

Philadelphia Silversmiths

Additions & Corrections (December 2013)

William E. Dubosq (b1834 PA-d1914 VA), *jeweler (1850 Cen, 1900 Cen)*

William E. was a son of Peter (b1811), living in Philadelphia in 1850. In 1900 he was an invalid in the Disabled Volunteer Soldiers Home in Chesapeake, VA, with a Navy pension, and died in 1914.

Filley & Mead

New mark: [eBay]



Charles Frederick Huguenin, *watchmaker* [new entry]

A member of the clockmaker family of Chaux-de-Fonds, Switzerland, he came to Philadelphia by 1795. He travelled a southern circuit in spring and fall advertising watches and jewelry in Virginia and North Carolina in 1797-98. He or his children may have settled in Tarboro, NC and partnered as Roberts & Huguenin 1836-37.

83 Callowhill (1797-1800), 11 N 5th (1800-02)

John Mecke (bc1808 PA-d1874 Phila), *watchmaker*, [new entry]

A print block for watchpaper reads "JOHN MECKE/ CLOCK- & WATCH/ MAKER/ & JEWELLER/ No. 359 NORTH 2nd St/ PHILADA" inside a band of random oak leaves. [www.treasurenet.com/forums/today-s-finds/306569-cool-find-1800s-jeweler-s-clock-watch-makers-embosser.html posted August 6, 2012 by granthansen]

359-1/2 N 2d (1837-41), 359 N 2d (1843-55), 120 Margareta (1860, as residence thereafter, died at this address).

Lewis Quandale

Sheaf of wheat swaged handle [eBay]



Stephen Reeves (b1738 NJ)

Descendant I.S.K. Reeves suggests that because Reeves was a loyalist and separated from his wife in 1774, he soon left Philadelphia for loyalist New York City (two references in 1776), and possibly died in 1778 in Southampton, Long Island, the original home of his family. He shows a tight "SR" in rectangle mark (as found on several cream pots, a cann, sugar bowl, and coffeepot) and script "[S]Reeves" in stepped rectangle (on a finless fiddle teaspoon, mark as drawn in Ensko III). ["Silver Making, War, and Romance: The Saga of the Reeves Family Part I: Stephen Reeves (1738-1778)" by I.S.K. Reeves, V, *Silver Magazine*, July-August 2013, pp. 18-23]

Reeves' spoons suggest the silversmith continued working after the Revolution. The family's finless fiddle spoon with script "[S]Reeves" in stepped rectangle mark dates c1800. Carl M. Williams' *Silversmiths of New Jersey*, p.17, illustrates a Reeves tablespoon marked "SR" with traces of a Philadelphia bird on the back of the bowl with Philadelphia-specific stylized horizontal branch, a design associated with post-Revolutionary Philadelphia and especially c1790-1810. Known for his hollowware before the Revolution, Stephen Reeves seems to have paid for his loyalist sympathies, later working in obscurity, perhaps making only spoons.

Joseph West (b1755 NJ-d1779), *goldsmith (1776 adv)*

He was a son of Thomas West (d1770) and Deborah Ladd (d1778) and grandson and great grandson of shipbuilders Charles (1690-1761) and

James (1676-1701/2). He inherited property at Front Street above Vine. He married outside the Quaker faith in 1775, had three children, and died age 24, the same month he wrote a will November 1779 (although the will was not proved in court until 1781). [Carol Thompson, "James West Shipwright of Northern Liberties" tree at Ancestry.com]

John Whitaker, *jeweler (1816-17)*

The described mark "J. Whitaker" in rectangle (as shown in Belden, p. 440) is reattributed to Josiah Whitaker (b1788-d1871) of Providence, RI, who worked as a silversmith 1809-24+, and operated a comb manufactory c1837-71. Mark taken from a fiddle spoon with rounded fins.

re-attrib:



Josiah Whitaker [Clem Ripley]

R. & W. Wilson
Variation [eBay].

