

Antique or Junque: Inheriting the family dogs

by Anne McCollam

Q: This pair of ceramic dogs belonged to my great-grandmother. She brought them with her when she immigrated to the United States from Scotland over 100 years ago. Each stands approximately 9 inches tall and neither one has any identifying marks. They are decorated with gold paint, and have yellow eyes and black muzzles.

STAFFORDSHIRE SPANIELS - These Staffordshire spaniels were made in the late 1800s and would probably be worth from \$300 to \$500. CNS Photo. KNOWLES, TAYLOR & KNOWLES MARK - Knowles, Taylor and Knowles made fine china in East Liverpool, Ohio, from 1890 to 1929. CNS Illustration. I would appreciate any information you can provide.

A: You have a pair of Staffordshire spaniels. They were made in England in the 1800s and are usually not marked by the manufacturer. As a rule, pairs were made to face one another and were most often placed on mantles. The gold color on the patches, ears, tails, chains, and padlocked collars was actually copper-luster. Your late 1800s spaniels would probably be worth \$300 to \$500.

Q: Enclosed is the mark that is on a set of porcelain dishes that I have. The set belonged to my mother for many years. Although it originally was a service for 12, some pieces are missing. The 87 dishes that are left are in very good condition. Each dish is decorated with gold trim against a white background.

Could you please provide us with any information on the history of this set and its value?

A: Knowles, Taylor and Knowles used the mark you provided. They made fine china in East Liverpool, Ohio, from 1890 to 1929. Beginning around 1900 they started producing restaurant ware as well.

Your dishes were made around 1900 and the set would probably be worth \$300 to \$500.

Q: I just bought a service for eight set of silver plate flatware with the original case at an antiques mall and paid \$55. I already had a set and had been looking for another one so I would have enough for 16 people. Also I plan to eventually give a set to each one of my daughters. Marked on the back of each piece are the words "Holmes and Edwards - Inlaid - IS." The pattern is "Lovely Lady."

What can you tell me about my flatware?

A: Holmes and Edwards Silver Co. made your silver plate flatware. The firm was founded by George C. Edwards and Israel Holmes in Bridgeport, Conn., in 1882. They made sterling silver in addition to silver plate. In 1898 the company was purchased by International Silver Company. The term inlaid means areas that were expected to receive the most wear were reinforced with additional silver. "IS" represents International Silver Company. The "Lovely Lady" pattern was introduced in 1937. It continued to be a popular pattern into the late 1940s and 1950s.

As a rule, good silver plated flatware sets can be seen in the \$55 to \$150 range in antiques shops. You found a good buy!

Q: Recently I purchased a set of four glass nesting bowls at an antiques shop. Two are decorated with white leaves and berries against a pink background and the other two are the reverse colors of the pattern. Each dish has a pouring spout on each end. They are marked "Pyrex."

Any information you can provide will be appreciated.

A: Pyrex Glass Co., located in Corning, N.Y., made your bowls. Your set is a mixing bowl set, the shape is

"Cinderella" and the pattern is "Gooseberry." The pattern was introduced in 1957 and included the mixing bowls, store and serve bake round covered dishes, oval bake dishes, and three piece refrigerator sets. "Gooseberry" pattern was available in several colors.

The nesting mixing bowls set would probably be worth \$75.

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