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### The North West (Fig. 6,NW)

Much more field study of pipes in this area is required particularly as the documentation of the centres at Chester, Liverpool and Manchester is reasonably good.

The small pipes of the first half of the 17th century from the Chester area (Fig. 6,NW, nos 1-3) are not very different from those of the same date from London but since there are a number signed NE and SE they are probably local. They are more poorly made than London pipes with the bowl of the pipe often leaning to the left or right of the axis of the stem, like the early pipes of local make at Plymouth<sup>12</sup>. A more distinctive shape develops with the pipes of Edward Evans (a daughter was bapt. 1646) and Alexander Lancton (witness to a marriage 1657) (Fig. 6,NW, nos 4-7). Of these, the latest are probably nos 5 and 7, since they closely resemble pipes of the Riggs family working in Newcastle under Lyme in 1649-81. The spurred pipes nos 8 and 9 carry marks on the back of the bowl. Marks with the horseshoe border (no. 8) are found over the whole of the North into Scotland and Ireland and occasionally in London. Apart from pipes with decorated stems, distinguishing factors for this area appear to be lacking after c.1680 (but see double marks, below).

FIGURE 6: The North West (NW)

- 1,2,3 All Chester Mus. Stamps in relief. c.1610-40. There are numbers of these pipes in the area and while they are basically London shape they are by comparison inferior in make.
- 4,5,6 All Chester Mus. Stamps in relief. By Alexander Lancton, witness to a marriage 1657. 6 Examples of no.4. 1640-60. Note the elongation of the bowl a characteristic of Broseley at this period.
7. Chester Mus. Mark in relief on back of bowl. Evans baptised a daughter in 1646. There is a similar pipe from Broseley.
8. Carrickfergus. Relief on back of bowl. Similar from Chester and Meols. c.1640-60.
9. Chester Mus. Butley Green, Prestbury, Meols, and a mark similar in style to no.8 from Belfast. c.1650-70.

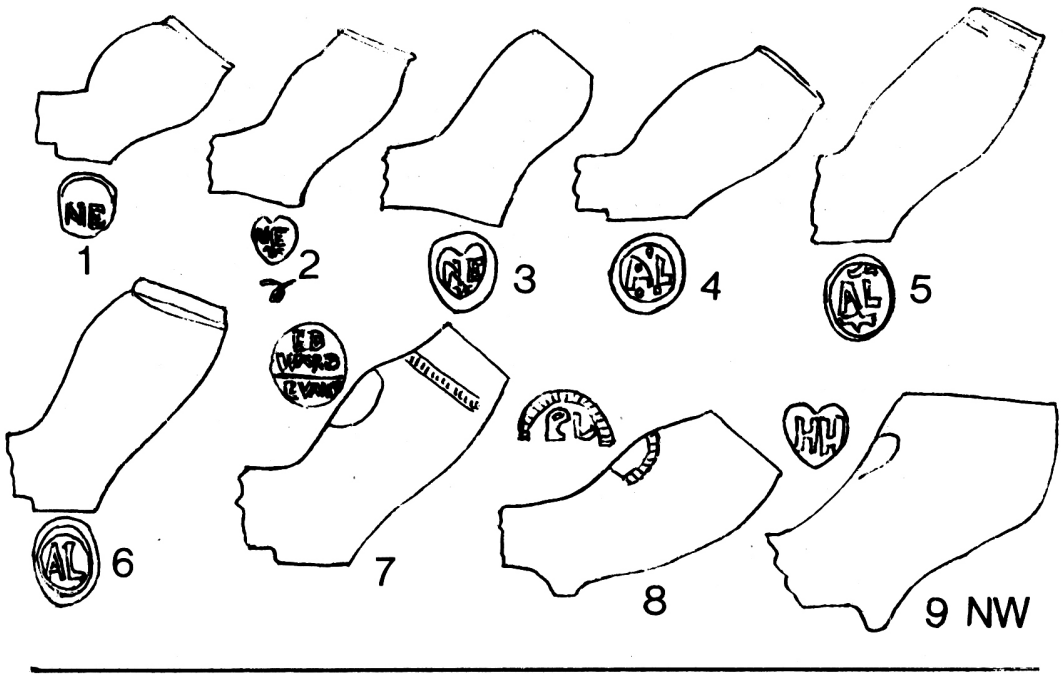


Fig. 6, NW: The North West. M: Midlands and Northern Home Counties