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DOUBLE MAKERS' MARKS

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[Editor's note: in SCPR 42, p.2, I inadvertently misquoted Allan Peacey by apparently conflating two pieces of information.]

The information concerns pipes found in Gloucester that were made in Swansea, which bear the initials of two brothers working together, and evidence from Bristol where an apprentice appears to have taken over his master's moulds as both marks appear on the same pipes.

The Swansea brothers were Edward and Nicholas Kennicott, recorded in Scammell & Co. 1853, *Gloucester, Bristol & South Wales Directory*, at an address in Hafod. One of the pipes is of special interest as it has an inscription on one side of the bowl, 'J H Vivian Esqre MP for ever'. The other side of the bowl displays the arms of John Henry Vivian. The bowl seams are decorated with oak leaves. The small pointed spur has E& on one side with NK on the other. Vivian was elected unopposed from 1832 until 1852.

The Bristol double mark with which I am familiar concerns Robert Tippet and his apprentice, Henry Hoar. Robert Tippet's mark appears in a mould-imparted cartouch on the side of the bowl while the initials H H are impressed across the rear bowl seam. Examples of these pipes are illustrated by Oswald together with others (Oswald 1975, 86-7). Henry Hoar took his freedom on 22 July 1699 (Price and Jackson 1981). Robert Tippet's will was proved on 13 April 1722.

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[Are there any other examples of marks of relatives or master/apprentice on the same pipe?]

THREE LEICESTER APPRENTICE PIPEMAKERS

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While carrying out research at Leicestershire Record Office I came across an early 19th-century apprenticeship register for the parish of St Martin's, which clearly had not been consulted previously for pipemakers as I discovered three hitherto unknown references. These add to the research already published by Gault (1979) and Green (1984; 1991) and are therefore published here in order that they can be added to the known details of Leicester pipemakers.

No.32: 27 July 1824

Joseph Warburton, boy, 14, son of Ann Quinn of All Saints, apprenticed to Thomas Salisbury, pipemaker of All Saints until aged 21. Fee £9.

No.45: 15 April 1828

William Marston, boy, 14, son of --- Marston of St Margaret's, apprenticed to Robert Bennett, pipemaker of St Margaret's until aged 21. Fee £10.

No.104: 1 April 1844

William Waterson, male, 13, son of John Waterson of Leicester Union Workhouse, apprenticed to Joseph Warburton, pipemaker of St Margaret's, Leicester, until aged 21. Fee £6.

All three apprentices are later known to have continued pipemaking - Joseph Warburton becoming a master pipemaker in his own right, as shown by the fact that he took an apprentice in 1844. William Marston gained his freedom in 1837 when he would have been 21, and William Waterson was still residing with Joseph Warburton as an apprentice at the time of the 1851 census.

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