

Walther Pressed Glass Designs Registered in the UK in the year 1937

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On the 22nd December 1937 Sächsische Glasfabrik August Walther & Söhne of Ottendorf-Okrilla, Germany, submitted 18 designs to the Patent Office to be registered under the UK Patent and Design Act 1907. A design registered under this act gave the owner copyright protection for a period of 5 years which could be extended for two further periods of five years on payment of the appropriate fee.

Abb. 2003-3/xxx
Registered Design No: 825108
Walther Style Name: Pierrette
Walther Catalogue No: 40260, MB 1936, Table 71 & 115
Effective Registration Date: 8th July 1937
Description: Trinket tray featuring the Pierrot and Pierrette characters. These two clowns are from the Italian Commedia dell'arte. Pierrot is a fun loving clown who is desperately in love with Pierrette. Pierrette only sometimes returns his affections and Pierrot is often depicted alone playing his mandolin and pinning for Pierrette. In the scene on this tray both characters are seen together by the light of a lamp.



Why Walther should have decided to start registering their designs in the UK is unknown. The designs registered first appeared in Walther's 1936 catalogue. It is not known whether these designs were actually sold in the UK, but by registering them it gave Walther protection against them being copied. This sort of copying did happen. The Davidson company was forced to register its designs in Australia after the Japanese started copying the 'Barrel' can (Reg. No. 802751) and undercutting them in the Australian market. Walther was not immune from copying other companies designs either. Their "Primus" bowl is a direct copy of Davidson's 1910BD flower bowl.

The patterns that Walther registered range from their stunning centre pieces such as the Möven and the Pierrette trinket set to a quite ordinary trinket tray. Interestingly although all of the designs had an application date of the 22nd December 1937, their effective registration date ranged from the 8th July 1937 to the 8th December 1937- before the recorded

application date. This was permissible under special circumstances which were defined in Section 91 of the Patents and Design act.

Abb. 2003-3/xxx
Registered Design No: 825109
Walther Style Name: Pierrot, MB 1936, Table 115
Walther Catalogue No: 40261
Effective Registration Date: 8th July 1937
Description: Candlestick featuring Pierrot playing his mandolin.



Nr. 40261

Abb. 2003-3/xxx
Registered Design No: 825110
Walther Style Name: Pierrette
Walther Catalogue No: 40262, MB 1936, Table 115
Effective Registration Date: 8th July 1937
Description: Candlestick featuring Pierrette.



Nr. 40262

The table below lists the registered designs submitted by Walther. We have either used images from the Public Records Office or from the 1936 Walther Catalogue. The 1936 Walther Catalogue was supplied by Siegmur Geiselberger and is from the PK 2002-3 edition of *pressglas-korrespondenz* (www.pressglas-korrespondenz.de).

Abb. 2003-3/xxx
 Registered Design No: 825113
 Walther Style Name: Pierrot
 Walther Catalogue No: 40264, MB 1936, Table 115
 Effective Registration Date: 8th July 1937
 Description: A powder jar from the Pierrot and Pierrette trinket set. The finial on the pot is in the shape of a Lyre.
 Registered Design No: 825114
 Walther Style Name:
 Walther Catalogue No:
 Effective Registration Date:
 Description: Application Abandoned



Abb. 2003-3/xxx
 Registered Design No: 825115
 Walther Style Name: Pierrette
 Walther Catalogue No: 40266, MB 1936, Table 118
 Effective Registration Date: 8th October 1937
 Description: A clock featuring Pierrot and Pierrette



Abb. 2003-3/xxx
 Registered Design No: 825120
 Walther Style Name: Sigrid
 Walther Catalogue No: 43855, MB 1936, Table 57
 Effective Registration Date: 8th October 1937
 Description: A bowl, a shallow dish and also a lidded box with a geometric design.



Abb. 2003-3/xxx
 Registered Design No: 825116
 Walther Style Name: Petri
 Walther Catalogue No: 40073, MB 1936, Table 3
 Effective Registration Date: 8th October 1937
 Description: A three piece centre-piece decorated with a fish motif.



Abb. 2003-3/xxx
 Registered Design No: 825122
 Walther Style Name: Luna
 Walther Catalogue No: 40311, MB 1936, Table 64
 Effective Registration Date: 1st December 1937
 Description: A table lamp with fish motif. The lamp has the same design as the Petri centre-piece shown above.



Abb. 2003-3/xxx
Registered Design No: 825117
Walther Style Name: Haarlem
Walther Catalogue No: 43911, MB 1936, Table 2
Effective Registration Date: 8th October 1937
Description: A three piece centre-piece consisting of a stand, a bowl and the figure of a young woman carrying a basket of flowers.



Abb. 2003-3/xxx
Registered Design No: 825123
Walther Style Name: Paradies
Walther Catalogue No: 46140, MB 1936, Table 4
Effective Registration Date: 1st December 1937
Description: A two piece centre-piece with a pelican motif.



Abb. 2003-3/xxx
Registered Design No: 825118
Walther Style Name: Möven
Walther Catalogue No: 40080, MB 1936, Table 1
Effective Registration Date: 8th October 1937
Description: A three piece centre-piece consisting of a stand, a bowl and a figure of a bird and fishes.



Abb. 2003-3/xxx
Registered Design No: 825124
Walther Style Name: Poseidon
Walther Catalogue No: 44025, MB 1936, Table 4
Effective Registration Date: 1st December 1937
Description: A two piece centre-piece decorated with a geometric design.

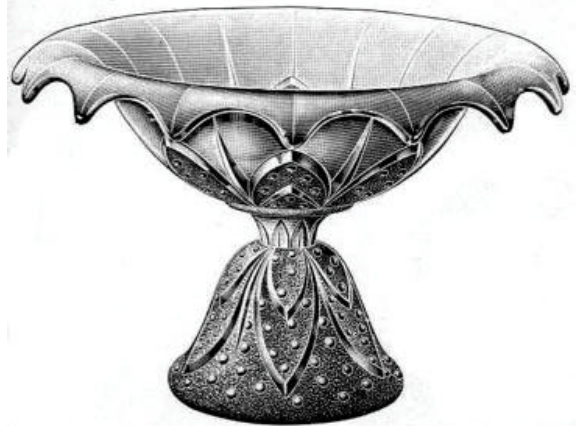
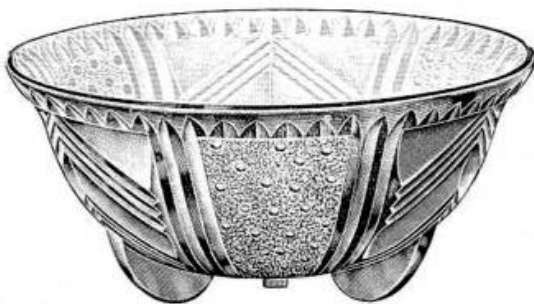


Abb. 2003-3/xxx
 Registered Design No: 825111
 Walther Style Name: Dresden
 Walther Catalogue No: 42546, MB 1936, Table 15
 Effective Registration Date: 8th July 1937
 Description: A Jardinière Registered Design No: 825112
 Walther Style Name:
 Walther Catalogue No:
 Effective Registration Date:
 Description: Application Abandoned



Nr. 42546 ø 27x17 cm

Abb. 2003-3/xxx
 Registered Design No: 825127
 Walther Style Name: Isabella
 Walther Catalogue No: 41360, MB 1936, Table 9
 Effective Registration Date: 1st December 1937
 Description: A bowl decorated with a geometric design.



Nr. 41360 ø 25,5 cm

Abb. 2003-3/xxx
 Registered Design No: 825128
 Walther Style Name: Groningen
 Walther Catalogue No: 40309, MB 1936, Table 3
 Effective Registration Date: 8th December 1937
 Description: A bowl decorated with a leaf design.



Abb. 2003-3/xxx
 Registered Design No: 825119
 Walther Style Name: Unknown
 Walther Catalogue No: Unknown
 Effective Registration Date: 8th October 1937
 Description: A trinket tray, powder jar and candlestick. This design does not appear in the 1936 Walther catalogue.

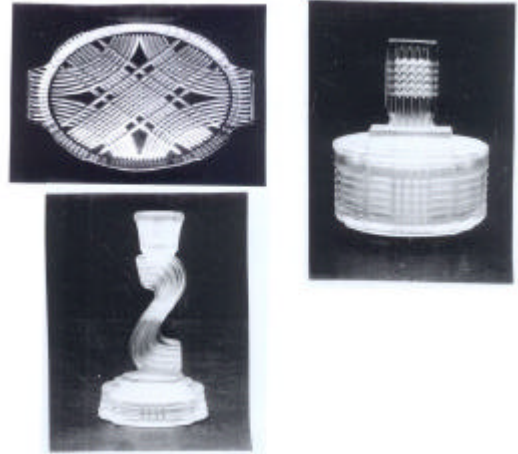
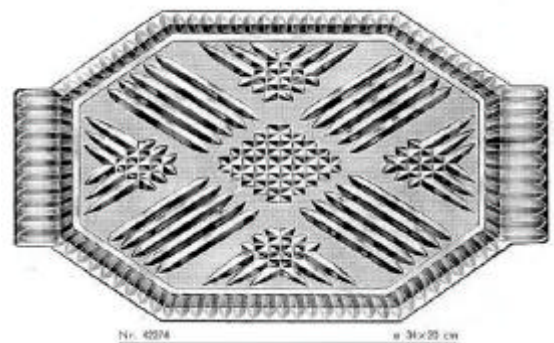


Abb. 2003-3/xxx
 Registered Design No: 825121
 Walther Style Name: Brilliant
 Walther Catalogue No: 42374, MB 1936, Table 114
 Effective Registration Date: 1st December 1937
 Description: A Trinket tray. None of the other pieces of this trinket set were included in the design registration.



Nr. 42374 ø 31x25 cm

Abb. 2003-3/xxx
 Registered Design No: 825129
 Walther Style Name: Unknown
 Walther Catalogue No: Unknown
 Effective Registration Date: 8th December 1937
 Description: A ring stand decorated with a geometric design.



Abb. 2003-3/xxx
Registered Design No: 825126
Walther Style Name: Kolibri
Walther Catalogue No: 42440, MB 1936, Table 79
Effective Registration Date: 1st December 1937
Description: A flared vase decorated with a flower motif.



Abb. 2003-3/xxx
Registered Design No: 825125
Walther Style Name: Lilli
Walther Catalogue No: 42048, MB 1936, Table 1 & 3
Effective Registration Date: 1st December 1937
Description: A figure of a young woman. These figures were either sold as a statuette on a black base or as part of a centre-piece.



Look also for:

- PK 2002-3** Geiselberger, Tafelaufsätze von August Walther & Söhne AG, James A. Jobling und anderen
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- PK 2002-4** Geiselberger, Tafelaufsätze von August Walther & Söhne AG, Ottendorf-Okrilla, 1934-1936
- PK 2003-2** Mauerhoff, Tafelaufsätze von August Walther & Söhne AG, Ottendorf-Okrilla von 1932 bis 1939 und von 1945 bis 1968. Der Entwerfer Fritz Scheiner