turned over to Thomas Watson, 3rd May 1793. Admitted 6th December 1831, on the same day as his son, Thomas Robinson, Junior.

229. ALEXANDER CAMERON of Dundee

230. Same. Marks noted at Dundee, c. 1818. Marks noted at Newcastle, c. 1805/6. Last noted at Dundee 1847.

231. CHRISTIAN & DAVID REID See Nos. 199/201 and 208/10.

232. JAMES BELL This name is given by Taylor. No details. He could be the I B of No. 196, in partnership with David Darling. See Nos. 196/7.

233. JAMES DINSDALE Probably of Sunderland. Name given by Taylor. No details. See Nos. 237 and 244.

234. JOHN WRIGHT

235. Same. Name given by Taylor. No details. See Nos. 254/6.

236. L. PEDROINE or PEDRINE of Carlisle The former spelling given by Taylor. No details. The second spelling given by Jackson. No details.

237. CHRISTOPHER DINSDALE of Sunderland See Nos. 138/40. He traded until c. 1830/31. He had two sons admitted—by patrimony: JAMES K. Admitted 6th December 1831. See Nos. 233 and 244. CUTHBERT Admitted 21st December 1837. See Nos. 249/51. Taylor gives this as Cuthbert's mark, but it is too early to be his.

238. JOHN COOK Name given by Taylor. No details.

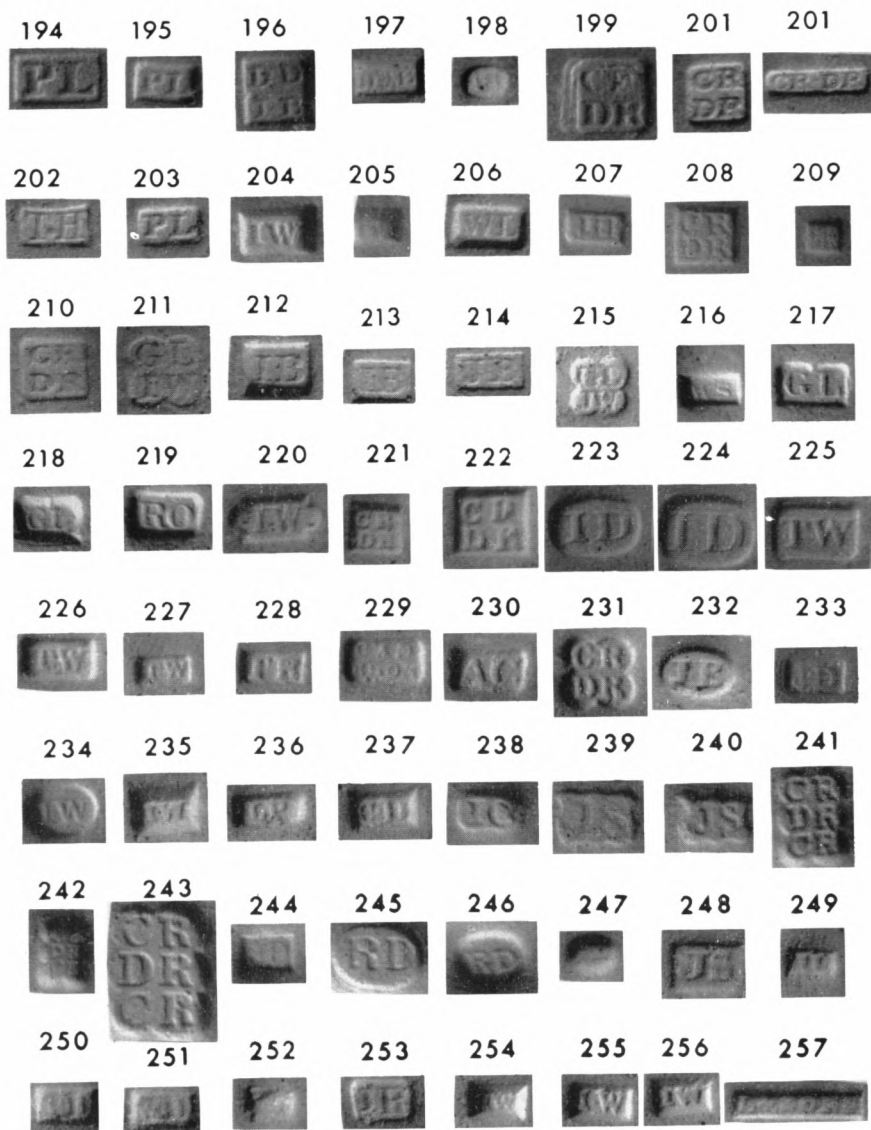
239. JOHN SUTTER

240. Same. Name given by Taylor. No details. See No. 248.

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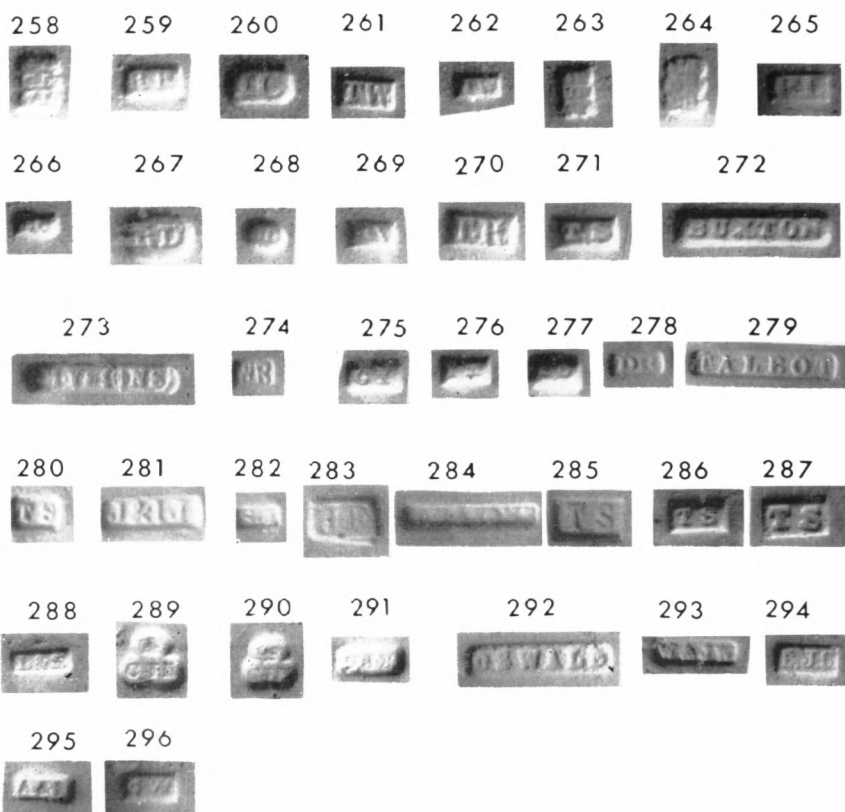
242. 1. Christian Ker Reid. Father. See No. 199.
2. David Reid. Son. See No. 199.
243. 3. Christian Bruce Reid. Grandson, apprenticed to Andrew Morrison. Admitted 3rd May 1832: the first member of this family to be admitted.
244. JAMES DINSDALE See No. 233.
245. R. DUNCAN of Carlisle
246. Same. Name given by Taylor. No details.
247. Same.
248. JOHN SUTTER See No. 239.
249. 250. 251. All badly struck. CUTHBERT DINSDALE Son of Christopher Dinsdale, Nos. 138/40 and 237.
252. AN ARTIFACT. NO LETTERS.
253. JOHN RAY of Carlisle Name given by Taylor. No details.
254. JOHN WRIGHT
255. Same. Name given by Taylor. No details.
256. Same. Jackson gives 1839/40 as date. See Nos. 234/5.
257. LISTER & SONS 1838/9
258. Same.
259. ROBERT RIPPON Name given by Taylor. No details.
260. JOHN COOK Name given by Taylor. No details. See No. 238.
261. THOMAS WHEATLEY of Carlisle
262. Same. Name given by Taylor. No details.
263. REID & SONS
264. Same. See No. 241.
265. PETER LAMBERT of Berwick (?) See Nos. 193 and 203.
266. R. DUNCAN of Carlisle
267. Same. Name given by Taylor. No details.
268. Same. See Nos. 245/7.
269. THOMAS ROSS of Carlisle
270. Same. Name given by Jackson. No details.
271. THOMAS SEWELL Name given by Jackson and Taylor. No details. Apprenticed to Thomas Watson. Admitted 2nd February 1846. See No. 280.

272. WILLIAM BUXTON of Bishop Auckland Name given by Jackson and Taylor. No details.
273. M. YOUNG & SONS Name given by Jackson and Taylor. No details.
274. UNIDENTIFIED *c. 1850*
275. OLIVER YOUNG Name given by Jackson and Taylor. No details.
276. JOHN MILLAR Apprenticed to Thomas Watson. Admitted 6th December 1831. Name given by Jackson and Taylor. No details.
277. UNIDENTIFIED *c. 1850*. Both Jackson and Taylor give this as E O. (Unidentified). It is E. D.
278. DAVID REID Name given by Jackson and Taylor. No details.
279. A. Y. TALBOT of Crook, Darlington Name given by Jackson and Taylor. No details. (It is difficult to reconcile this address. Crook and Darlington are towns in County Durham nearly twenty miles apart. If Talbot had shops in both towns, it would be expected that Darlington as the more important would be mentioned first.)
280. THOMAS SEWELL See No. 271.
281. JOSEPH & ISRAEL JACOBS Name given by Jackson and Taylor. No details.
282. SIMEON JOEL The mark is S I. Both Jackson and Taylor give it as S J. No details.
283. JAMES FOSTER Name given by Jackson and Taylor. No details.
284. WILLIAM WILSON & SONS Name given by Jackson and Taylor. No details.
285. THOMAS SEWELL II
286. Same. Son of Thomas Sewell I. See No. 271.
287. Same. Admitted by patrimony, 4th May 1868.
288. LISTER & SONS See Nos. 257/8.
289. CHRISTIAN JOHN REID
290. Same. Apprenticed to C. B. Reid.



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291. Same. Admitted 15th August 1844.
292. ROBERT OSWALD of Durham Name given by Taylor. No details.
293. WILLIAM & JOHN WILSON or WILLISON Jackson gives the former spelling; Taylor the latter. Neither give any details.
294. UNIDENTIFIED c. 1850.
295. ALDER & SONS of Blyth Name given by Jackson and Taylor. No details. The firm of Alder & Sons of Blyth were printers ("Alder's Comic Almanack" etc.). They had a shop attached to their workshop, near the Quayside, where they sold shipping charts and navigation instruments—sextants etc.—which were often silver mounted. They never worked as Silversmiths.
296. JOHN WHITE Name given by Jackson and Taylor. No details.

UNIDENTIFIED

- No.
16. No Letters. c. 1710.
25. No Letters. c. 1720.
56. Very lightly struck. c. 1750.
81. c. 1780.
86. No Letters. c. 1755.
136. c. 1800.
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