

TOUCHMARKS RE-STRUCK AFTER
THE GREAT FIRE of 1666, BY PEWTERERS,
ON LONDON TOUCH PLATE No. 1.

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PEWTERERS WHO RE-STRUCK THEIR TOUCH c.1670, AFTER THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON, of 1666. (By Richard Munday.)

(L.T.P. is abbreviation for "LONDON TOUCH PLATE.")

The GREAT FIRE OF LONDON, 1666, completely destroyed Pewterers Hall. Many early records were saved and many perished with the Hall. An irretrievable loss was the destruction of the existing Touch Plates, large flat heavy-guage sheets of pewter which must have ended up as streams of molten metal. On the now defunct Touch Plates all London pewterers were obliged to strike (stamp) their individual Touch-mark. How many did so in the 16th and 17th Centuries will never be known. If ever there was a record of their names and other particulars, it never survived the raging inferno. Pewterers' workshops, tools, moulds, metal, fittings and stock, all were destroyed by the unrelenting ferocity of the flames which raged unabated until nothing remained but scorched earth.

Without a Hall the Pewterers Company needed temporary quarters to meet. A quote from Welch, Vol. 2, page 133: "At the Miter Taverne within Algate ye 18th Septemb^r 1666 ye ffirst meeting after ye ffire. It was agreed that ye Master and Wardens now in being should provide a Couple of Sea Chests to Secure ye Books deeds Records or whatsoever writeings belong to ye Company which through ye rage of ye Late terrible ffire are now in ye Costodie of Mr Wm Rawlins as he conveyed them from ye Hall".

Many irreplaceable records were saved by the brave action of Mr. Wlm. Rawlins. Some are now at the Guild Hall and others at Pewterers Hall.

The Master, Wardens and Livery now had to meet at various venues to discuss plans for a new Hall and other business. There were many problems to overcome, notably finance, and raising morale, at its lowest since the fire. Eventually plans for the new Hall were agreed and soon were well advanced. In December 1667/8 the sum of 8 shillings was paid for a new Touch-plate. It was not put into use awhile, probably for lack of a Hall.

Amazingly the re-building of the new Hall, though not quite finished, was usable in record time! The first Court since the Great Fire was held at the New Pewterers Hall on the 3rd of September, 1668/9. The actual date the pre-Great Fire pewterers were summoned to the Hall to strike their old Touch on the new Touch Plate is uncertain. Cotterell suggests c.1670. What is certain is that Touch No. 1 of the new London Touch Plate No. 1, was struck by Robert Lucas, "O.P. No. 3009".

PRE-GREAT-FIRE PEWTERERS WHO RE-STRUCK THEIR TOUCH 'c.1670 ON THE
NEW LONDON TOUCH PLATE No.1.

There are 351 Touch-marks on the new Touch Plate No.1. The first 200 or so are Touches of pewterers summoned to re-strike their old Touch, mingled with many a new Touch granted to young Freeman starting up as pewterers.

This first batch of marks seem to have been struck in a somewhat haphazard manner in contrast to the orderliness later when the Touch number gave some idea of the approximate date it was struck. On London Touch Plate No.2, with a few exceptions, pewterers who struck a Touch, number 400 or more, were not Freeman prior to c.1680.

Our Curator, Mr. Charles Hull, a direct descendant of the 17th Century family of pewterers active before and after the Great Fire, commenting on the new Touch-plate, wondered how many of the established pre-Great Fire pewterers had actually re-struck their old Touch when summoned c.1670.

This led to research and the list that follows. The earliest Touches have maker's initials only, or initials and a date or a device. Most of the others contain devices and the maker's name. All the makers on the list were Free prior to 1666, though in some cases the Touch was struck later than 1670.

Included in the list are some Company members "not following the Trade who were summoned to come on the Livery". Not working members, they were not granted a Touch, but prominent before and after 1666, they warrant inclusion.

C.P.

19 : ADAMS, Wlm. Touch 59, L.T.P.
re-struck c.1670.



162: AUSTIN, Wlm. Arraigned in 1666
for accusing a fellow member
of falsely mixing his metal.
1667, L. (NO RECORDED TOUCH).

169: AYLIFE, Wlm: 1667, L. Fined in
1661. (NO RECORDED TOUCH)

319 : BATESON, Thomas: Touch 86
L.T.P. restruck c.1670.



379 : BENNETT, John: 1656, f.L.; 1661,
f.S.; 1669, R.W.; 1674, U.W.;
1679, M. (NO RECORDED TOUCH)

388 : BENNETT, Wlm: 1662, Y.; 1672, S.;
1673, f.R.W.; & f.M.
NO RECORDED TOUCH.

732 : BURTON, Wlm. Touch 38, L.T.P.
re-struck c.1670.



899 : CHESSLIN, Rd. 1662, L.;
1668, f.S.; 1677, R.W.; 1682, U.W.
1686, f.M. (NO TOUCH RECORDED)

O.P.

1039: COLLIER, Rd: Touch 131, L.T.P.
re-struck c.1670.



1454: DRURY, John: 1655, S.; 1665, R.W.;
1668, f.U.W.; 1673, M.
(NO TOUCH RECORDED).

1480: DYER, Lawrence: Touch 135, L.T.P.
re-struck c.1670. (Fined 1653 for
making SILVORUM and selling
unmarked wares.



1745: FOUNTAIN, Tho. Touch 36, L.T.P.
re-struck c.1670.



1755: FRANCIS, John: Touch 30, L.T.P.
re-struck c.1670.



1956: GRAUNT, Tho. Apprenticed 1625,
1659, S.; 1669, f.R.W.; 1672, f.R.W.
(NO RECORDED TOUCH).

2000: GREGG, Tho. 1654, S.; 1664, f.R.W.;
1671; 1674; & 1677, M. Sheriff 1674.
(No TOUCH recorded).

PEWTERERS WHO RE-STRUCK THEIR TOUCH, c.1670.O.P.

2094: HALL, Wlm: Touch 128, L.T.P.
Restruck c.1670



2181: HARTWELL, Henry: Touch 98,
L.T.P. Restruck c.1670



2212: HEVELAND, Miles: 1664, L.
1668, S. (No recorded Touch)

2214: HAWARD or HAYWARD, Thomas.
Touch 5, L.T.P. Restruck
c.1670.



2326: HILLS, Wlm. 1658, L.; 1660, S.;
1668, f.R.W.; 1672, f.U.W.;
1672, M. (No recorded Touch).

2704: KELK, Nicolas: Touch 4, L.T.P.
Restruck c.1670.



2790: KNOWLES, Tobias. 1664, L.;
1664, f.S.; also f.R.W.; and
f.M. (No recorded Touch.)

2795: LOCKFORD, Adam. 1664, L.; 1668,
f.S. (No recorded Touch).

2828: LANGLEY, Adam. Touch 91, L.T.P.
Restruck c.1670.



2864: LAWRENCE, Stephen. Touch 123,
L.T.P. restruck c.1670



2882: LEA, Francis. Touches 18; 39;
and 40, all restruck c.1670.



2906: LEESON, John. Touch 15, L.T.P.
re-struck c.1670.

O.P.

3009: LUCUS, Robert. Touch No. 1, L.T.P.
re-struck c.1670.



3092: MARTEN, Robert. Touch 7, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.



3117: MASTHEAD, Richard. Touch 134, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.



3160: MAYORS, Anthony. Touch 3, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.



3229: MILLS, Nathaniel. Touch 47, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670. (See 5786).



3260: MOLLINS, Robert. 1658, S.; 1668, f.R.W.;
1670, U.W.; 1676 & 1689 M.
(No touch recorded).

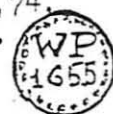
3392: NICHOLS, J. Touch 87, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670. (See 5813)



3442: ORME, Robert. 1663, L.; and also f.S.;
and f.R.W. (No Touch recorded).

3511: PARKE, Peter. 1662, f.R.W.; 1666, U.W.
1669, M. (No Touch recorded.)

3641: PETTIVER, William, Senior. Touch, 74,
L.T.P. restruck c.1670. See O.P.
5864, certainly his Touch.



3845: RAWLINGS, William. 1652, S.; 1661, R.W.;
1668, M. (No Touch recorded)

4027: ROOKE, George. Touch 152, L.T.P.
Struck or restruck c.1670.



4285: SILK, John. Touch No. 2, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670



PEWTERERS WHO RE-STRUCK THEIR TOUCH, c.1670.

O.P.

4287: SILK, Vincent. Touch, 71, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.4406: SMYTHE, George. 1660 f.S.;
1669, f.R.W.; 1672, f.R.W.
(No Touch recorded).4422: SNOW, Samuel. 1665 f.S.;
1670 f.R.W.; 1676 f.U.W.;
1681, M. Died 1681.
(No Touch recorded)4600: SWEETING, Charles. 1658, f.R.W.;
1663, f.U.W.; 1666, f.M.
Died 1680. (No Touch recorded)4650: TAUDIN, James. Touch
16, L.T.P.; restruck
c.1670.5055: WESTCOTT, William. 1652, S.;
1668, f.R.W.; also f.U.W. and
M. (No Touch recorded)5073: WETTE, William. Touch 78, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.5242: WITHERS, Wlm. Touch 53, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.5381: ABBOTT, George. Touch 33, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.5384: ANGELL, John. Touch 120, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.5388: ALLEN, Richard. Touch 84, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.5394: A...S... (Samuel Atlee?) Touch
115, restruck c.1670.5395: A...S... (S. Atlee?) Touch 34,
L.T.P. restruck c.1670.

O.P.

5397: A...T...: Touch 147, L.T.P. struck
or restruck c.1670.5400: A...W...: Touch 20, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.5401: AYLIFFE, Wlm. Touch 25, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.5402: AYERS, Wlm. Touch 43, L.T.P.
restruck, c.1670 (OP 1680)5403: A...W...: Touch 113, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.5415: BOSTON, Beza: Touch 35, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.5416: B...B...: Touch 108, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.5426: B...H...: Touch 54, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.5470: B...T...: Touch 45, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.5473: B...T...: Touch 82, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.5485: BLAGRAVE, Wlm. Touch 66, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.
(See O.P. 442).5493: COLE, Benjamin. Touch 95, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670
(See O.P. 1020)5502: COCK, Humphrey. Touch 60, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.
(Could be Henry Curtis).5503: CAMPION, John. Touch 32, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.
(See O.P. 788)

PEWTERERS WHO RE-STRUCK THEIR TOUCH c.1670.O.P.5504: C--I---:Touch 51, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.5505: C...I...:Touch 132, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.5506: C..I...:Touch 153, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.5510: COURSEY, John. Touch 49,
L.T.P. restruck c.1670.
(See 'O.P.' 1156).5537: CROPP, Wlm. (or Wlm. CRESS)
Touch 76, L.T.P.
restruck c.16705551: D..L...:Touch 133, L.T.P.
restruck c.16705552: DUFFIELD, Peter. Touch
41, L.T.P. restruck
c.1670.5555: DICKENSON, Thomas.
Touch 12, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.5556: D..T...:Touch 146,
L.T.P. restruck c.1670.5557: D..W...:Touch 81, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.5558: DITCH, Wlm. Touch 107,
L.T.P., restruck
c.1670.5559: D..W...:Touch 114.
L.T.P., restruck
c.1670.5568: ELPHICK, Tho. Touch 125.
L.T.P., restruck
c.1670.O.P.5571: E..W...:Touch 75, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.5574: FRENCH, Alexander, Touch
10, L.T.P. Restruck c.1670.5582: FREEMAN, Henry. Touch 124,
L.T.P., restruck c.1670.5586: FRENCH, John. Touch 9, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.5606: F..W...:Touch 92a L.T.P.
restruck 1670.5615: GIBBON, Francis. Touch 65,
L.T.P. restruck c.1670.5634: GREGG, Thomas. Touch 64,
L.T.P. restruck c.1670.5637: GOSNELL, Wlm. Touch 8,
L.T.P. restruck c.1670.5641: HALIFAX, Charles. Touch 141,
L.T.P. restruck c.1670.5642: H..C...:Touch 144, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.5644: HEATH, Edward. Touch 61,
L.T.P. restruck c.1670.5645: H..E...:Touch 62, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.5646: H..E...:Touch 101, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.5653: H..I...:Touch 44, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.

PEWTERERS WHO RE-STRUCK THEIR TOUCH, c.1670.O.F.

5654: H...I...:Touch 92,
L.T.P.restruck
c.1670.



5655: H...I...:Touch 99,
L.T.P.restruck
c.1670.



5656: H...I...:Touch 112,
L.T.P.restruck
c.1670.



5658: H...I...:Touch 130,
L.T.P.restruck
c.1670.



5659: H...I...:Touch 136,
L.T.P.restruck
c.1670.



5670: H...N(or R).Touch 89,
L.T.P.restruck
c.1670.



5683: HAWARD, Thomas, Junior,
Touch 17, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.



5684: H...T...:Touch 85,
L.T.P.restruck
c.1670.



5711: I...I...:Touch 90, L.T.P.
restruck c.167.



5712: I...I...:Touch 103, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.



5713: JACOMB, Josuah.
Touch 116, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.



5716: I...I...:Touch 21,
L.T.P.restruck
c.1670.



5730: JONES, Robert.Touch
27, L.T.P. restruck
c.1670.



5731: I...R...:Touch 102,
L.T.P.restruck
c.1670

O.P.

5739: JONES, Ribert.Touch 88,
L.T.P.restruck c.1670



5741: I...S...:Touch 11, L.T.P.
restruck, c.1670.



5746: I...W...:Touch 26, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.



5747: JACKSON, Wlm.Touch 68, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.



5762: L...I...:Touch 23, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.



5768: LEWIS, William.Touch 105, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.



5791: MARSH, Ralph.Touch 37, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.



5792: M...R...:Touch 94, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.



5799: M...S...:Touch 83, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.



5802: M...W...:Touch 58, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.



5803: M...W...:Touch 69, L.T.P.
restruck c.1690.



5810: NEWBOLT, Edward:Touch 126,
L.T.P.restruck c.1670.



PENTETERERS WHO RE-STRUCK THEIR TOUCH c.1670.O.P.5824:O..T....:Touch 137,
L.T.P.restruck c.1670.5829:P..F....:Touch 138,
L.T.P.restruck c.1670.5833:P..H....:Touch 29,
L.T.P.restruck c.1670.5837:P..P....:Touch 100,
L.T.P.restruck c.1670.5847:P..I....:Touch 104
L.T.P.restruck c.1670.5865:P..W....:Touch 73,
L.T.P.restruck c.1670.5866:P..W....:Touch 111,
L.T.P.restruck c.1670.5867:P..W....:Touch 139,
L.T.P.restruck c.1670.5874:R..A....:Touch 96,
L.T.P.restruck c.1670.5877:R..C....:Touch 150,
L.T.P.restruck c.1670.5883:REDHEAD, Gabriel.
Touch 50, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.5884:R..G....:Touch 109,
L.T.P.restruck c.1670.5890:R..I....:Touch 117,
L.T.P.restruck c.1670.5917:SWEETING, Charles.
Touch 22, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.5937:A..B....:Touch 43a,
L.T.P.Restruck
c.1670.O.P.5950:S..T....:Touch 48, L.T.P.
re-struck c.16705953:S..T....:Touch 70, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.5954:S..T....:Touch 110, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.5955: S..T....:Touch 119, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.5970:T..G....:Touch 57, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.5973: T..I....:Touch 129, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.5979: T..R....: Touch 127, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.5992:V..R....:This should be
"W..R..":Touch 93, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.5993: V..T....:Touch 80, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.5994:V..T....: Touch 106, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.5996:W..A....: Touch 79, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.6058:....W...:Touch 77, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.605I: Touch 145, L.T.P.
(No name or initials)
restruck c.1670.5979:A..E....:Touch 56, L.T.P.
restruck c.1670.

Touces re-struck after the GREAT FIRE of 1666, ADDITIONAL NAMES.

The following are additional names of London W.C.O.P. members, Free prior to the Great Fire, who resumed as pewterers as soon as practicable afterwards. Their Freedom dates are researched from the list of pewterers on Plate No. I, recorded in "Chats on Old Pewter" by Messe, the 1971 revised edition. All the Touces, struck after the Great Fire, are here somewhat crudely copied by me from Cotterell's "Old Pewter-Its Makers & Marks".

O.F. :

498B. : BOSTON, Jabez. 1663, F;
Touch 190, L.T.P.
Struck 1670/1.



554 : BRAILFORD, Peter.
1659, F; 1667, L; Touch
63, L.T.P.



642A. : BROWN, Ralph. 1660, F;
160, L.T.P. Struck
1669/70.



680 : BULL, John. 1660, F;
1676, S; Touch No. 97,
L.T.P.



683 : BULLIVANT, James.
1663, F; 1667, L; Touch
No. 67, L.T.P.



IIIIII : COOPER, Thomas. 1663, F;
Touch 31, L.T.P.



1175 : COWLEY, William. 1663, F;
1669, L; 1674, f.S;
1695, M. Touch No. 24,
L.T.P.



2251 : HEATH, Richard. 1666, F.
1676, L. Touch No. 192,
L.T.P. struck 1670/1.



2410A : HORROD, Richard.
1664, F; Touch No. 28,
L.T.P. re-struck
c. 1670.



2456 : HULL(S), Ralph. 1656, F.
Touch No. 46, L.T.P. &
Touch No. 208 struck
1671/2.



2474 : HUNTON, Nicholas.
1661, F; Touch, 13 & 143
struck c. 1663 & c. 1670
respectively.

G.P.

2538 : INGOLE, Daniel.
1656, F; 1667, L;
Touch No. 52, L.T.P.



2574 : JACOMB, Robert.
1660, F; Touch No. 236,
L.T.P. struck 1674/5.



2704A : KELK, Thomas.
1663, F; Touch No. 319
L.T.P. struck 1678



3028 : MABBERLE, Stephen.
1661, F; Touch No. 209,
L.T.P. struck 1671/2.



3078A : MARSH, John. 1658, F.
Touch 363, L.T.P.
struck 1682.



3516 : PARKER, Joseph.
1663, F; Touch No. 180
L.T.P. struck 1670/1.



3839 : RAPER, Christopher.
1663, F; Touch No. 140,
L.T.P. struck c. 1670.



3927A : RICHARDS, William.
1664, F. Touch No. 183,
L.T.P. struck 1670/1.



3988A : ROBINSON, John.
1659, F. Touch No. 183,
L.T.P. struck 1670/1.



4347 : SMITH, G. 1651, F.
Touch No. 353 L.T.P.
Struck c. 1680?



5449 : BROCKLEBY, Peter.
1664, F; Touch No. 42,
L.T.P. struck c. 1670.



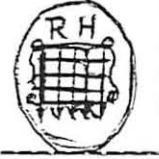
Additional names of pewterers, before & after the Great Fire(cont.)

O.P.

5499:COOK,Francis.
1655,F.Touch No. 148
L.T.P.struck c.1670



5674:HARDING,Rabert.
1666,F.Touch No.121,
L.T.P.re-struck
c.1670.



O.P.

6030:WHITE,William.
1661,F. Touch No.72,
L.T.P.re-struck c.1670.



There are 154 Touch-marks listed.

16 are complete with the maker's name and a device.

100 have the maker's initials only, and a device.

38 have the maker's initials, a device, and a date.

In addition 19 named Company members without a Touch, are listed.

No doubt a number of pre-1666 Freeman who survived the catastrophic Great Fire, were granted a Touch at a later date. None are included here.

This has been a fascinating research which it is hoped will be of interest to pewter collectors.