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## CHESTER BOWL FORM TYPOLOGY (figs. 76 to 83)

The earliest clay pipes made in Chester probably date from between 1620 and 1640 and consist of finely-made, flat-based bowls, modelled on London types (fig. 76). By the 1640s spurred forms have begun to appear and although diminishing in variety become dominant in the second half of the 17th century. Up to this point the majority of pipes are milled around the rim and burnished. Flat based bowls continue throughout the century but dwindle in numbers between 1660 and 1690. At this point, however, enlarged versions of certain bowls appear alongside and sometimes impressed with the same stamps as the smaller types (e.g. fig. 77, nos. 34, 37 & 38). Larger spurred forms also occur and these gradually evolve into the early 18th century shapes (e.g. fig. 80, no. 64 to 69). During the latter part of the century there is a parallel development which is probably inspired by contemporary Broseley styles, although the influence does not appear to have lasted long (fig. 78).

Marking on pipes made in Chester before 1690 is rare. Even though 25 makers are documented before 1700, the products of only three can be confidently recognised (Edward Evans, Alexander Lanckton and Elias Mæsse). The earliest known stem stamps are probably contemporary with Bowl Form 45 (fig. 78) as the mark on the base on one of them has also been found in composite lozenge designs (fig. 32, Bowl Stamp 18). One particular feature of Chester pipes at this time is the number of bases occurring with more than one type of foot, whether plain, flat, decorated or spurred (e.g. fig. 80, nos. 69, 71 and 72). Burnishing seems to end by 1720. Form 91 appears to be the last to be finished in this way (fig. 82). Although the stem decoration continues until around 1790, there is a marked decline in standards after 1740/50. The forms become cruder and, with the exception of a brief resurgence at the beginning of the 19th century (e.g. fig. 83, no. 100), the quality of Chester products deteriorates.

The Bowl Form Typology presented here is based on examples considered to be of Chester manufacture within the overall structure provided by the excavated groups (I-XV), while the detailed order has been assumed. The relationship between form and excavated evidence is shown in Diagram 8 below.



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Diagram no. 8

Bowl Forms

	1/2	7		28	31	38																						Pottery	Stem Bore					
	4/5	6	8	9	10	16	17	21	25	30	36	46	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	60	61	62	65	68	69	72	74	75	76			
II	*	*	*			*		*																								1610-50	1649	
III		*			*					*				*																			1640-60	1661
V									*		*			*	*		*	*	*	*		*	*										1650-70	1664
VI											*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*										1650-80	1670
VII															*				*			*	*										1660-80	1660
VIII																*										*	*						1660-90	1668
IX			*														*								*		*	*	*	*			1690-1720	1711

17th Century Groups and Associated Bowl Forms

	9	56	65	69	72	74	75	76	77	79	81	82	83	84	85	86	88	90	91	92	93	94	96	97	99	100	101	103	104	107								
IX	*		*	*	*	*	*			*			*	*	*																						1690-1720	1711
X				*		*	*	*				*	*	*								*															1710-30	1733
XI											*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*															1710-40	1728
XII		*																	*		*	*	*													1667-1770	1757	
XIII															*									*	*	*										1750-90	1739	
XIV																										*	*		*							1810-40	1759	
XV																												*		*						1830-50	1748	

18th Century Groups and Associated Bowl Forms

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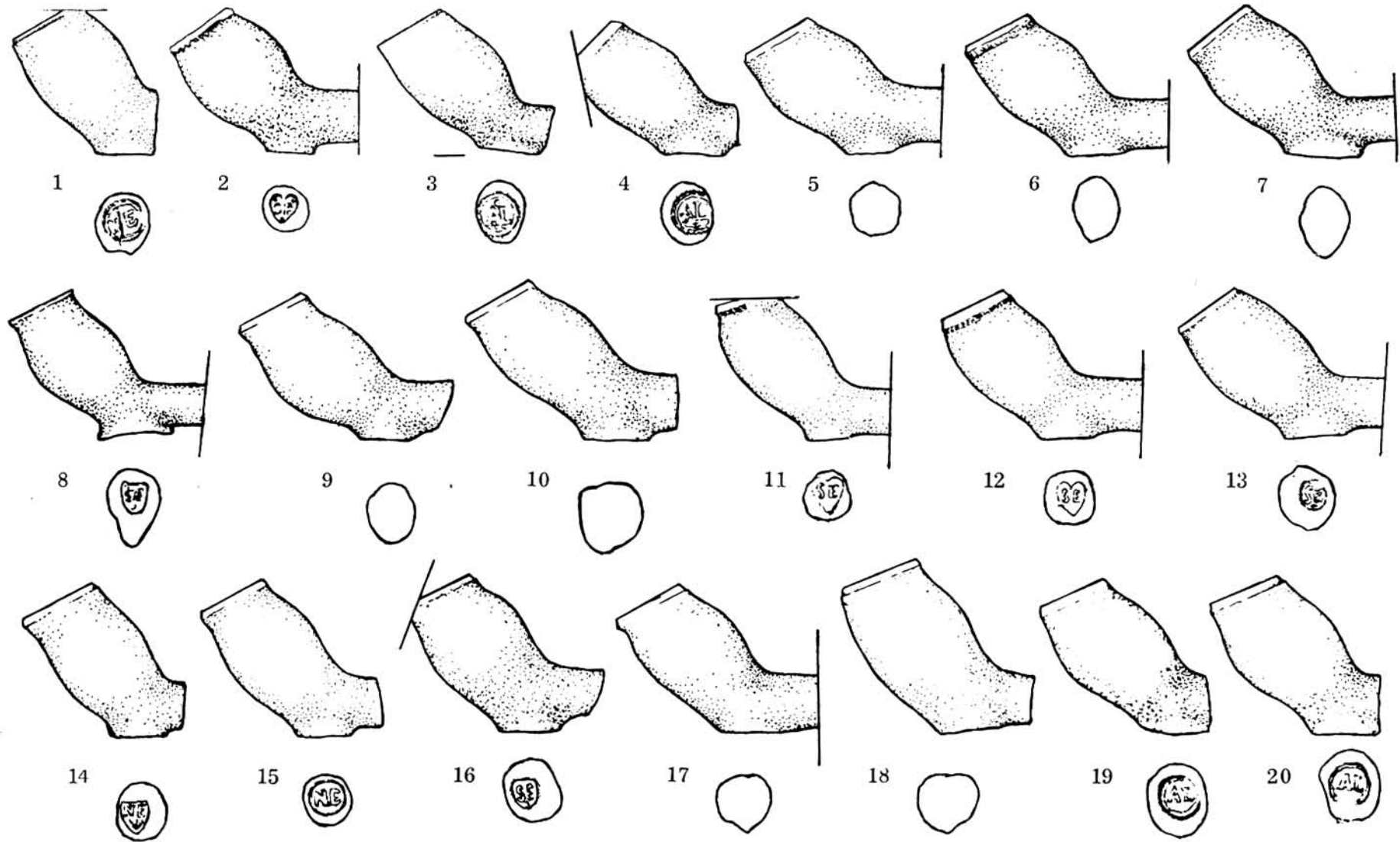


Fig. 76 Chester Bowl Form Typology, nos. 1-20 (c. 1630-c. 1650)



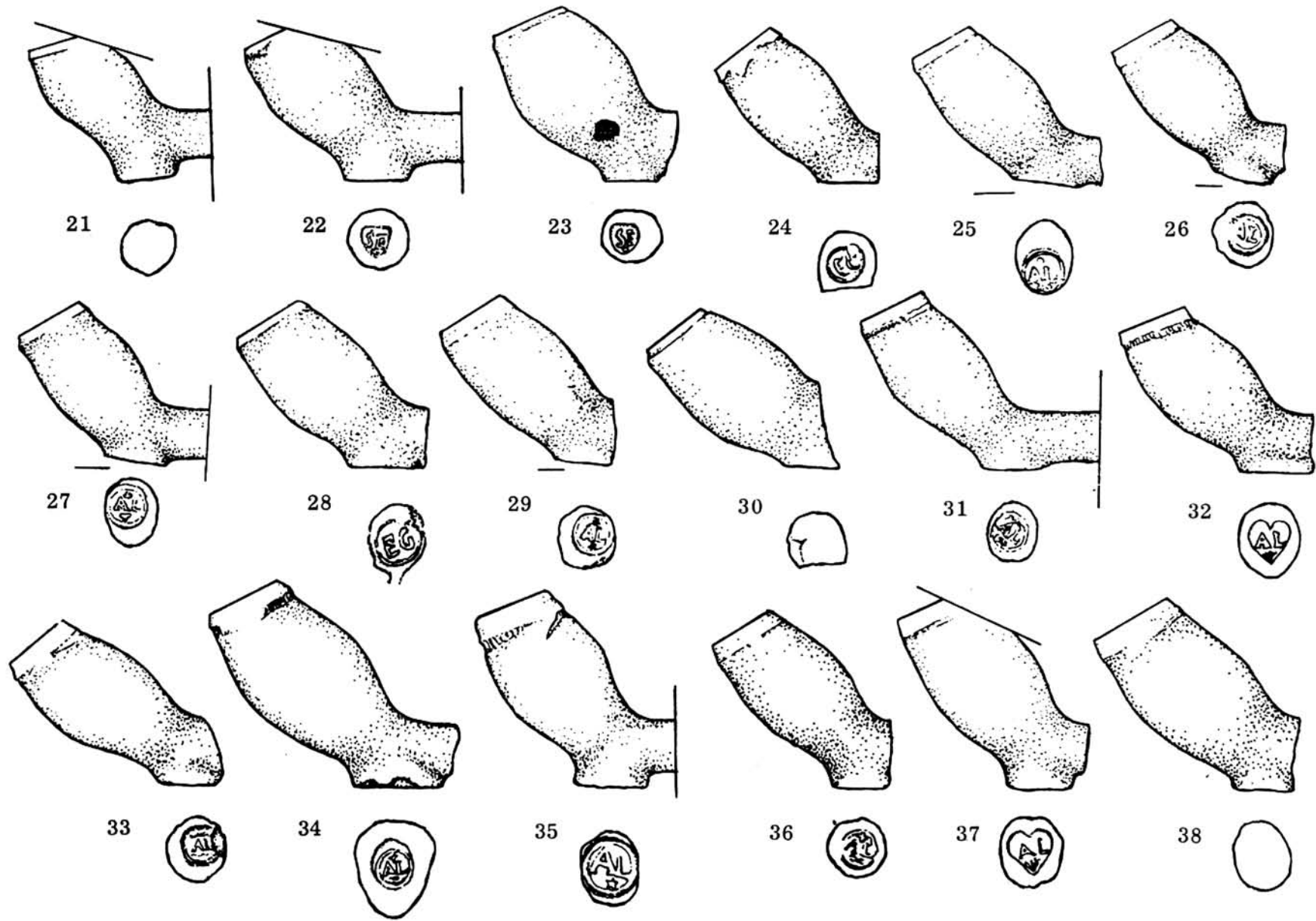


Fig. 77 Chester Bowl Form Typology, nos. 21-38 (c. 1640-c. 1680)



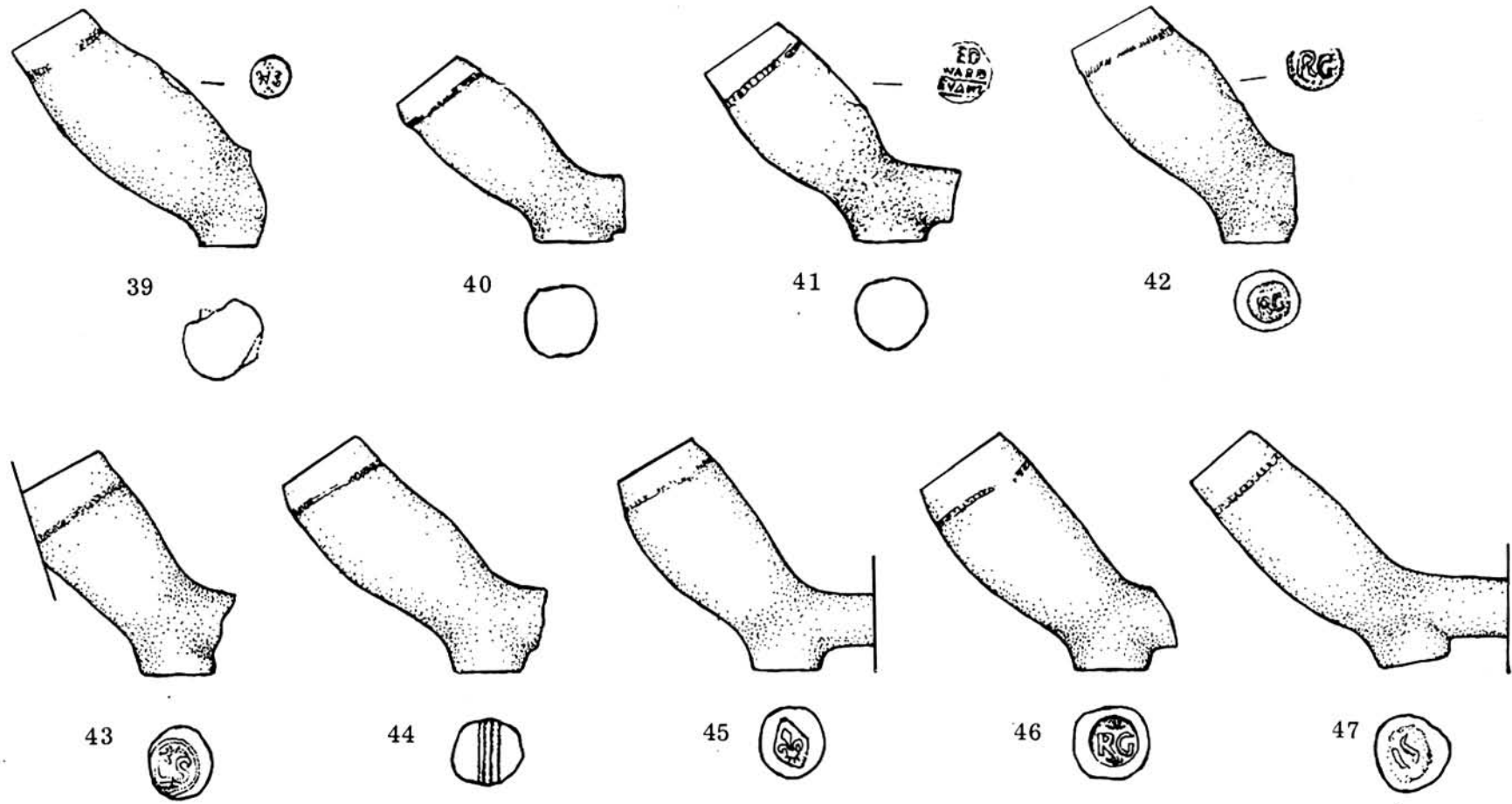


Fig. 78 Chester Bowl Form Typology, nos. 40, 41 (c. 1640-c. 1660), 39, 42-47 (c. 1660-c. 1680)



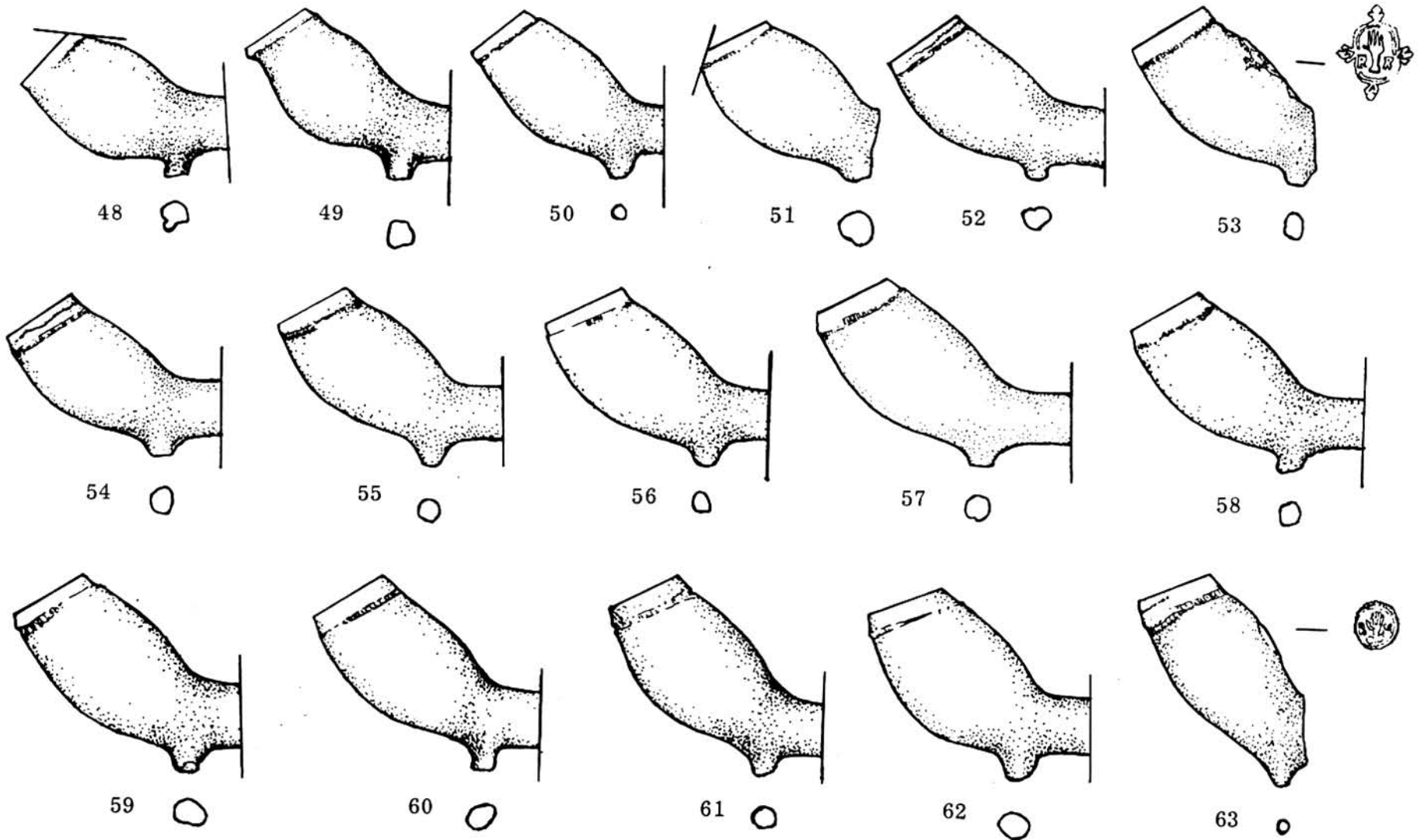


Fig. 79 Chester Bowl Form Typology, nos. 48-63 (c. 1640-c. 1680)



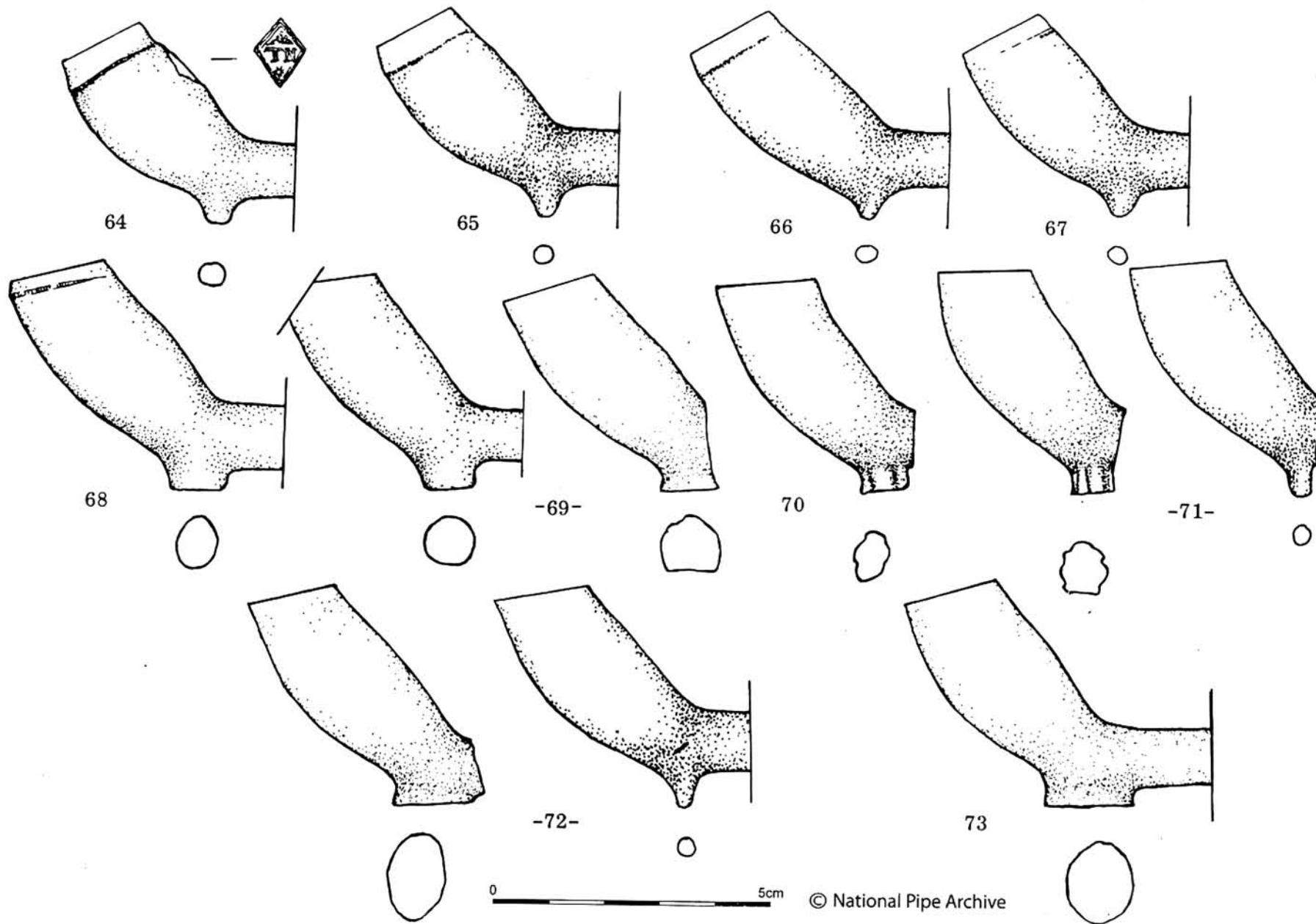


Fig. 80 Chester Bowl Form Typology, nos. 64-73 (c. 1690-c. 1715)



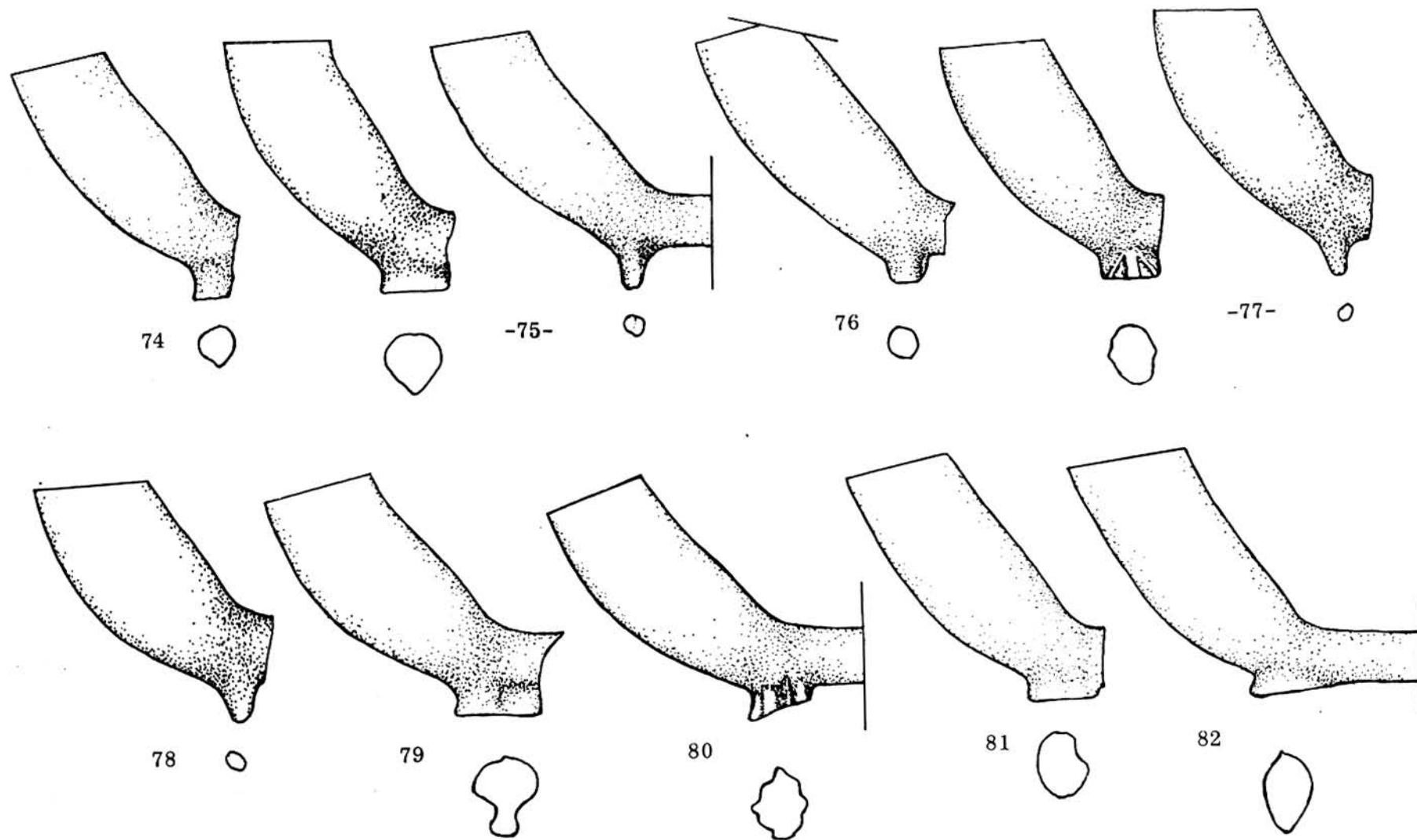


Fig. 81 Chester Bowl Form Typology, nos. 74 -82 (c. 1710-c. 1720)

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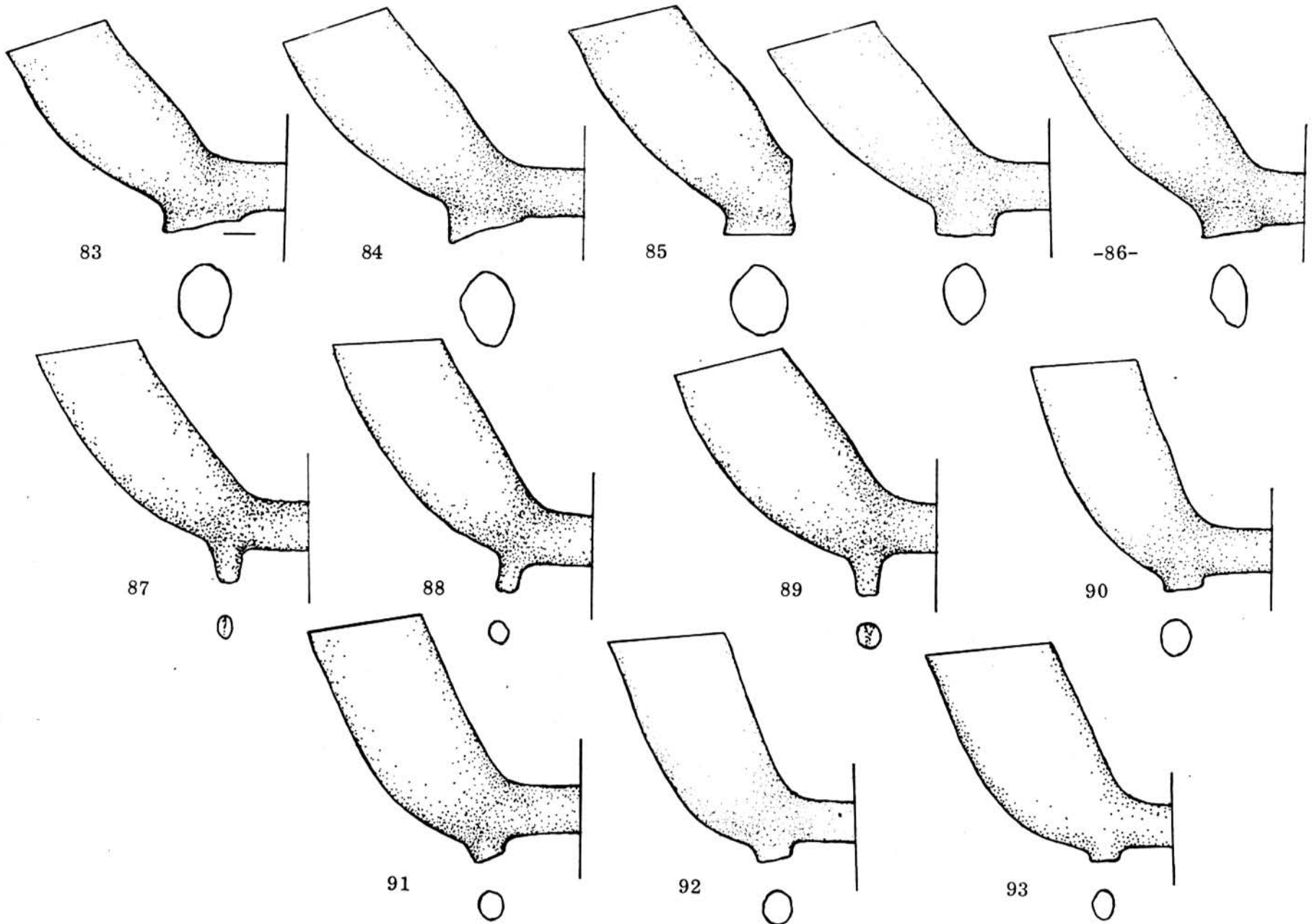


Fig. 82 Chester Bowl Form Typology, nos. 83-93 (c. 1720-c. 1750)

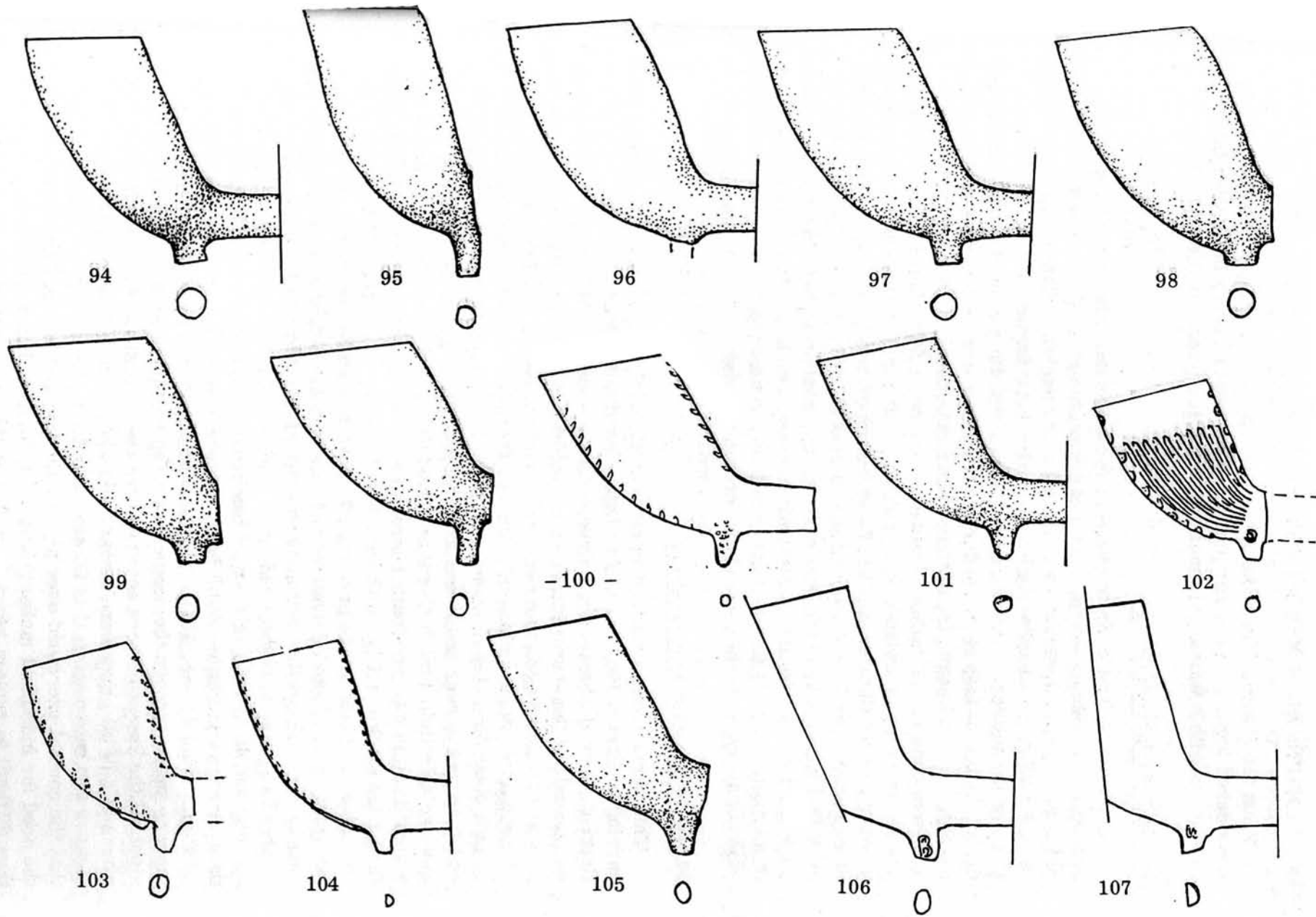


Fig. 83 Chester Bowl Form Typology, nos. 94-107 (c. 1750-c. 1840)