



Abb. 2008-3/152 (Maßstab ca. 90 %)

Henne mit 6 Eiern auf einem Korb, blaues Pressglas, H insg. 12,7 cm, Henne B 10,6 cm, L 15,6 cm, Korb B 13,3 cm, L 18,4 cm  
Sammlung Smith

Mathew Turnbull, Cornhill Glass Works, Southwick, Sunderland, Rd.No. 117815, 21. Januar 1889

Shirley Smith, SG

Juni 2008

## A Clear Blue Mathew Turnbull Hen Dish, Rd.No. 117815 Cornhill Glass Works, Southwick, Sunderland, 1890s

Dear Siegmur,

I wanted to write and tell you about the absolutely rare hen dish that I was able to get on eBay. It is a Mathew Turnbull hen dish that is clear blue!!! **No one has ever documented a Turnbull hen dish in any color other than just clear glass.** So, I have quite a rare find!!! It came from an eBay seller who lives in Wales, England. He said that he bought it locally. It has the registration number **Rd.No. 117815**. It does have some damage but nothing that detracts from its display.

The British registration number for this hen dish was registered on **January 21, 1889**. So, the hen dish must have been made sometime after that. I think probably in the 1890s.

I think that it is very strange that **there is very little information available about the Mathew Turnbull glass works.** (Mathew Turnbull and Co., Ltd., Cornhill

Glass Works, Sunderland, England.) **Many sources, even British books, do not even refer to it.**

I am enclosing some pictures.

Shirley Smith in Charleston, WV, USA

**Shirley Smith  
Glass Hen on Nest Covered Dishes  
Collector Books, Paducah, Kentucky, 2007**

Smith 2007, S. 159 f.

Matthew Turnbull and Co. Ltd., 1859 - 1953, Cornhill Glass Works, Sunderland, England

Established in **1859** as a small family firm, the company manufactured pressed tableware in flint and amber. In the 20th century it was a regular supplier to Woolworth's, and closed in **1953** when the Woolworth contract was lost. (Woolworth in the UK is a store offering

inexpensive home goods.) [Notley 2000, S. 46; Thompson 2000, S. 184.]

Forms (measurements may vary 1/16" / 1 mm)

One form registered January 21, 1889, as design #117815.

Length from handle to handle 7 1/4" [L 18,4 cm]  
 - from end to end of scalloped flange 7 1/2" [L 19 cm]  
 Top 6 1/4" x 4 1/4" [L 15,8 cm, B 10,8 cm]  
 Opening in the base to accept the cover 5 7/8" x 4 1/8" [L 14,9 cm, B 10,4 cm].

The top has an inner lip that slips down into the opening of the base to keep the cover secure. The hen top itself is like the Atterbury 5" hen in that it has the extra feathers on both sides of the tail in exactly the same positions. The rest of the Turnbull hen cover is very similar to the 5" Atterbury but the Turnbull hen has large bulging eyes.

- TUR01. Turnbull hen dish. Rare. \$ 250 - 350. Courtesy of Frank Chiarenza.
- TUR02. Turnbull hen dish base bottom. Courtesy of Frank Chiarenza.
- TUR03. Turnbull hen dish eye. Courtesy of Frank Chiarenza.

Abb. 2007-4/152  
 Auktion Milk Glass Sammlung Chiarenza 2007  
**Cowan's, Lot 3323, Turnbull, Henne, Preis US \$ 373,75**  
 British, registered Jan 21, 1889 and made at the Cornhill Glass Works, 7.25" long [L 18,4 cm]



SG: Den Hinweis von Shirley Smith, dass man über Turnbull in der Literatur zu Pressglas aus England nichts findet, kann ich nur bestätigen:

Lattimore 1979, S. 118: Also in the north-east was the glasshouse of **Matthew Turnbull, at the Cornhill Glassworks, Southwick, Sunderland, who was advertising his pressed table glass in 1887.**

Notley 1986: nichts gefunden  
 Slack 1987: nichts gefunden  
 Chiarenza 1998: nichts gefunden

Notley 2000, S. 46: **A Turnbull hen.** Covered hens still sell well when marketed. Mostly found on the "Covered Butters" pages of manufacturers' catalogues, they also appear as one-off items in the output of many smaller

manufacturers. Such an example is shown below. Pressed in clear or flint glass, it was made by the Turnbull factory, Sunderland. Animal items from small, short-lived, poorly documented factories, such as Turnbull's, are keenly hunted for by canny collectors.

**A press-moulded clear-glass covered hen by Matthew Turnbull, Sunderland, c.1890, £ 100-150 [1996!]**

Abb. 2008-3/153  
 Henne mit 6 Eiern auf einem Korb  
 blaues Pressglas, H insg. 12,7 cm  
 Henne B 10,6 cm, L 15,6 cm, Korb B 13,3 cm, L 18,4 cm  
 Sammlung Smith  
 Mathew Turnbull, Cornhill Glass Works, Southwick, Sunderland,  
 Rd.No. 117815, 21. Januar 1889



Thompson 2000, S. 184:  
**Matthew Turnbull, Cornhill Glass Works, Southwick, Sunderland**  
**Registration dates 1879 - 1895**

Reg.No.	Date	Year	
338093	11 August	1879	Parcel Design No. 7, Glass side or top light
111661	19 October	1888	Owl
117815	21 January	1889	Sitting chicken
119318	9 February	1889	Bull's head
127515/6	22 June	1889	
143884	11 February	1890	Jug
145008	28 February	1890	
169410	9 April	1891	Dish
208367	1 March	1893	
213374	10 June	1893	Jug
219638	4 October	1893	Goblet
233062	30 May	1894	Sugar
245720	10 Decemb.	1894	Sweetmeat - leaf shape
250515	2 March	1895	Sugar



SG: Wenn man das Oberteil der Henne - ihren Körper ohne den Deckel - betrachtet, dann gibt es eine **große Übereinstimmung mit dem „Urmodell“ einer Henne mit Eiern auf einem Korb von der Pressformenfabrik August Riecke, Dresden-Deuben, um 1895!** Siehe dazu PK 2008-3, Fastner, SG, Henne auf Korb mit Flechtmuster, breiter Rand mit überkreuzenden Bögen August Walther & Söhne, Ottendorf-Okrilla, ab 1895? -

1931. Alle wichtigen Details stimmen überein: Kamm mit 5 Fleischwülsten, 3-facher Federschopf, Halskrause, Rücken mit 2 Federwülsten, Schwanz mit 5 - 6 Federn, natur-getreue Befiederung, 6 kleine und große Eier, leicht nach unten geneigter Kopf, Blick nach links ...!

**Hat Turnbull die Pressform von Riecke um 1895 gekannt oder Riecke die Hennendose von Turnbull 1889?**

## Literaturangaben

Lattimore 1979	Lattimore, Colin R., English 19th Century Press Moulded Glass, London, Barry & Jenkins, 1973/1979
Notley 1986	Notley, Raymond, Pressed Flint Glass, Aylesbury, Bucks, England 1986, Shire Album 162
Notley 2000	Notley, Raymond, Miller's Popular Glass of the 19th & 20th Centuries, London, Octopus Publishing Group Ltd 2000
Slack 1987	Slack, Raymond, English Pressed Glass 1830-1900, London, Barrie & Jenkins, 1987
Thompson 2000	Thompson, Jenny, The Identification of English Pressed Glass: 1842-1908, Kendal, Cumbria, Selbstverlag, 1989, reprinted 1993, 1996, 2000; Supplement to the Identification of English Pressed Glass, 1842 - 1908

Abb. 2008-3/154 (Maßstab ca. 90 %)

Henne mit 6 Eiern auf einem Korb, blaues Pressglas, H insg. 12,7 cm, Henne B 10,6 cm, L 15,6 cm, Korb B 13,3 cm, L 18,4 cm Sammlung Smith

Mathew Turnbull, Cornhill Glass Works, Southwick, Sunderland, Rd.No. 117815, 21. Januar 1889



Abb. 2008-3/155

Henne mit 6 Eiern auf einem Korb, blaues Pressglas, H insg. 12,7 cm, Henne B 10,6 cm, L 15,6 cm, Korb B 13,3 cm, L 18,4 cm  
Sammlung Smith

Mathew Turnbull, Cornhill Glass Works, Southwick, Sunderland, Rd.No. 117815, 21. Januar 1889



Siehe unter anderem auch:

- PK 2007-3 SG, Pressglas-Museum Frank Chiarenza in Meriden, Connecticut, wird geschlossen die Sammlung Chiarenza wird Ende Oktober 2007 versteigert!
- PK 2007-4 SG, Milk Glass Sammlung Frank Chiarenza wurde Ende Oktober 2007 versteigert
- PK 2008-3 [Fastner SG, Henne auf Korb mit Flechtmuster, breiter Rand mit überkreuzenden Bögen August Walther & Söhne, Ottendorf-Okrilla, ab 1895? - 1931](#)
- PK 2008-3 [Morin, "Mystery Hens" & "Hens with no Name" - SG: all four can now be attributed! Gebrüder von Streit, Berlin, & August Walther, Ottendorf, - about 1900 - 1915](#)
- PK 2008-3 [Nash, Smith, SG, Zwei Hennen auf einem Korb mit Flechtmuster, breiter Rand mit überkreuzenden Bögen: August Walther & Söhne, Ottendorf-Okrilla, ab 1895? - 1939?](#)
- PK 2008-3 [Smith, SG, The "Arches hen dish" might be from Walther 1904](#)