

Auction Report

A large amount of Wileman and Shelley pieces came up for auction in the Potteries Auctions Fine Art Sale, which was held on the 11th to 13th July and Lacy Scott and Knight, Home Interiors Auction, which was held on the 27th July. A total of eighty-Seven lots of Wileman and Shelley went through the Potteries Auction on Friday 12th with only three lots unsold. On Saturday 27th July, at Lacy Scott and Knight a total of forty-two lots were sold. All prices are the hammer price.

Starting with the Potteries Auctions sale, a good selection of Intarsio as well as Wileman and Shelley tea ware came under the hammer. The Intarsio brought reasonable prices, the highest price being £600 for a 16cm plaque, pattern number 3071.

A few of the outstanding prices achieved for tea ware were:

- A Queen Anne tea and dinner set (42 pieces) in Blue Iris sold for £1,100. A really good price for one of the more common patterns in the Queen Anne range.
- A Queen Anne tea set (24 pieces) including teapot and stand in Sunrise and Tall Trees sold for £620.
- A Wileman 21 -piece tea set with teapot and additional breakfast cup and saucer, pattern number 6888, Japan Blue, sold for £980.
- A Dainty Floral handle 21-piece tea set with teapot, pattern number 11939/22 with some damage noted to pieces, sold for £1,150.

A selection of pieces and descriptions from the same sale are shown below.

A Wileman St Cecilia vase pattern number 3024 with St Cecilia playing a portative organ, some restoration to the small handles. Sold for £320. A few years ago, this vase used to sell for considerably more.



A Wileman 21cm plaque, pattern number 3070. A young girl waking up to centre of plaque with bird motifs to shoulder, sold for £420.

A Wileman two handled lidded bowl decorated with the King and Queen of Hearts pattern number 3162, sold for €480. (This bowl rarely found with its frog intact)





A Wileman 16cm plaque, pattern number 3071. Moonlight scene with clouds and trees, honesty flower design to shoulder, sold for £600.

A Wileman Whisky jug, pattern number 3589, showing a Beefeater and a Knocker-Upper. Produced for Watsons Scotch Whisky, sold for £440.



A Wileman New York shape teapot, with a hand painted design of Dutch children, initialled M.H. sold for £200. These initials have been seen on other Wileman pieces.

A Wileman 21 piece tea set and teapot in the Empire shape, with a Gainsborough shape breakfast cup and saucer, all in pattern number 6888, Japan Blue pattern, sold for £980. (A very good price for a 21-piece and teapot set.)



A Wileman Dainty teapot covered muffin dish, trefoil tray and four 5cm round plates, pattern number 5875. Pink and Green shading, gold handles, sold for £280.

A Shelley Queen Anne teapot and stand, hot water jug and stand, trio and insulated hot water jug (juggo), pattern number 11326, sold for £320.



A Shelley Dainty Floral Handle 21 piece tea set and teapot, pattern number 11939/22 sold for £1150. (Some damage noted to pieces - whilst a very rare set, a very high price paid).

A Wileman Cabaret set, pattern number 6027, consisting of cabaret tray, coffee pot, five cups and saucers, milk jug and sugar bowl, sold for £500.



At Lacy Scott and Knight, a varied selection of Wileman and Shelley was up for sale. A selection of pieces and descriptions from the sale are shown.

From checking the website after the sale, several bargains had been snapped up. Whether this was due to the description of the lots, we cannot be sure.



Perhaps the best one was an Intarsio biscuit barrel, (the auction house listed it as a tobacco jar) pattern number 3309, showing three men smoking. The condition report stated: Crazed throughout, slight wear to decoration otherwise O.K, sold for £20.00. A bargain even if crazed.

Several boxes of Shelley trios sold for between £10.00 and £40.00

A Wileman collection of eight trio's, one with a bread-and-butter plate, along with an odd cup and sold, sold for £300.



A Wileman collection of seven trios, three cups and saucers and two bread-and-butter plates mostly in the Japan pattern, sold for £270.

A Wileman collection of Imari decorated tea ware, various shapes, including comports, sold for £290.





A Shelley Melody tea set plus two additional cups and saucers, pattern number 13453, sold for £220.

A Shelley Walter Slater Lustred Carp design pedestal comport, (Tazza) crazed throughout, hairline to one leg. Sold for £110.



A selection of five Shelley trio's, one cup and saucer, milk jug and a Mocha can, various shapes and patterns sold for £20.

All the above prices are before commission has been added. The Potteries Auction charge 25% + VAT and Lacy Scott and Knight charge 22.5% + VAT. There is an additional percentage added for internet bidding, dependant on which platform the bidder uses.