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recorded from an apprenticeship agreement dating 1759. Pipes of an 18th century type with large serif initials may be his. They have been found at Ely and Haddenham and some are unusual in that the initials are upright rather than on their side, some also have the S reversed. Another Robert Sibley is recorded, in trade directories, in Broad Street, Ely from 1830 until his death in 1864. Until 1839 he is described as a tobacco-pipe maker but from then the entries are as a 'brown earthenware potter'. He was probably the proprietor of the extensive earthenware pottery making garden pots, tiles, pipes and glazed brown-stone 'Elyware' which is described in several guides and directories of the period as one of the main features of Ely along with the Cathedral. His was the last of the potteries but other Ely potters who may have made pipes are the Aunger (or Awnger) family and Alice Lucas (c1814). It would be worth keeping an eye out for pipes with these makers' marks.

Unidentified makers from the 18th century whose marks are known are represented by 'AD' on bowls dating to early in the century or possibly late in the 17th century which have been found in Willingham and St. Ives (fig. 15a), 'I M' and 'A S' on pipes dating from the middle or latter half of the century found in Willingham and Waterbeach respectively (fig. 6a) and '-H' from a late 18th century pipe found in the river at St. Ives (fig. 15b). All in all there are far fewer makers known from the 17th and 18th centuries combined than from the 19th century alone and although more may be traced there is little likelihood that the lists will ever be anything like complete.

In St. Ives, James Mumby was producing pipes marked with a J M on the spur at least until 1830 but by 1839 had been succeeded by his wife Sarah. She continued to use the same moulds but added her own mark (fig. 15c) impressed into the back of the bowl. She was followed by their son, Joseph, who was producing pipes by 1847. Some eight years later the premises had been taken over by William Harvey who had been manufacturing pipes in Eynesbury in 1839 but had moved to Wasdales Row, St. Ives by 1854 and to Melbourne Place in the following year. He was helped by his son and daughter and mostly produced "churchwardens" for the local public houses.

Most of the manufacturers so far identified were operating in towns of a reasonable size, but two came from relatively small villages. William Haselby from Stibbington in the north of the region and Thomas Reynolds who was producing pipes in Needingworth for a period of over thirty years. There must have been many of these small village pipe-makers but they are the least likely to be identified.

A proportion of pipes found in the area were not made locally but were imported from elsewhere, many from London but others from as far afield as Manchester, Liverpool, Glasgow and even Ireland and France. Many have makers' marks and some can be traced using the lists of

manufacturers, admittedly incomplete and occasionally mistaken, in the works by Oswald and Atkinson listed in the bibliography, particularly Oswald's *Clay Pipes for the Archaeologist*.

Table 1

Clay Pipe Manufacturers in the City of Cambridge

The sources for this and the following table are mainly trade directories of the period. Where the source is given as 'pipe' this indicates that the name is known from pipes of the approximate date given with some indication that they were associated with the Cambridge area. A name on its own, as 'Gilbert', indicates that the source is the work by this author listed in the references. Apprentice Roll ('App. Roll') indicates the master recorded in an indenture, or apprenticeship register, the apprentice is recorded as apprentice ('App.'). 'Hunts. Notes' refers to the Huntingdonshire Manuscript Notes in the Norris Museum, St. Ives.

Name	Date	Place	Source	Remarks
William Balls	1820	George St. (Sun St.)	App. Roll	
	1830	"	Pigott's Dir.	
	1832	"	Polls Register	
	1838	"	"	
	1839	"	Pigott's Dir.	
Katherine Banyon	1683	St Edward's Parish	App.	To John Page.
Thomas Bun	c1620	—	Pipe	
Henry Casey	1858	121 Newmarket Rd.	Kelly's Dir.	'H Casey' 'Cambridge' on stem.
	1859	"	App. Rolls	
	1869	"	Kelly's Dir.	
	1871	"	Spalding's Dir.	
	1875	"	Kelly's Dir.	
	1879	"	"	
	1883	"	"	
	1892	"	"	
	1896	"	"	
1900	"	"		
William Cheesman	1762	Holy Trinity Parish	App.	To Samuel Wilkinson.
Ann Cleaver	1864	97 Newmarket Rd.	Kelly's Dir.	Cross key design. 'A Cleaver' 'Cambridge' on stem.
C Cleaver	19th c	—	Pipe	
John Cleaver	1865	Newmarket Rd.	Morgan's Dir.	Cross key design. 'J C' on spur or 'J Cleaver' 'Cambridge' on stem.
	1870	104 Newmarket Rd.	Spalding's Dir.	
	1875	"	Kelly's Dir.	
	1879	"	"	
	1883	50 Burleigh St.	"	

Name	Date	Place	Source	Remarks
Thomas Cleaver	1839	—	Oswald(1975)	Rosette design and name on bowl, 'TC' on spur or 'T Cleaver' 'Cambridge' on stem.
	1845	—	Commission Report	
	1850	George St.	Slater's Dir.	
	1851	"	Gardiner's Dir.	
	1858	Newmarket Rd.	Kelly's Dir.	
Thomas Cole	1849	Newmarket Rd.	App.	To Patrick Ryan
Thomas Eldridge	1663	Free School Lane	Summons	
Issac Enshaw	1839	55 East Road	Robson's Dir.	Oswald believes this should be Enslow.
	1847	"	Kelly's Dir.	
	1850	"	Slater's Dir.	
	1851	"	Gardiner's Dir.	
Francis Hampson	1667	—	Trade tokens	
Robert Handley	1851	Gold Street	Gardiner's Dir.	
William Hutton	1859	Newmarket Rd.	App.	To Henry Casey.
? Inson	c1800	—	Pipe	Error from Wilk-Inson?
James Knight	1741	—	Oswald(1975)	Insurance policy.
	1756	—	" (1976)	Date of death.
James Kuquit	1742	Trinity Parish	Insurance record	'IK' on spur. Possibly the same as Knight.
Joshua Lee	1847	11 Sidney Street	Kelly's Dir.	
	1850	"	Slater's Dir.	
	1851	"	Gardiner's Dir.	
	1858	"	Kelly's Dir.	
William Marrett	1709	St Botolph's Parish	App.	To Jacob Plaskett.
Thomas Moule	1830	George Street	Pigott's Dir.	
	1839	"	Robson's Dir.	
John Newman	1820	Holy Trinity Parish	App.	To William Balls
Alice Page	1723	—	App. Rolls	Possibly daughter of John and Ellinor or more likely widow of James.
James Page	1719	—	Oswald(1976)	Date of death. Possibly son of John.
John Page	1683	St Edward's Parish	App. Rolls	Also his wife Ellinor.

Name	Date	Place	Source	Remarks
Ann Pawson	1813	11 Sidney Street	Advert. in <i>Camb. Chronicle</i>	
James Pawson(I)	1713	—	Oswald(1976)	Date of death.
James Pawson(II)	c1780	11 Sidney Street	Pipes	Also Ann Pawson's advertisement.
	—1813			
James Philpos	1790	—	Oswald(1976)	Date of death.
[Phipps?]				
Jacob Plaskett	1709	St Botolph's Parish	App. Rolls	
Thomas Preever	1850	—	Oswald(1960)	Possibly error for Thomas Cleaver.
Smithouse Robson	1679	—	Oswald(1976)	Date of death.
Patrick Ryan	1849	Newmarket Rd.	App. Rolls	
	1851	George Street	Gardiner's Dir.	
James Pawson Saul	1855	11 Sidney Street	Kelly's Dirs.	Listed as pipemakers in 1892 only.
	—92			
John William Saul	1830	11 Sidney Street	Pigott's Dir.	'JS' on spur.
Risley Shelton	1832	11 Sidney Street	Polls list.	
	1834	"	"	
	1837	"	"	
	1839	"	Robson's Dir.	
Thomas Tillett Snr.	1718	—	Oswald(1976)	Date of death.
Thomas Tillett Jnr.	1715	—	Oswald(1976)	Date of death.
Samuel Wilkinson	1762	Holy Trinity Parish	App. Rolls	'S Wilk-Inson Camb' on stem. Found with both long and short 's' in surname.
	1765	—	Oswald(1975)	
Cornelius Wymark	1723	—	App.	To Alice Page.

Table 2 Clay Pipe Manufacturers in Cambridgeshire (excluding the City of Cambridge)

Name	Date	Place	Source	Remarks
John Aspinall	1847	March	Kelly's Dir.	High Street
Charles Aubon	1840 —41	Peterborough	Gilbert	Boongate (St John's Street)
? Bedford	1732	Hertfield	Oswald (1975)	App.
Thomas Brown	1847 —67	Peterborough	Gilbert & Oswald (1975)	Boonfield (Pipe Lane)
William Brown Snr.	1830 —47 1850 —63	Peterborough	Gilbert	Fengate Boonfield Terrace.
William Brown Jnr.	1850 —90	Peterborough	Gilbert	6 Boonfield Terrace.
Joseph Cleaver	1850	St. Ives	Slater's Dir.	Cambridge Road. 1856 resident in Wellingborough.
William Downing	1822	—	Oswald (1976)	Apprenticed to Webster Adams (Ipswich).
	1850	March	Slater's Dir.	High St.
Thomas Edwards	1732	Hertfield	Oswald (1975)	App. Roll
William Gallant	1846 1847 1850 1851 1856 1858 1864 1869	Wisbech	Oswald (1976) Kelly's Dir. Slater's Dir. Gardiner's Dir. Craven's Dir. Kelly's Dir. Kelly's Dir. Kelly's Dir.	New Wisbech. Chapel Street. New Wisbech. Gaol Lane. New Wisbech. New Wisbech.
E W Hall	1855 —86	Holbeach	Oswald (1975)	
Nicholas Hardy	c1660	Peterborough	Oswald (1975)	Token.
William Harvey	1839 1854 1855 1856 1862 1864 1869	St. Neots St. Ives	Robson's Dir. Hatfield's Dir. Gardiner's Dir. Craven's Dir. Casey's Dir. Kelly's Dir.	Eynesbury. Wasdale's Row. Melbourne Place. " " Back Lane. Melbourne Place. " "
William Haselby	c1860 —80	Stibbington	Gilbert	Neptune's head on bowl.

Name	Date	Place	Source	Remarks
Robert Lee	1839	Wisbech	Pigott's Dir.	New Wisbech.
Edward Lupson (I)	1743 1764	Ely	Parish Register	Marriage } brickmaker, may Burial } not have made pipes. Broad Street.
Edward Lupson (II)	1786 1842	Ely	Parish Register	Baptised } Burial } Broad Street.
Edward Lupson (III)	1825 1864 1865 1869 1875 1879 1883	Ely	Parish Register Kelly's Dir. Morgan's Dir. Kelly's Dir. " " " " " "	Baptised Broad Street. " " " " " " " "
Mary Lupson	1858 1863	Ely	Kelly's Dir. Parish Register	Broad Street. Burial
Michael Lupson (I)	1745 1759	Ely	Parish Register Oswald (1960)	Baptised. Apprenticed to Robert Sibley.
	1768 1805	" "	Parish Register " "	Marriage. Burial
Michael Lupson (II)	1783 1806 1830 1839 1847 1850 1851 1857	Ely	Parish Register " " Pigott's Dir. Robson's Dir. Kelly's Dir. Slater's Dir. Gardiner's Dir. Parish Register	Baptised. Marriage. Broad Street. " " " " " " " " Burial.
Michael Lupson III	1809 1844 1846 —53	Ely	Parish Register " " " " Oswald (1975)	Birth. Marriage.
Henry Martin	1839	March	Oswald (1975)	Well End.
	1847 1851	" "	Kelly's Dir. Gardiner's Dir.	1855 in Gainsborough (Lincs.)
William Mould	1809	St. Ives	Hunts. Notes	Militia deserter.
James Mumby	1828	St. Ives	Skeels	Melbourne Place. 'JM' on spur.
	1830	" "	Pigott's Dir.	Back Lane.
Joseph Mumby	1847	St. Ives	Kelly's Dir.	Back Lane.

Name	Date	Place	Source	Remarks
Sarah Mumby	1839	St. Ives	Robson's Dir.	Melbourne Place. Mark on bowl + 'JM' on spur.
Daniel Munton	1835	Peterborough	Oswald (1975)	Polls list.
William Nicholas	1850 —65	Wisbech	Oswald (1975)	Probably error for Nicholls.
William Nicholls	1830	Wisbech	Pigott's Dir.	New Chapel Road.
	1839	"	"	"
	1851	"	Gardiner's Dir.	Chapel Road.
	1856	"	Craven's Dir.	"
	1864	"	Kelly's Dir.	4 Victoria Place, North Brink.
	1869	"	"	"
	1875	"	"	"
Mary Nichols	1847	Wisbech	Kelly's Dir.	Pickards Lane.
	1850	"	Slater's Dir.	North Brink.
Thomas Page	1847	St. Neots	Kelly's Dir.	Eynesbury.
	1850	"	Slater's Dir.	"
	1854	"	Hatfield's Dir.	Russell Row.
	1855	"	Craven's Dir.	Russell Row.
	1856	"	"	"
William Pigott	1809	St. Ives	Hunts. Notes	Sale of premises.
William Pryor	1847	Ely	Kelly's Dir.	Waterside.
	1850	"	Slater's Dir.	"
	1851	"	Gardiner's Dir.	"
Thomas Reynolds	1850	Needingworth	Oswald (1975)	
	1854	"	Hatfield's Dir.	
	1855	"	Oswald (1976)	Parish register, birth of son William.
	1856	"	Craven's Dir.	Silver Street.
	1862	"	Casey's Dir.	
	1864	"	Kelly's Dir.	
	1869	"	"	
	1877	"	"	
	1885	"	"	
Robert Sibley	1759	Ely	Oswald (1960)	App. Rolls
Robert Sibley	1830	Ely	Pigott's Dir.	Broad Street.
	1839	"	Robson's Dir.	"
	1847	"	Kelly's Dir.	"
	1850	"	Slater's Dir.	"
	1851	"	Gardiner's Dir.	"
	1858	"	Kelly's Dir.	"
	1864	"	"	Factory closed.

Name	Date	Place	Source	Remarks
G Sleigh	c1860	St Neots	Pipe	Woman's head bowl. Possibly Joseph Sleigh.
Joseph Sleigh	1850	St Neots	Slater's Dir.	Russell Street.
Joseph Slough	1850	St Neots	Oswald (1960)	Error for Sleigh?
Bryan Smith	1684	Wisbech	Oswald (1975)	Spalding Sess. Recs. Unlawful Conventicle.
Richard Smith	1862	Whittlesey	Casey's Dir.	
George Walker	1798	Peterborough	Gilbert	Boongate. Fluted bowls.
Mary Walker	1830 —44	Peterborough	Gilbert	Boongate.
S Wright	1850	Wisbech	Gardiner's Dir.	

Table 3 Unidentified Makers' Marks found on Pipes in the Cambridge Area

Initials or name	Type or approximate date of pipe	Place found	Remarks
a) Initials on spur			
IB	Mid-18th C, plain	Willingham	
TC	19th C	Cambridge	Probably Thomas Cleaver but possibly Thomas Cole.
AD	Early 18th C, plain	Willingham & St. Ives	
GD	Early 18th C, plain	Willingham	
PD	Early 18th C, plain	Willingham	
LE	19th C, plain	Stretham	Possibly Edward Lupson with initials reversed.
—H	Late 18th C, curtain drape design	St. Ives.	
—H	Late 18th C, plain	Willingham	
JH	19th C, plain	Willingham	
IK	Mid-18th C, plain	Cambridge & Waterbeach	Possibly James Knight or James Kuquit
BL	18th C, plain	Waterbeach	
SL	Early 19th C, plain	St. Ives	
IM	Mid-18th C, plain	Willingham	Occurs in Norwich
JM	19th C, fluted	Willingham	Possibly James or Joseph Mumby
—M	19th C, cross keys design	St. Neots	
JP	Late 18th or early 19th C, fluted	Haddenham	
WP	1740-50, plain	Waterbeach	
AS	Mid-18th C, plain	Waterbeach	
HS	1730-80, plain	Waterbeach	
JS	1760-80, plain	Waterbeach	
RS	c1760, plain	Willingham	Some with one or both initials backwards. Possibly Robert & Cambridge Sibley (1)

Initials or name	Type or approximate date of pipe	Place found	Remarks
RS	Late 18th or early 19th C, fluted	Haddenham	Possibly one of the Robert Sibleys
CT	Late 18th or early 19th C, plain	Cambridge	
PW	Mid-18th C, plain	Cambridge	Possibly London origin c1760-80
b) Initials on base of bowl			
WK	Early 17th C, plain	Cambridge	Probably London origin
IR	Early 17th C, plain	Cambridge	Probably London origin
B—	Mid-17th C, plain	Cambridge	York or Hull style of mark
—	Wheel mark on base, plain bowl	Cambridge	London origin 1600-1640
c) Name on stem			
Ascot		Willingham	
Co—		Willingham	
B.Da—		Willingham	Name damaged on mould

IX Collecting Pipes

As I am interested in identifying individual makers, their various products and the area over which their products were distributed, I have collected even small fragments of stem and bowl if they have makers' marks or decorations on them, but most collectors are interested only in intact bowls or entire pipes. Undamaged pipes are sometimes found in old houses or other buildings but normally all that can be hoped for is a bowl with a short length of stem.

One of the main sources of, chiefly, nineteenth century pipes are old rubbish dumps. These are not normally visible as such nor are they often marked on maps but a little patient investigation can locate them. The best way is to go out and talk to people; the older ones may recall places where rubbish was officially or unofficially tipped and others may know where old pipes or bottles are being turned up.

Another source of information on old tips may be found in council records. County Council minutes are available from about 1889 and before then the records of Quarter Sessions, whose administrative functions were taken over by the County Councils. The minutes of rural and urban district councils are likely to be more useful and are normally available from the mid-1890s; they may include contracts for collecting and disposing of household rubbish or complaints about nuisance caused by unauthorised dumping. Records of the earlier Local Boards of Health or Rural Sanitation Authorities may contain similar records. These documents are usually available at County Records Offices.

Old maps are not likely to have rubbish tips marked but may show gravel or clay pits, quarries, lakes or ponds which no longer exist and which may well have been filled in with household rubbish, a common habit to the present day. Rivers and canals can often provide large

numbers of pipes, particularly in the vicinity of wharves, docks, quays, locks, bridges or waterside pubs, so it is worth keeping an eye on sites where dredging or riverside working is going on.

Often pipes can be found where they have been brought to the surface by ploughing, roadworks, building activities or other excavations but in many cases it is necessary to dig them out oneself. I cannot emphasise too strongly that permission should be obtained from the landowner, whether private individual, company, local authority, water authority or whomever, before looking or digging for pipes. Care should be taken that no damage results from digging activities and the site should be left in a reasonable state. There are some 'cowboys' who just do not care for the property of others and cause considerable damage. Their activities can lead to permission being refused to those who are more responsible. This has already happened at two sites in the vicinity of Cambridge and it is the main reason why I have not given details of any sites. These individuals are quite happy to raid sites discovered by others but are usually too lazy to unearth their own.

Fortunately, those of us who are less energetic can always buy pipes instead of digging them up. They can be found occasionally in antique shops but their prices are sometimes very high and better bargains can often be found at the collectors' fairs and 'flea markets' which are becoming increasingly popular.

The British Bottle Collectors Club has branches in most counties, including Cambridgeshire, and hold regular branch meetings, where members often have pipes for sale or swapping. A regular newsletter is produced by the club which often has useful information and is a good way of making contact with other people with similar interests. The annual subscription is £2 and this includes substantial insurance cover for injury or damage occurring during digging; the National Secretary is S. F. Barker, 19 Hambro Avenue, Rayleigh, Essex, SS6 9NJ and the Cambridge area secretary G. Joyce, 66 Clear Crescent, Melbourn, Herts., SG8 6JD. The monthly magazine *Old Bottles and Treasure Hunting* often contains interesting and informative articles. It is available from Chapel House Farm, Newport Road, Albrighton, near Wolverhampton, Staffs., the annual subscription being £5.50.

The value of pipes? Really whatever you are prepared to pay if you are buying, or what you can get if you are selling: it's always worth bargaining. Tony Adams and Andy Payne, in their *Bottle Collector's Dictionary* (1976) published by Southern Collectors Publications, suggest the following price guide:

	Bowls only	Complete pipes
Plain	5p	£1.00
Decorated	10p-£1.00	£2.00-£5.00
Pipes in the form of a head	£1.00-£3.00	£2.00-£15.00

I would not argue with this, but do look out for bargains. I have seen