## Thank you Mrs Waterhouse

Elizabeth Waterhouse (1834-1918) gets a brief mention at the end of *The Artist* article (1899) "Some Beautiful English Pottery" on Wileman's ranges: "Designs have also been supplied by Mrs. Waterhouse" (and a list of others).

Born as daughter of John Hodgkin, she became the wife of the architect Alfred Waterhouse (1830-1905), whose buildings include the Natural History Museum in London. Figure 1 is her at the National Portrait Gallery.

They lived in Yattendon, Berkshire and were noted for a particular decoration in brass. She ran a village workshop where she designed and others learned how to create the effect (example figure 2 from The Studio, July 1899).

## Contribution to Wileman

A shape of vase that ended up being made in six sizes (6 inch to 24 inch) and being used in Urbato (five patterns on four sizes) and Intarsio (eight patterns on six sizes). 18 illustrations follow.

Here is their version of that shape Did she only provide a shape? Or patterns as well? Compare the second Yattendon example (figure 3) with the pattern for Urbato 1057 (figure 4)









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