

## EARLY MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, POT MAKING

by GREG MATHIS

The families of Rev. Nathaniel Pinkard and son William G. Pinkard, William Heath, and brother-in-law Daniel Crume emigrated from Springfield, Ohio, settling in Bozzatown, Alton proper. There, off Shield's Branch on Oct. 15th, 1818, they set up a "half faced" camp to assure a good defense against any threats from local native Indians. Here the party lived for two months when Major Charles Hunter, the proprietor of his land "Hunterstown," made an offering of town lots free in exchange for Pinkard and his party settling and sitting up a pottery on his land. A cabin of round logs was constructed on Shields Branch, 100 yards from the covered bridge within Hunterstown. As recorded in the *History of Madison County, Illinois*, Pinkard and Heath were the first known potters in Madison County and were known to have made "all kinds of earthenware for household use." (W.R. Brink & Company, Edwardsville, Illinois: pp 376-377).

Combining a growing settlement with their increased demand for ware prompted the Heath and Pinkard pottery to relocate to the adjoining village of Upper Alton. This area provided the better access to much better potter's clay, coal, and the demographic advantage that Upper Alton offered. This early Pinkard pottery was located near the northeast corner of Amelia Street and Broadway, now Washington Ave. By the mid 1850's, this Heath & Pinkard pottery was continued by C. J. Merrill and Follett, pipe manufacturers, and by 1874 Merrill and Sons produced vitrified stoneware and roofing tile at this site. (Mounce, Walthall McGuire: *Checklist of Illinois Potters and Potteries*; '89:p 14).



**1 Gallon ovoid redware vessel attributed to potter Robert Harrison,  
Upper Alton, Madison County, Illinois. cc: 1830**

Having originally potted near Edwardsville on Cahokia Creek 1820 to 1823, Robert Harrison produced coarse earthenware and redware pottery at Upper Alton from 1824 to 1830 (Peck, 1831: p. 298). In 1830 he relocated to Scott County, Illinois, to establish the first pottery operation at Winchester. Within a few years Harrison sold his Winchester potting business to George Ebey and returned to Upper Alton. Being among the very earliest potters, a young opportunist Robert Harrison soon acquired numerous sections of property within Upper Alton and Middleton.

Meanwhile, William Heath relocated and operated a pottery in White Hall, Greene County, Illinois, 1825 to 1833. A major milestone in the Illinois pottery industry occurred in White Hall at the Heath kiln in 1833 when John Neff Ebey fired the first “genuine salt glazed stoneware in the state.” (Mounce, Walthall, McGuire 1988: 1-2).

NOTATIONS: The Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in Upper Alton in 1817 and the first class was organized in 1818 with Mrs. William G. Pinkard being a charter member. This timeframe factor indicates the early Illinois pottery of Heath and Pinkard produced predominantly redware. Noting the 1866 Alton City Directory lists Mrs. William Pinkard's home at the north side of 3rd Street, indicates her husband had passed away prior to 1866. Mrs. Albert Wilson of Alton, Illinois, a direct descendant of Amelia "Millie" Pinkard, and of William Heath and Nathaniel Pinkard's son, William Pinkard, contacted Greg Mathis in 1996. Mrs. Wilson confirmed Amelia Street in the village of Salu was named for William Pinkard's daughter, Amelia "Millie" Pinkard, and confirmed the actual pottery location of Amelia Street and Broadway (today's Washington Avenue).

The extensive archival research of Isaac Warnack descendant, Sherron Logan, notes that the Warnack and Randle families of early Alton securely connects to early potters William Heath to Robert Harrison, and further Robert Harrison to the Warnack, Lohnes, and the Randle families through marriages and their migrations to/from Tennessee. As found with Antony Ulrich and John Wietfeld, some farmed as their primary livelihood and potted as a sideline. When the demand for utilitarian stoneware grew, a shift from farming to potting occurred to satisfy the great need of local and surrounding settlements in Madison and St. Clair County and of those directly across the river. Born was the evolving handcraft of the traditional Upper Alton "pottery man" during the first half of the Nineteenth Century aside the factual and theoretical knowledge that has surfaced about the major Nineteenth Century pottery center of Upper Alton, a mere fraction can be envisioned.

Paramount is the vicinity of Upper Alton and the village of Salu supplied the much-needed abundant supply of excellent quality potters clay that satisfied a boom community.



**1 gallon Harrison Pottery Upper Alton redware jar with vintage hand written note.**

**former Robert Sherman Collection. cc: 1830**

**Robert Harrison**

1818-20 Lonas Farm/Pottery, Knox County, Tennessee. Earthenware

1820-24 Cahokia Creek, Edwardsville, Madison County, Illinois. Earthenware.

1824-30 Upper Alton, Madison County, Illinois. Redware.

1830-34 Winchester, Scott County, Illinois, produced redware, sold pottery to  
George Ebey and T. M. Kilpatrick (partners) in 1834.

1834-56 Upper Alton, Madison County, Illinois. Redware, Stoneware.



Robert Harrison was born in 1802 in Virginia and died on 03 January 3, 1856, in Upper Alton, Illinois. He married Peachy Harrison, the daughter of Fielding Harrison and Anna Madison Quinn. Peachy was born in 1809 in Virginia and died on 01 September 1, 1865, in Upper Alton, Illinois. Robert Harrison and Peachy Harrison married and had the following children: son, Castle. R. Harrison (Research Notes that he was Potter and resided at Liberty north of Cherry with mother Peachy); and son, William Harrison (Potter, resided house Seminary and Amelia).

Robert Harrison's older brother, Fielding Harrison, was born in 1778 in Rockingham County, Virginia and died on January 11, 1829, in Pleasant Plains, Sangamon County, Illinois. Fielding Harrison and Anna Madison Quinn were married October 1, 1800 in Rockingham County, Virginia and they had the following children: Simon O. Harrison, born 1816 in Trigg County, Kentucky; and Mary Elizabeth Harrison was born on June 5, 1811 at Hopkinsville, Christian County, Kentucky. (She married Irwin Blackman Randle on October 26, 1831 in Alton, Madison County, Illinois.). She died on 07 Apr 1889 in Alton, Madison, Illinois; Payton Harrison; and Peachy Harrison (wife of Robert Harrison).

**Robert Harrison**

1836-56            Alton, Madison County, Illinois. (in 1850 produced 5000 gallons of ware, employed six men.)

**Castle R. Harrison** (Son of Robert Harrison)

1850-66            Alton, Madison County, Illinois. Produced 2000 chimney tops in 1850, employed four men, had two horses. Located on northeast corner of Broadway (today Washington Ave.) and Salu St.

**William Harrison** (Son of Robert Harrison)

1866                Upper Alton pottery located on Seminary north of Amelia.



**Upper Alton redware attributed to the Harrison Pottery.  
Former Robert Sherman Collection**



**Harrison 1 gallon redware jars. cc: 1830.  
Former Robert Sherman Collection.**



**Harrison 6 gallon redware jar. cc: 1830.  
Former Robert Sherman Collection.**



**“Bullet” style capacity stamped 2, 3, and 4 gallon Harrison vessels,  
bearing the capacity oval “dot” border, attributed to Robert Harrison.**



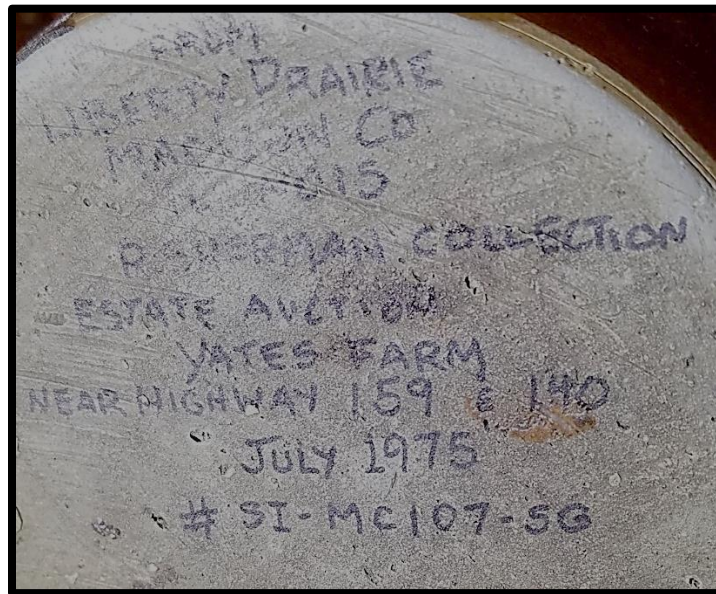
**4 gallon Warnack storage jar bearing the broad base impressed “4.”  
Former Robert Sherman Collection.**

WARNACK, Isaac E. - Upper Alton Pottery/Carpentering 1833. Isaac E. Warnack was born in Pennsylvania in 1801. He emigrated from Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, where attempts to make alkaline glazed stoneware may possibly have been attempted by neighboring farmers, Jacob Harmon and Jacob Lonas, on the Lonas tract in the 1820. However, no documenting connection has surfaced between the Warnack, Harmons, and Lonas families, nor about the shards recovered on the Lonas farm.

Isaac E. Warnack married Nancy Lonas. Their daughter Susan, married Irwin B. Randle, clerk of Ninian Edwards (First Governor of the Illinois Territory at Kaskaskia and a prominent Edwardsville, Illinois, citizen. The Warnack pottery's uncommon trait of dipping of salt glazed vessels into Albany slip created a distinctive two-toned effect on vessels having a brown Albany slip dipping atop and a gray salt glazed bottom. The supposition needs be asserted fairly securely that this Warnack trait and process likely emigrated from Europe, to Pennsylvania, onward to Knox County, Tennessee, to the Upper Alton area of Madison County, Illinois.







Half Gallon ovoid jug of Liberty Prairie, Madison County, Illinois. cc: 1840  
Featuring sager kiln marking and uncommon exterior slip glaze.  
Former Robert Sherman Collection

At the time Robert Harrison was on Cahokia Creek, no town was platted Prairietown or Worden, and these areas were simply referred to as the Edwardsville region. Cahokia Creek runs between Prairietown, and Worden, north of Edwardsville, Illinois. Harrison originally potted near Edwardsville on Cahokia Creek 1820 to 1823. He produced coarse earthenware and redware and pottery at Upper Alton from 1824 to 1830(Peck, 1831: p. 298).

Few potters were in Liberty Prairie, the middle of nowhere, in the 1820's. Regarding Liberty Prairie, no potters ever appear in Madison County, State, or Federal census. Logically, demand for ware and the time and energy required to construct even a makeshift kiln would not be cost effective. Any ware produced would likely be consumed for the personal family use and for that of immediate neighboring families. In short, time and effort would be spent just trying to stay alive through the four mid-western seasons. "Early stoneware pottery types from Liberty Prairie near Alton. ILLINOIS STATE MUSEUM" is pictured by Betty Madden's " *Art, Craft, and Architecture in Early Illinois.* " page 189. Madden lists "Robert Harrison, ca. 1820 - 1825, Cahokia Creek, near Edwardsville, probably redware." No Liberty Prairie vessels are known that bear a maker's marking.

Based on a degree of conjecture, logical reasoning, and supposition, Harrison's Cahokia Creek, Liberty Prairie, Edwardsville area kiln existed and must not have been completely abandoned. Highly probable, the kiln operation continued on, taken over or purchased by an apprentice, or was run by someone for the new property owner. In one form or another, this vessel is connected to Robert Harrison and his Cahokia Creek operation kiln.

*NOTE: Jug is from the collection of Robert Sherman, Archaeologist, Instructor, Historian, and Museum Consultant.*



## **CONNECTING THE DOTS**

Speaking both figuratively and literally, there exists the well-founded hypothesis that specifically “connects the dots” on some ceramics produced in the Robert Harrison kilns at Winchester, Scott County, Illinois, and Upper Alton, Madison County, Illinois. This makes a literal connection of his pot making “oval dot bordering” trait that surrounds his impressed capacity mark applied to a decorated Harrison vessel produced at Winchester, to other known vessels produced nearby and/or possibly within the Warnack operation in the Salu area of Upper Alton, Madison County, Illinois.

Likewise, based on Historical records, Federal census, and Land records, a very young Robert Harrison likely learned and brought his potting interest from Tennessee to Illinois, and to associate with Alton’s earliest potters on record, William Heath and Nathaniel Pinkard. Harrison potted here throughout the 1820s, when by 1830 he moved on to establish the first potting operation at Winchester, Scott County, Illinois. About 1835 Harrison sold his Winchester operation to George Ebey and returned to Upper Alton, IL. Thus, Harrison literally dotted a trail from Knox County, TN, to Madison County, IL, to Scott County, IL, back to Madison County, IL, and several treks back to Knox County, TN. Harrison’s land records suggest his strong interest interests at Upper Alton and to enticed Warnack and Harrison family members to migrate from Tennessee to the Upper Alton and Edwardsville, Illinois, areas.





**2 gallon oval “dot” bordered vessel inscribed “Winchester, Scott County,”  
featuring a hand applied brush stroked potted plant decoration,  
attributed to the Robert Harrison pottery at Winchester, Scott County, Illinois.**

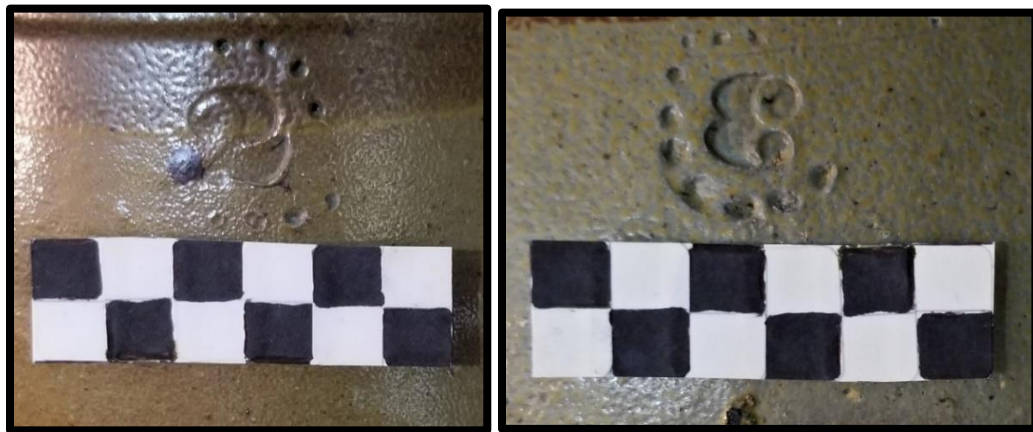


**2 gallon oval "dot" bordered vessel,  
bearing significant hand inscription "Winchester / Scott County."**





Oval "dot" bordered 2 gal jar with inscribed "Winchester, Scott County" vessel.



Oval "dot" bordered 2, 3, and 4 gallon vessels attributed to Harrison, Upper Alton, Ill.

NOTEWORTHY: All above impressed capacity numerals bear the same dimension of 1.5cm W, 1.5cm H, and a 1.5cm Diagonal measurement. The impressed bullet style "2" on the Winchester attributed vessel coincides exactly with the impressed bullet "2" on the vessels attributed to the Isaac Warnack pottery.



**Bullet style 2 gallon vessel, bearing the unique “dot” bordered capacity numeral 2.**



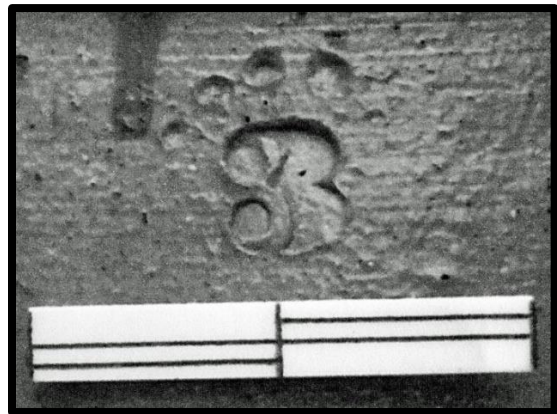
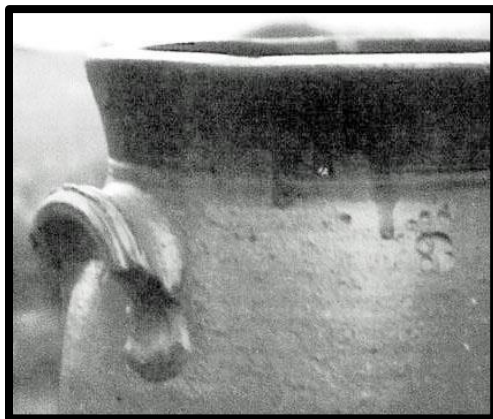
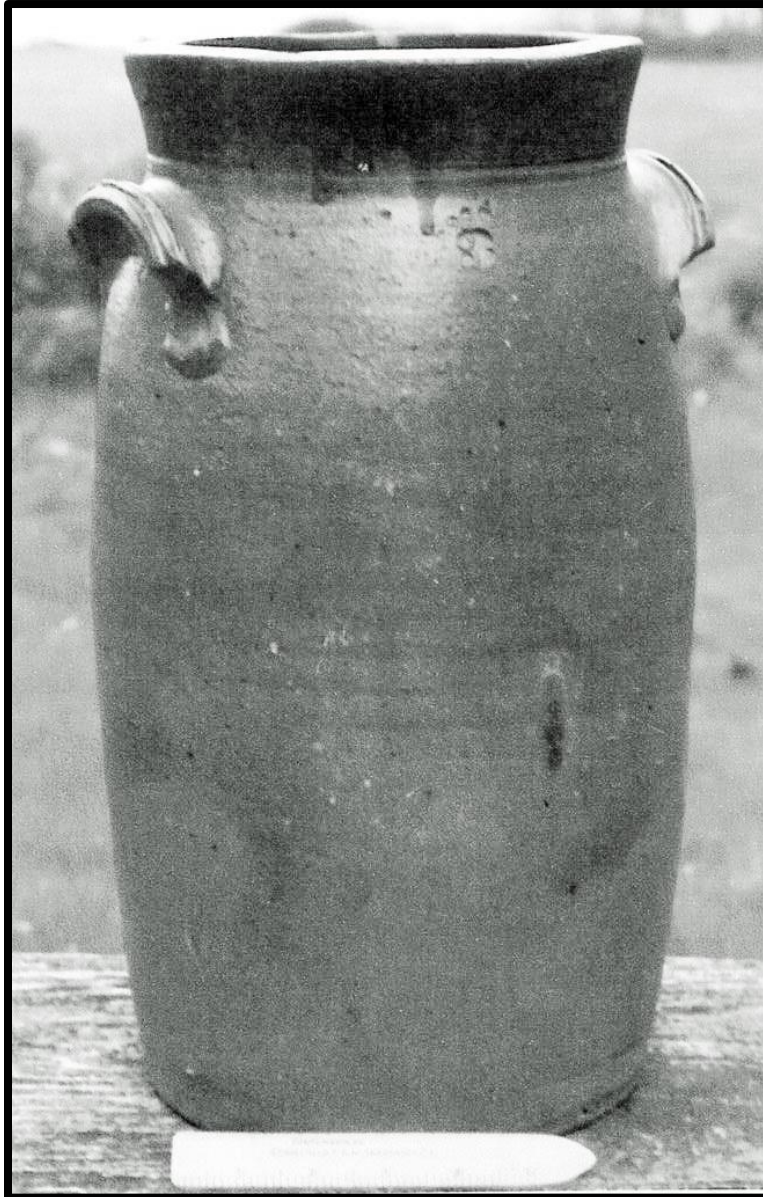


**Bullet style 3 gallon vessel, bearing the unique oval "dot" bordered capacity numeral 3.**

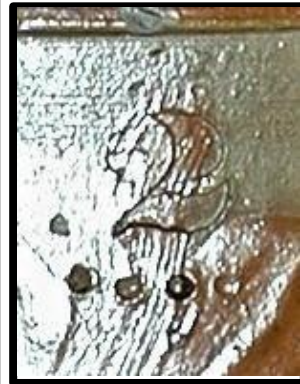


**Broad base style 4 gallon vessel, bearing the unique oval “dot” bordered numeral 4.**





**Bullet style 3 gallon vessel featuring "dot" bordered 3.**



**Floral decorated vessel bearing the “bullet style 2” capacity mark.**



**Fancy decorated vessel with “bullet style 3” capacity mark of Warnack/Harrison. The "squiggly" incised line above “3” are commonly found applied Winchester, G. Ebey pieces.**



## Recorded Land Sales of Robert Harrison, Isaac Warnack, and Ulrich/Wietfeld in Salu Village.

Nathaniel W. Parker to Elizabeth and Henry D. Warnock (sic) April 23, 1832 8-224  
Lots 6, 7, 8 of block 16 in Salu for sum of \$100

Recorded Apr 23, 1832 J. T. Lusk, clerk

MADISON COUNTY, EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS, DEED RECORD BOOK 8-224

Robert Harrison to Isaac Warnock (sic) August 8, 1833 10-263

Lot 3 and West half of lot 2 block 16 in Salu for sum of \$15.

(Located 2 blocks west of Saly Park)

Recorded August 8, 1833 J. T. Lusk George Smith JP

MADISON COUNTY, EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS, DEED RECORD BOOK 10-263

Erastus Brown EXE to Isaac E. Warnock (sic) August 24, 1833 10-265

Lots 256, 257, 258, 259 in the Brown, Whitney, Sangworth Addition of Upper Alton. By Probate Judge of Madison County for the public auction highest and best bid of \$6.50

Executer Gersham Flagg, Recorded Oct 29, 1833 J.T. Lusk, George Smith JP

MADISON COUNTY, EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS, DEED RECORD BOOK 10-265

Robert Harrison to Henry Warnock (sic) August 8, 1833 10 -266

Lot 1 and East half of lot 2 in Salu for sum of \$15.

(Location of pottery and waster dump (see pages 74-75).

Recorded October 29<sup>th</sup>, 1833 J.T. Lusk George Smith JP

MADISON COUNTY, EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS, DEED RECORD BOOK 10-266

Thomas Stanton to Isaac E. Warnack Dec 13, 1836 14-396

Lots 9 and 10 in block 1 in Stanton's Addition to Middletown on Union Street a reference to the Platt of said Town on record with more fully show for sum of \$200

Recorded Jan 5, 1837 J. T. Lusk rec John Randle JP

MADISON COUNTY, EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS, DEED RECORD BOOK 14-396

Robert Smith and Henry Clark to Isaac E. Warnack and I. Barton Dec 26, 1836 14-397

Property, "Beginning at a stake which stands at the northeast corner of the Middleton Tract X at the northwest corner of Doctor Stanton' forty-acre tract running from said corner North of N. Buckmaster's east line eight rods-. thence south and parallel with N. Buckmaster's said line to Dr . Stanton's north line 8 rods- thence Westerly along said line to the place of the beginning 4 rods containing two acres of land. For sum of \$400 Recorded Jan 5, 1837.

J.T. Lusk rec John H. Randle JP

MADISON COUNTY, EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS, DEED RECORD BOOK 14-397

Elijah F. Gardner to Isaac E. Warnack and Isaac Barton      Dec.29,1836      15-112  
Lots 7 and 8 in block 9 in Smith and Clark's Addition to Middleton a reference to the  
recorded Platt of said Town as Recorded at Edwardsville two payments of \$225 totaling  
\$450. \$100 dp.

Recorded Jan 5, 1837 J.T. Lusk rec John H. Randle JP

MADISON COUNTY, EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS, DEED RECORD BO O K 5 - 112

William B. Churchill to Isaac E. Warnock (sic) and Isaac Barton      Jan 1, 1837      15-180  
Lot 1 in block 16 in Smith and Clark's Addition to Middle ton to the recorded Platt  
of said Town as Recorded at Edwardsville two 6mo payments of \$150 plus \$10  
int,\_totaling\_\$310.

Recorded March 20, 1837 J.T. Lusk rec John H. Randle JP

MADISON COUNTY, EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS, DEED RECORD BOOK 15-180

David E. Nofsinger to Isaac E. Warnack      Sep 18, 1837      15-428  
Lot 3 in bock 2 in the Salu addition. One 6 mo payment total includes interest, \$6.5

Recorded Jan 5, 1837 J.T. Lusk rec John H. Randle JP

MADISON COUNTY, EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS, DEED RECORD BO O K 5 - 428

William G. Pinkard      to      John Warnock (sic)      May 6, 1837      16-235  
2 Acres - commencing at a point 12 rods from the southwest corner where it joins  
the land of Doctor Thomas Stanton, on the street running Charles J. Berry's in  
Middleton, to Upper Alton and running thence to Upper Alton, 16 rods back from  
said street above described sufficient depth to make quantity 2 acres. For \$600.

Recorded May 18 1837 J.T. Lusk rec William Martin JP

MADISON COUNTY, EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS, DEED RECORD BOOK 16-235

George Haskell to Isaac E. Warnock (sic) Feb 6, 1837 16-287

Beginning on the east side of Seminary street as said street is proposed to be extended through the tract of land sold by George Haskell to John Boswick and through said Haskell's land to the north line of the quarter section of which said land is a part, said street being 60 feet wide and punning parallel with the west line of the quarter section and 2 rods distant from said line said point of the beginning being 12 rods north of the line of the tract of land sold by said Haskell to said Boswick; thence east on the line of a tract of land sold by George Haskell to John Haskell 20 rods; thence running north and parallel with the said street 8 rods; thence running west parallel with the first named line 20 rods to said street; thence running on the east side 8 rods to the place of the beginning, containing 1 acre of land, the same being a portion of the west half of the southeast quarter of section 6 in township 5 north, range 9 west of the 3<sup>rd</sup> principal meridian. For sum of \$60.

Recorded May 12, 1837 J.T. Lusk rec George Smith JP

MADISON COUNTY, EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS, DEED RECORD BOOK 16-287

Amedie Berthold to H.D. Warnock (sic) September 25, 1856 56-148

Part of lot 10 of Tillman's commencing north west corner of lot 10 on the south line of Harrison's tract, thence east 200 feet, right angle south 45 feet, thence west parallel of Harrison Tract 200 feet to the east line of lot 9, thence 45 feet to place of beginning. For sum of \$7 5.

September 20, 1856 Charles H. Tilllson St. Louis County, Missouri Notary Public

MADISON COUNTY, EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS, DEED RECORD BOOK 56-148

James Marsh t o Isaac E. Warnack and Joel Neff Jun 9, 1838 15-459  
Lot73 in bock 16 in Smith and Clark Addition referenced in the Platt of  
said addition as recorded at the recorder's office in Edwardsville. Also,  
that tract of land in Macoupin County containing 80 acres. \$1 DP One  
6mo. payment \$175 discounted at the Alton Branch of the State Bank of  
Illinois.

Recorded June 12, 1838 J.T. Lusk rec Samuel G. Bailey JP

MADISON COUNTY, EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS, DEED RECORD BOOK 15-459

Isaac Prickett to Isaac E. Warnack December 5, 1843 26-165  
34 acres of the north part of the west half of the southeast quarter of section 6 in  
township 5 north of range 9 west of the 3<sup>rd</sup> principal meridian for the sum of\$40.  
(Located east side of Seminary St, and east of Salu.)

Recorded Dec 11, 1843 J.T. Lusk Geo W. Prickett JP

MADISON COUNTY, EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS, DEED RECORD BOOK 26-165

James H. Lea to Isaac E. Warnack February 22, 1844 26-219  
12 acres of the north part of the south part of the west half of the southeast quarter  
of section 6 township 5 north of range 9 west. For the sum of \$1 (sold for 1840  
back taxes)

To wit, the words of the State Bank on Illinois March 7, 18 4. 4

Recorded April 4, 1844 J.B. Hundley JP

MADISON COUNTY, EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS, DEED RECORD BOOK 26-219

Joseph Burnap to Thomas S. Warnack February 6, 1852 42-18  
part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 6 in township 5 north  
in range 9, west of the 3<sup>rd</sup> principal meridian, 70.5 acres for the sum of \$87.50

Recorded June 11, 1852 John W. Maxey JP

MADISON COUNTY, EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS, DEED RECORD BOOK 42-18

Robert Harrison to Isaac E. Warnack August 1, 1851 42-16

Lots 4 and 5 in block 6 in Salu Addition to Upper Alton.

(block south of Salu park.

Recorded Aug 2, 1851 J.T. Lusk rec Irwin B. Randle JP

MADISON COUNTY, EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS, DEED RECORD BOOK 42-16

George Smith to William J. Warnock(sic) December 6, 1852 43-486

George Smith to Henry E. Warnock (sic) December 6, 1852 43-486

George Smith to Lena Warnock (sic) December 6, 1852 43-486

Lot 1 and the east half of lot 7 in block in block 16 in the Salu Addition of Upper Alton for sum \$6.

Recorded March 1, 185A3cting JP, H.P. Summers May 14, 1853

MADISON COUNTY, EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS, DEED RECORD BOO4K3-486

John Arbuckle to Isaac E. Warnock (sic) May 23, 1857 56-149

The west half of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter and the east half of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 32 in township 6 north range number 9, west of the 3rd principal meridian (large area) For sum of \$771.32 signed John "his X" Arbuckle .

Recorded July 30, 1857 Joseph Chapman J.T.

MADISON COUNTY, EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS, DEED RECORD BOOK 56-149

Charles Tillman to H.D. and I.E. Warnack September 19, 1856 56-153

Being the north part of lot 9 adjoining the Harrison tract containing 2 acres, being the whole length of lot 9 extending west for the sum of \$150.

Recorder July 30, 1857 Edward Shands, St. Louis Mo JP

MADISON COUNTY, EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS, DEED RECORD BOOK 56-153

No. 194  
 This indenture, made and entered into this 24<sup>th</sup> day  
 of August, A.D. 1833, between Gresham Flagg, executor of the  
 last will and testament of Erastus Brown, late of Illi-  
 nois in the County of Madison, and State of Illinois, deceased  
 and Isaac E. Warnock of the County of Madison and  
 State aforesaid, Illinois, that in pursuance of the last  
 will and testament of Erastus Brown, which authorizes  
 the said executor to dispose of, at Public sale, such of his  
 real estate as he shall think proper as more fully appear  
 by reference to said will, recorded in the office of the  
 Judge of Probate, in the County of Madison and State of  
 Illinois, Now, Therefore, know all men by these presents,  
 That, I, Gresham Flagg, executor as aforesaid, have this  
 day exposed to public sale, Lots numbered two hundred  
 and fifty six, two hundred fifty seven, two hundred fifty  
 eight and two hundred and fifty nine in Brown's White-  
 oak Run north by addition to Upper Allen reference being  
 had to the places of said lots recorded at Edwardsville in  
 the County of Madison and State of Illinois, and the said  
 Isaac E. Warnock having bid the sum of \$6.50 which being  
 the highest and best bid for the same, and in consideration  
 of the aforesaid sum of six dollars fifty cents to me here  
 paid by the said Isaac E. Warnock the receipt whereof is  
 here by acknowledged, I have granted, given, sold, and sold,  
 and by these presents do grant, bargain, and sell unto the  
 said Isaac E. Warnock all the right, title, interest, claim  
 and demand of what sort or name or nature, which the  
 said Erastus Brown had at the time of his death, of and  
 to the following, described tract or parcel of land,  
 viz. The several described lots in said town of Upper  
 Allen. To have and to hold, the said tract or parcel  
 of land, together with all the privileges and appertenan-  
 ces thereto belonging, or in anywise appertaining to the  
 said Isaac E. Warnock and his heirs, executors, adminis-  
 trators and assigns forever, And I, the said Gresham  
 Flagg, do hereby covenant, promise, and agree to, and  
 with the said Isaac E. Warnock his his executors, adminis-  
 trators, and assigns, that I have not done or committed, and  
 will not do or commit, any act, matter or thing, whereby  
 the right of the said Isaac E. Warnock can in any manner  
 or way be impaired to the said land hereby granted to be

Gresham Flagg for Erastus Brown estate to Isaac E. Warnock (sic) August 24, 1833.



No. 195	<p>Know all men by these presents that we Robert Harrison and Teachy, J. Harrison of the County of Madison and State of Illinois, for and in consideration of fifteen dollars, paid to our full satisfaction, by Henry Warnock of said State and County have and hereby do freely and absolutely give, grant, bargain, sell and confirm unto the said Henry Warnock his heirs and assigns forever, certain town lots, tract of land, situate, lying and being in the town of Salu and County of Madison, Illinois, designated, and being lot 1<sup>st</sup> of section the east half of lot 1<sup>st</sup> in Block N<sup>o</sup> sixteen in said town of Salu, as will more fully appear by reference to the plat of said town. We have and to hold the above granted and bargained premises, with all and singular the privileges and appurtenances thereof, unto the said Henry Warnock his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns to their own proper use, benefit and behoof forever, and the said Robert Harrison for myself and my heirs, executors and administrators, do covenant with the said Henry Warnock that until the execution of these presents, I was the sole owner of the premises, and that they are free from every incumbrance and I do hereby engage, promise and agree to warrant and defend</p>
to Warnock	
lot 1 <sup>st</sup> of section 2 in Salu	

Robert Harrison to Henry Warnock (sic) Block 16 by Salu Park, Town of Salu, 1832.

Warnack to Ulrich & Wietfeld	<p>KNOW ALL MEN by these presents that Isaac E. Warnack of the County of Madison and State of Illinois have mortgaged to Anthony Ulrich and John Wietfeld six acres of land being part of the South east quarter of section No Six of Township five North Range nine west adjoining the Salu addition to Upper Cotton to secure the said Ulrich and Wietfeld in sum of two hundred and fifty dollars to him in hand paid. Now upon the payment of a certain promissory note given by the said Warnack to Ulrich and Wietfeld for two hundred and fifty dollars date the fifteenth day of May eighteen hundred and forty six then this Mortgage to be null and void else to be and remain in full force. Given under my hand and seal this fifteenth day of May 1846</p> <p>Isaac E. Warnack (Seal)</p> <p>Sealed in presence of Frederick Wagoner }        State of Illinois }        Madison County } I John A. Marney a Justice of the Peace of said County do certify that Isaac E. Warnack whose signature appears to the foregoing deed and who is personally known to me to be the person described in and who executed the same, did acknowledge the same to be his free and voluntary act and deed, for the use and purposes therein mentioned - Given under my hand and seal this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1846</p> <p>Recorded May 30<sup>th</sup> 1846 J. A. Marney (Seal)</p>
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Isaac E. Warnack mortgaged to Anthony Ulrich and John Wietfeld six acres, southeast quarter of Sec. 6, Township Five, North Range Nine West, adjoining Salu. May 15, 1846.



Joel Finch to Anthony Ulrich and John Whitfield (sic) June 14, 1845 27-398

Bordered on the north by the road leading from Upper Alton to Hillsboro and the west by the land of the said Ulrich and Whitfield (sic) and E. Rogers and on the south by the land of George Smith, on the east by land sold by the said Finch to Wm Clark of the same bring a part of section 8 in township 5 North, Range 9, west of the 3rd principal meridian containing 10 acres of land.

Rec August 9, 1845 J.T. Lusk Clk I.B. Randle JP

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Anthony Ulrich and J. Wietfeld to Anthony Burger 1855 48-640

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48-640

Anthony Ulrich Et Al to John Mabee Oct 1, 1856 53-483

The southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 6 township 5 north range 9, 3<sup>rd</sup> principle meridian, 40 acres, reserving the right to themselves the privilege of the use of the potter's clay and the right of way to the said clay banks. For the sum of \$150.

Rec Jan 28, 1857 John A Maxey JP

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Robert Harrison to John Camp 1834 12-174

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Anna M. Harrison to Joel Finch 1830 11-610

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Robert Wm and James Harrison to John Newman Dec 24,1835 12-236

Se quarter of 14, east half of sw of 14, the se quarter of ne of 22, nw qua of 22, ne quarter of ne of 23, west half of ne 24, sw qtr. of sec 28, ne qtr. of sec 32, all in towns 5 n range 8 w, rang 7w 800 acres. Sum \$3,745 Rec Dec25, 1835

J. T. Lusk, Clk

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Robert Harrison to Samuel Gooch 1836 13-165

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Robert Harrison to John Cooper 1836 13-186

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Robert Harrison to William H. Short 1836 13-207

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Robert Harrison to I. B. Randle 1836 13-260

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Robert Harrison	to	Bonnett Maxey	1836	13-310
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Robert Harrison	to	John Bostwick	1836	13-324
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Robert Harrison	to	Thomas E. Maxey	1836	13-460
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Robert Harrison	to	G. C. Stamps	1836	14-103
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Robert Harrison	to	William G. Pinckard	1836	14-167
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Robert Harrison	to	J.H. Randle	1836	14-298
MADISON COUNTY, EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS RECORD BOOK 56-148				
Robert Harrison	to	I. B. & J. H. Randle	1838	17-379
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William G. Harrison to D . M. Kettinger 1838 17-608  
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Robert Harrison to P. Merrill 1840 19-376  
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Anton Ulrich Estate to County of Madison 1869 104-542  
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Anton Ulrich to Edward P . Wade 1871 110-406  
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Franz Ulrich to Jacob Haush 1870 97-378  
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Anton Ulrich to Joseph Meacham Jr. 1871 110-537  
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Anton Ulrich to Mary C. Burger 1871 117-193  
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Anton Ulrich to Gotham Rubsom Jr 1873 115-607  
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Charles Ulrich to Frederick Schrimpf 1873 106-461  
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Whitfield (sic) & Ulrich to John T. Schultz 1849 33-17  
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John Wietfeld & Ulrich to Anthony Burger 1855 48-60  
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## Additional Land Deed Records of Warnack an Ulrich/Wietfeld.

Isaac E.	Frederick E.	1850	36-427
Isaac E.	Daniel M.	1855	46-753
Elizabeth	H P Randle	1837	16-73
Isaac E.	H P Randle	1837	16-71
Isaac E.	B. Edmond	1837	16-81
Warnock	E. T. Gardner	1837	17-204
Warnock	Wm Churchill	1837	17-353
Isaac.	George	1844	26-298
Isaac E.	Alexander M.	1856	50-115
Isaac E.	Richard e.	1858	58-533
Isaac E	Ann	1858	58-359
Thomas Warnock	Augustus	1858	58-259
Thomas Warnock	Robert Tansey	1860	64-251
Isaac E. Warnock	Henry D.	1860	66-16
Isaac E. & Henry	Franklin	1862	69-447
Isaac E.	Isaac N.	1865	81-523
Isaac E.	Chas W.	1865	83-279
Isaac E.	George W.	1867	93-230
George L.	Wm. Reader	1867	90-244
Frederick	Hiram N.	1867	93-275
Warnock Henry D.	Isaac E.	1867	93-328
Warnock Thomas	Hiram N.	1868	98-523
Mary J. Warnack &	Al & Ben	1868	94-384
Isaac E. Warnack to Samuel and	Henry Bundock	1868	96-137
Peter Merrill	Ulrich and	1842	22-307
Ezra Guttle	Ulrich and	1845	27-20
Joel Ginch to	Ulrich and	1845	27-398
John A. Maxey	Wietfeld	1845	27-512
William Steer	Ulrich and	1845	27-513
Isaack E. Warnock	Ulrich and	1847	25-360
Ebenezer Rodgers	Anthony	1850	36-38
John Bostwicks	Upper Alton	1850	34-508
James Meadows	Ulrich and	1851	38-180
George Holland	Ulrich and	1851	40-99
John Firsback	Ulrich	1856	51-381
James R.	Ulrich	1856	50-670
Adam Burger	Ulrich	1856	52-545
John Mabe to	Ulrich	1856	52-455
Jacob Millerto	John	1856	52-535
Joseph Suppiger	Francis Ulrich	1856	53-457
A M Wilsonto	Ulrich	1857	58-117
Robert L. King	Ulrich	1858	60-456
Jacob Miller by	John W. Utt	1858	64-205
Jacob Millerto	John W. Utt	1858	60-366
Benjamin Rose	Ulrich	1858	68-388
John Matthews	Anthony	1863	76-81
Joseph Machin	Anton Ulrich	1873	114-
Clemens De	Anton Ulrich	1873	106-

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No. 194  
 Gresham  
 Flaggs  
 of Madison  
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 256,  
 253,  
 in the  
 title to  
 Allen

This indenture, made and entered into this 24<sup>th</sup> day  
 of August, A.D. 1833, between Gresham Flaggs, executor of the  
 last will and testament of Erastus Brown, late of Illi-  
 in the County of Madison, and State of Illinois, deceased  
 and Isaac E. Warnock of the County of Madison and  
 State aforesaid, do hereby certify, that in pursuance of the last  
 will and testament of Erastus Brown, which authorizes  
 the said executor to dispose of, at Public sale, such of his  
 real estate as he shall think proper as more fully appear  
 by reference to said will, recorded in the office of the  
 Judge of Probate, in the County of Madison and State of  
 Illinois, Now, Therefore, know all men by these presents,  
 That, I, Gresham Flaggs, executor as aforesaid, have this  
 day exposed to public sale, Lots numbered two hundred  
 and fifty six, two hundred fifty seven, two hundred fifty  
 eight and two hundred and fifty nine in Brown's White-  
 oak Run, more by addition to Upper Allen reference being  
 had to the places of said lots recorded at Edwardsville in  
 the County of Madison and State of Illinois, and the said  
 Isaac E. Warnock having bid the sum of \$6.50 which being  
 the highest and best bid for the same, and in consideration  
 of the aforesaid sum of six dollars fifty cents to me hereinafter  
 paid by the said Isaac E. Warnock the receipt whereof is  
 here by acknowledged, I have granted, duly aimed and voted,  
 and by these presents do grant, bargain, and sell unto the  
 said Isaac E. Warnock all the right, title, interest, claim  
 and demand of what sort or name or nature, which the  
 said Erastus Brown had at the time of his death, of or  
 and to the following, described tract or parcel of land,  
 viz. The several described lots in said town of Upper  
 Allen. To have and to hold, the said tract or parcel  
 of land, together with all the privileges and appertenan-  
 ces thereto belonging, or in anywise appertaining to the  
 said Isaac E. Warnock and his heirs, executors, adminis-  
 trators and assigns forever, And I, the said Gresham  
 Flaggs, do hereby covenant, promise, and agree to, and  
 with the said Isaac E. Warnock his his executors, adminis-  
 trators, and assigns, that I have not done or committed, and  
 will not do or commit, any act, matter or thing, whereby  
 the right of the said Isaac E. Warnock can in any manner  
 or way be impaired to the said land hereby granted unto

Gresham Flagg for Erastus Brown estate to Isaac E. Warnock (sic) August 24, 1833.



No. 195  
 Know all men by these presents that me Robert Harrison and Teaching, Sheriff of the County of Madison and State of Illinois, for and in consideration of fifteen dollars, paid to our full satisfaction, by Henry Warnock of said State and County, have and hereby do freely and absolutely give, grant, bargain, sell and confirm, unto the said Henry Warnock his heirs and assigns, forever, certain town lots, tract of land, situate, lying and being in the town of Salu and County of Madison, Illinois, designated, and being lot No. One and the least half of lot No. Two of Block No. Sixteen in said town of Salu, as will more fully appear by reference to the plat of said town. We have and to hold the above granted and bargained premises, with all and singular the privileges and appurtenances thereof, unto the said Henry Warnock his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, to their own proper use, benefit and behoof forever, and I the said Robert Harrison for myself and my heirs, executors and administrators, do covenant with the said Henry Warnock that until the execution of these presents, I was the sole owner of the premises, and that they are free from every incumbrance, and I do hereby engage, promise and agree to warrant and defend

Robert Harrison to Henry Warnock (sic) Block 16 by Salu Park, Town of Salu, 1832.

Warnack  
 to  
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 of  
 &  
 Warnack  
 Know all men by these presents that Isaac E. Warnack of the County of Madison and State of Illinois have mortgaged to Anthony Ulrich and John Wietfeld six acres of land being part of the South East quarter of Section No. Six of Township Five North Range Nine West adjoining the Salu addition to Upper Cotton to secure the said Ulrich and Wietfeld in sum of two hundred and fifty dollars to them in hand paid. Now upon the payment of a certain promissory note given by the said Warnack to Ulrich and Wietfeld for two hundred and fifty dollars date the fifteenth day of May eighteen hundred and forty six then this Mortgage to be null and void else to be and remain in full force and effect. Given under my hand and seal this fifteenth day of May 1846  
 Signed sealed in presence of Frederick Brownes } Isaac E. Warnack (Seal)  
 State of Illinois }  
 Madison County } I John A. Marxey a Justice of the Peace of said County do hereby certify that Isaac E. Warnack whose signature appears to the foregoing deed and who is personally known to me to be the person described in and who executed the same, did acknowledge the same to be his free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned. Given under my hand and seal this 27th day of May A.D. 1846  
 Recorded May 30th 1846 J. A. Marxey J.P. (Seal)

Isaac E. Warnack mortgaged to Anthony Ulrich and John Wietfeld six acres, southeast quarter of Sec. 6, Township Five, North Range Nine West, adjoining Salu. May 15, 1846.



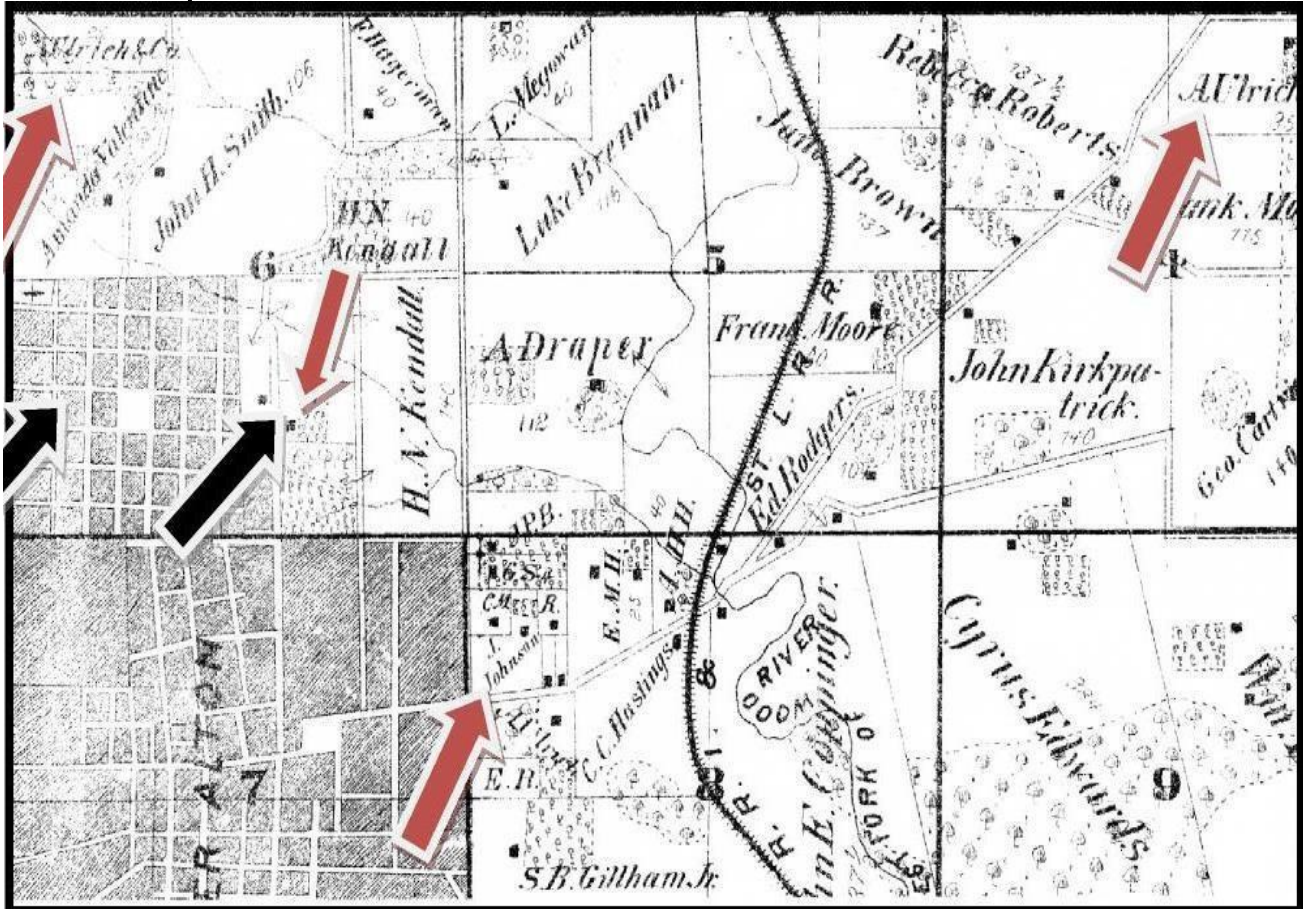
This Indenture, made this fifth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three Between Isaac Prickett of Madison County State of Illinois of the first part and Isaac E. Warnock of the same County and State of the second part  
 Witnesseth that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of forty dollars to him paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have transferred, remised, released, and quit claimed, and by their presents do transfer, remise, release, and quit claim to the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever all that certain piece or parcel of land, now in the possession of the said party of the second part, situate lying and being in the County of Madison and State aforesaid and known designated and described, as follows, to wit, thirty four acres of the north part of the west half of the South East quarter of Section No. Six in Township No. five North of Range No. Nine west of the third principal Meridian which above described tract of land was this day deeded to me by the Sheriff of Madison County and State of Illinois, together with all the privileges and appurtenances to the said land in any wise appertaining and belonging - and also all the estate, right title interest and property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever, as well in law as in equity, of the said party of the first part, of or to the above described premises and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances. To have and to hold, the above described premises to the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, to their use and behoof forever. In Testimony whereof the said party of the first part, hath hereunto set his hand and seal this day and year first above written signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of Geo W Prickett  
 Isaac Prickett  
 State of Illinois }  
 Madison County }  
 Be it known, that on the day of the date hereof personally appeared before me, Probate Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Isaac Prickett who is personally known to me to be the identical individual who signed the foregoing Deed of conveyance; and acknowledged that he had signed and sealed the same for the purposes therein expressed; and that he did not wish to retract therefrom. In Witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my official seal, at Edwardsville, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December A.D. 1843.  
 Edwardsville Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 1843 J. Scott Secy Geo W Prickett C, J, S.

Isaac Prickett to Isaac E. Warnock (sic)

December 5, 1843

34 Acres north of Salu Street, west of Seminary Street.





Section of Township Five North Range 9 West

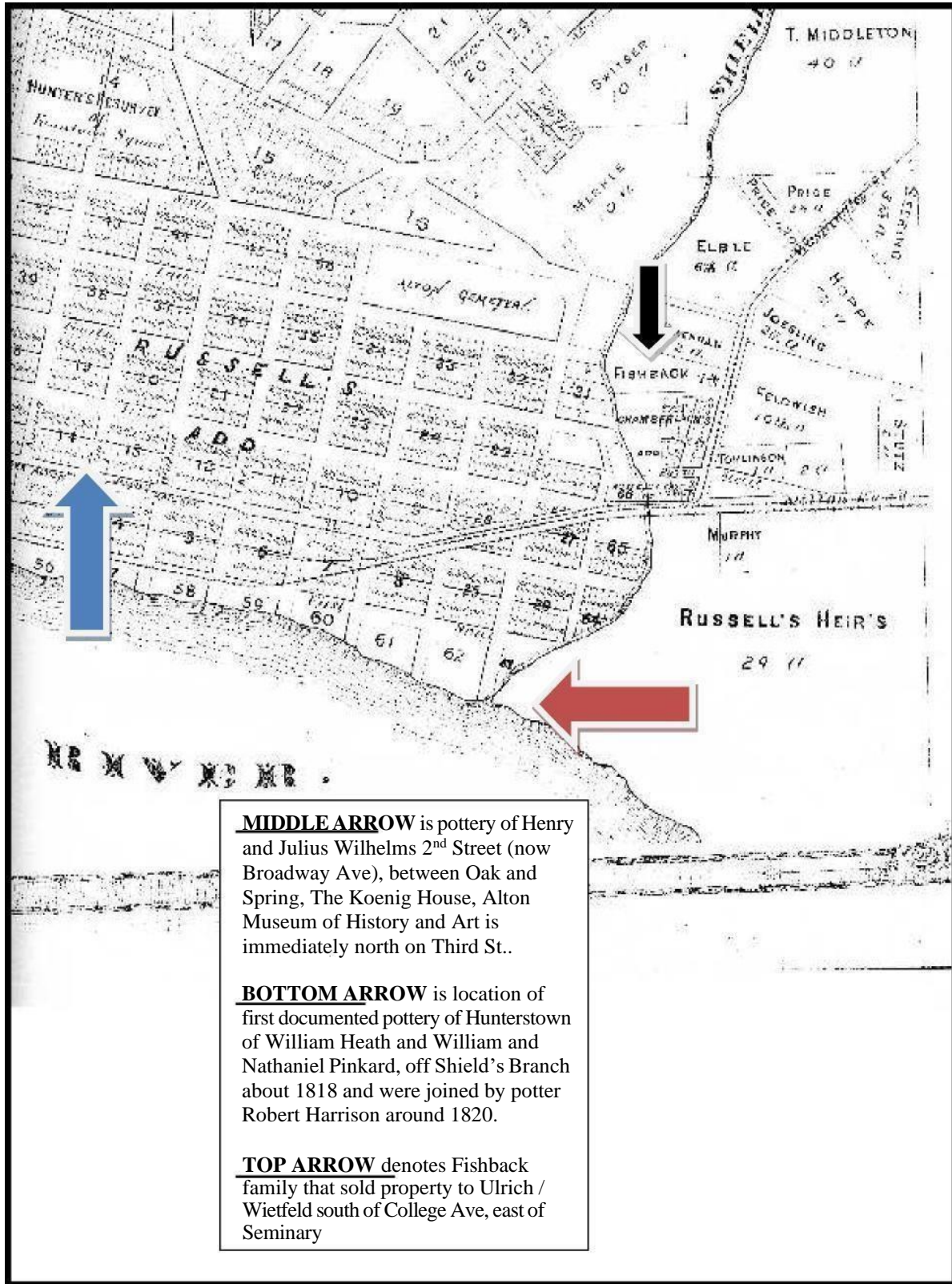
Warnack

Ulrich & Company

Frederich Hagerman

H. N. Kendall

NOTE: Red arrows are properties of Ulrich and Company (of Ulrich/Wietfeld). Black arrows are properties of Warnack.



**MIDDLE ARROW** is pottery of Henry and Julius Wilhelms 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (now Broadway Ave), between Oak and Spring, The Koenig House, Alton Museum of History and Art is immediately north on Third St..

**BOTTOM ARROW** is location of first documented pottery of Hunterstown of William Heath and William and Nathaniel Pinkard, off Shield's Branch about 1818 and were joined by potter Robert Harrison around 1820.

**TOP ARROW** denotes Fishback family that sold property to Ulrich / Wietfeld south of College Ave, east of Seminary

Map of early Alton potters.

Warnack "Bullet" Style Capacity Mark Varieties.



Bullet style 2, narrow base Var 1.



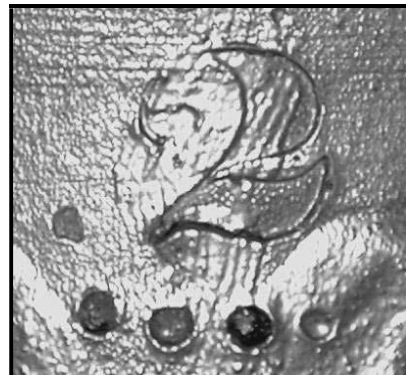
Bullet style 2, medium base Var 2.



Bullet style 2, broad base Variety 3



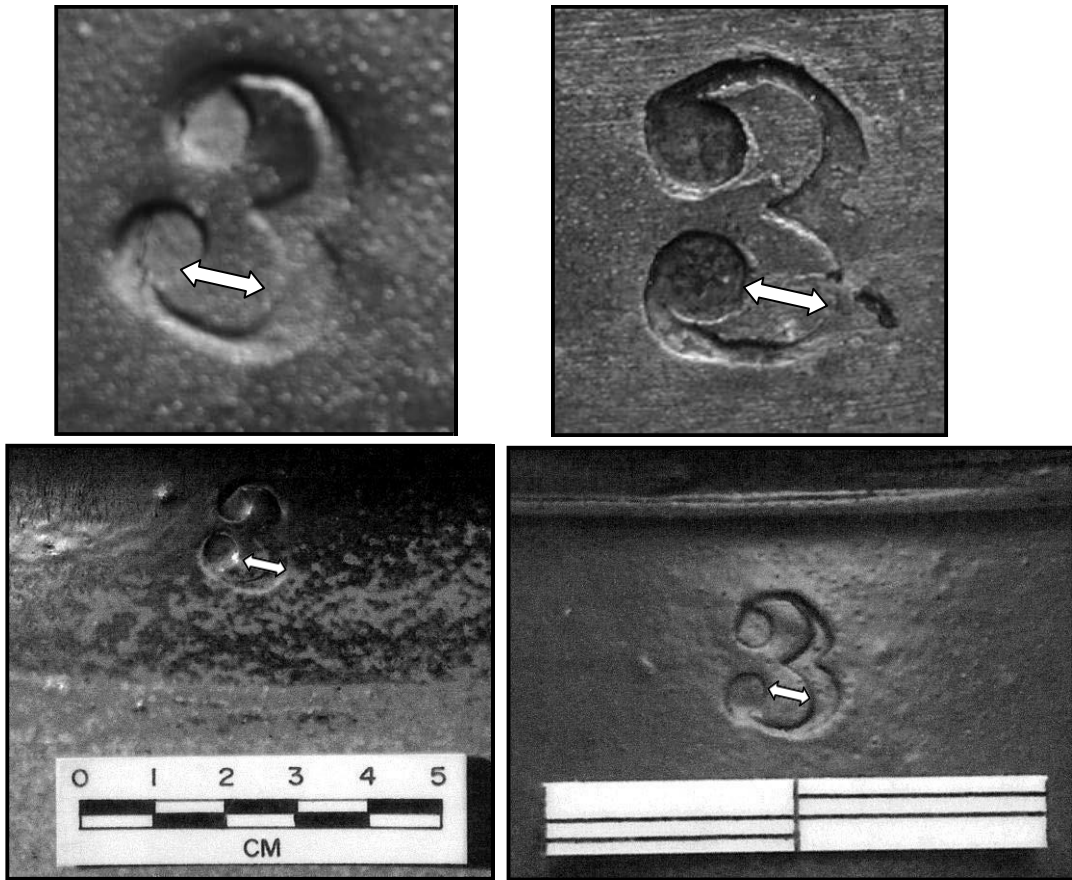
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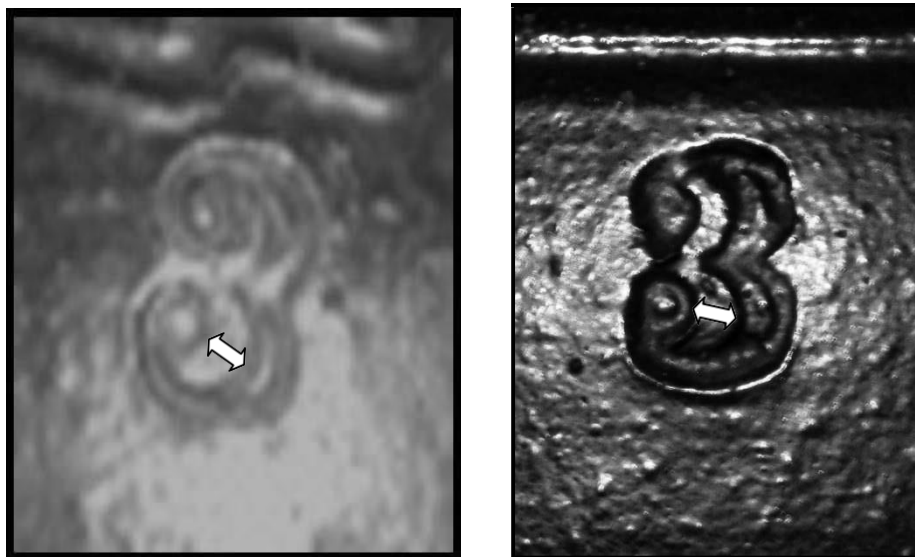
Harrison "dot" bordered capacity "2."

Variety of Warnack "Bullet" style 2 gallon capacity marks, and Harrison "dot" 2.





Bullet style 3, open/broad 3, Var 1 (two rows above).

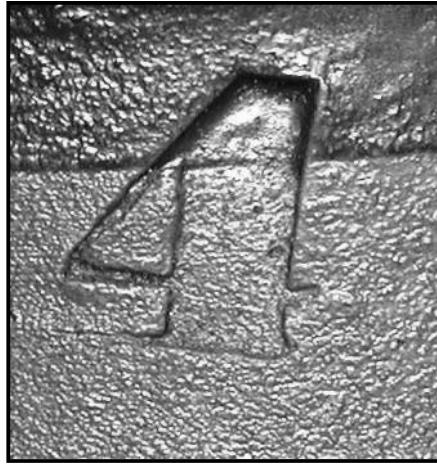


Bullet style 3, closed/narrow 3, Var 2.

Variety of Warnack "Bullet" style "3" marks.



Narrow base 4. Var 1.



Broad base 4. Var 2.



Bullet style 5 with narrow base. Var 1.



Bullet style 5, broad base. Var 2.



Bullet style 6. Var 1.

Variety of Warnack "Broad Base" 4, and "Bullet" style "5" and "6" marks.



## Anthony Ulrich / John Wietfeld Pottery

1836 - 1876

Anton Ulrich	farmer
John Wietfeld	potter
Joseph Coleburg	potter
Casper Gotten	farmer
Jacob Boiven	weaver
Henry D. Warnack	potter
Richard Baker	laborer
Henry Herman	laborer
John Gahlert	potter
Harz Becker	laborer
Sophia Hagerman (Wietfeld)	homemaker
John Vallah	laborer
Larry Burger	servant

### Ulrich & Company

The life-long partnership of two half-brothers accounts for one of the greatest longevities of any Illinois potter, potting at Upper Alton Pottery 1836 to 1876. Farmer Antony Ulrich and potter John Wietfeld emigrated in 1836 to Upper Alton from Westphalia, Prussia. From the Rheinisch Valley, where the technique of salt glaze stoneware was developed in the 16th Century and has continued for centuries, the brothers brought their trade to America and greatly impacted the pottery center at Upper Alton, Illinois. Antony Ulrich and John Wietfeld developed a farm and pottery south of College Road and one fourth a mile east of Seminary Street, near the toll gate. In 1850, the Ulrich-Wietfeld pottery produced 3500 gallons of redware and stoneware and found listed in the 1850 census were Antony Ulrich, John Wietfeld, Joseph Coleburg, Casper Gotten, Jacob Boiven, Henry Warnack, Sophia Hagerman, Richard Baker, and Henry Herman. In the 1860 census are listed Antony Ulrich, John Wietfeld, John Gahlert, John Vallah, Harz Becker, and Larry Burger. About 1855, one young potter, Henry D. Warnack, moved on to utilize his learned skills at his family's pottery, I. E. Warnack and Sons. Possibly, other potters, apprentices, and students lived nearby, therefore are not listed in the household census'. One possible instance of this connects a known Type I vessel that bears an impressed "J. MILLER." Jacob Miller lived nearby on property adjoining the Ulrich-Wietfeld site, both situated next to the Hastings plat. Patrick Smith, lived and potted at Alton in 1860. Henry Warnack, Jacob Miller, and Patrick Smith, may be only three instances of many that indicate apprentices and potters having relocated to other potteries or professions that worked or have been associated with the Ulrich-Wietfeld center a brief period of time. Ulrich and Wietfeld, Ulrich Company, owned three tracts of land, one of which contained a clay source, North tributary of Wood River, Coal Branch Creek. These properties are on the Western edge of Wood River Township, Madison County, Illinois. This property for the most part fell back into the ownership of H.A. Hastings as indicated on the Madison County Atlas of 1890.

At the Ulrich-Wietfeld pottery utilitarian salt glazed stoneware was predominately manufactured bearing a unique impressed capacity stamp encircled by dentates. This dentate mark has a specific configuration that is securely attributed to the Ulrich-Wietfeld site, based on various site excavations and surviving whole vessels within private collections. Early Ulrich-Wietfeld specimens display an ovoid shape and are not two-toned. Other examples, likewise hand turned, bear more standardization ranging in size two gallons to six gallons and are usually necked jars, or shelved jar/churns, possessing everted rims. These two-toned vessels often have about a two-inch Albany slip dipping from the top of the lip. This short slip height gives their salt glazed stoneware a distinctive appearance when compared to the local competing pottery of Isaac E. Warnack that operated one half mile to the northwest. The dipping, two-toning, trait served the practical purpose of better sealing the top of the item. This better preserved contents from the porous stoneware. Products of this pottery display great attention to detail and fine European craftsmanship. An advertisement for Warnack and Ulrich-Wietfeld appear side-by-side in the *Gazetteer of Madison County* (Hair 866: XIX).

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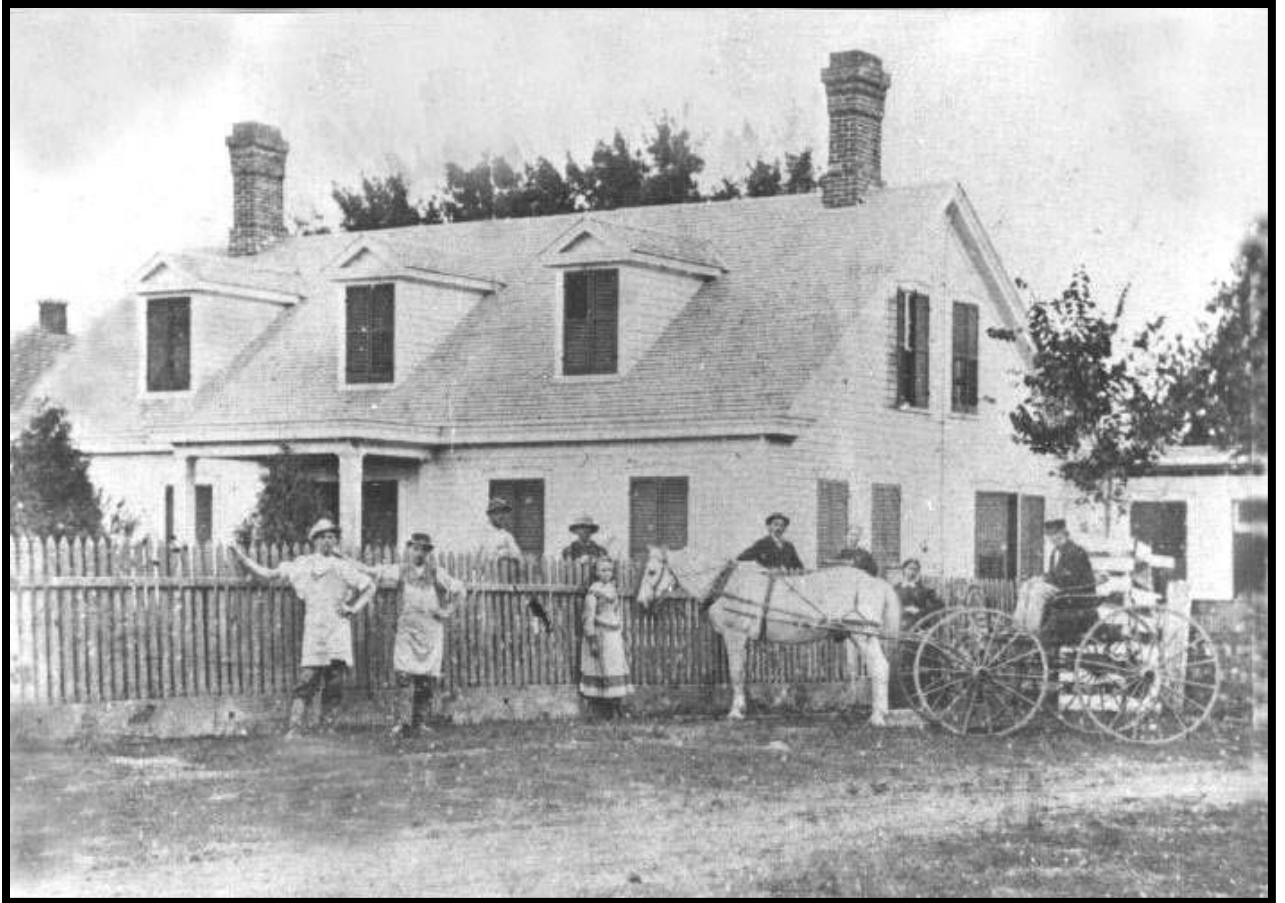
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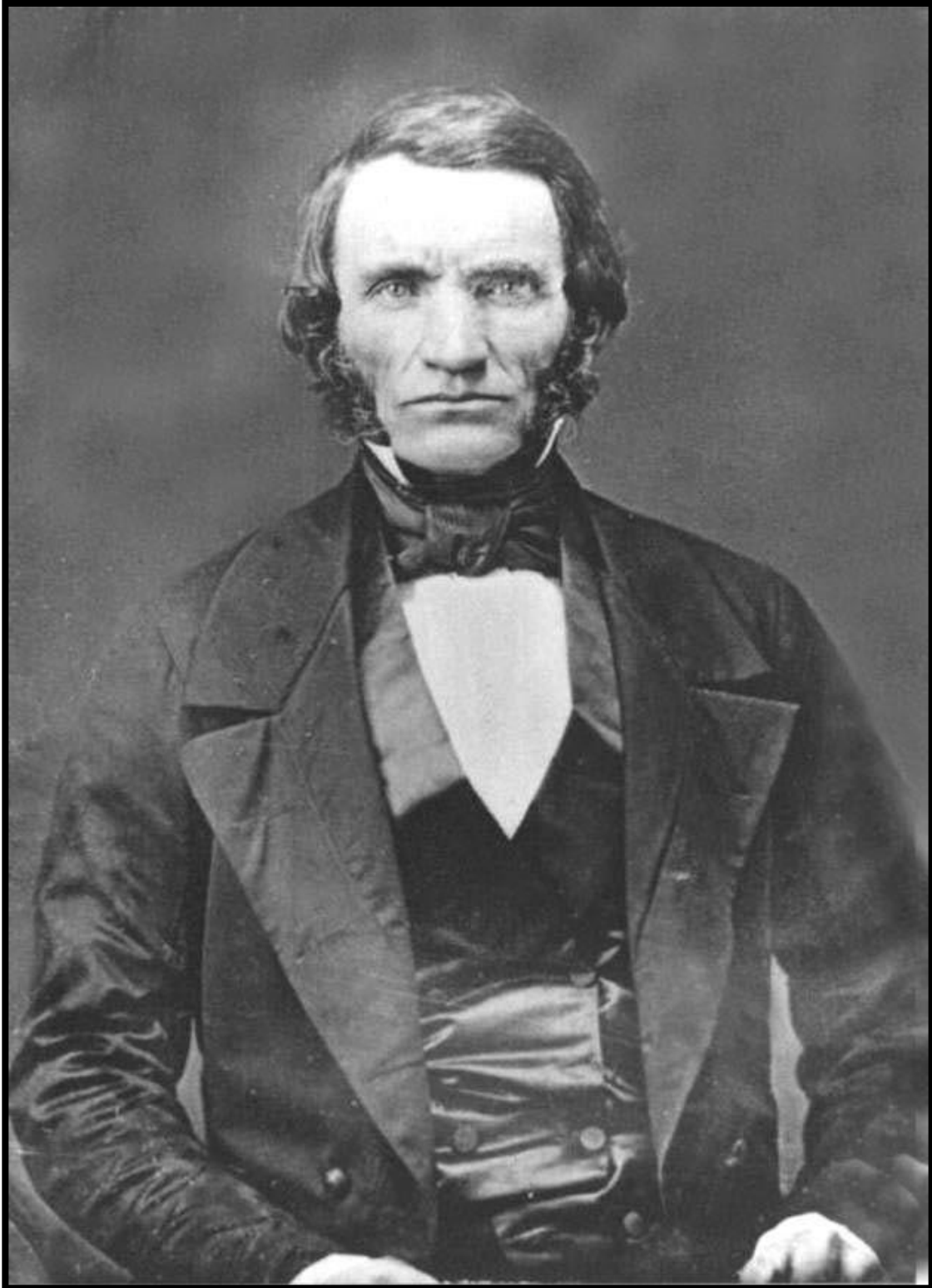
COLLEGE AVENUE NEAR THE TOLL GATE,

UPPER ALTON, ILLINOIS.



The Ulrich-Wietfeld Farm and Pottery south side of College Road one third mile east of Seminary Street in Upper Alton, Illinois. Three men at left wear potter aprons with one behind fence, Anton Ulrich Jr. The little girl in front of fence, by horse's nose, is daughter of John and Sophie Wietfeld, Elanora Helena Wietfeld (age 8), with Antony Ulrich behind her. Directly behind horse is John Wietfeld. Lady in gate opening, immediately behind front wagon wheel, is Sophie (Hagerman) Wietfeld. To the immediate left of house is the pottery where the kiln chimney appears in background. A rack behind carriage stores stoneware vessels. cc: 1865.

*Photograph courtesy of Jacqueline Brashear, great grand-daughter of John and Sophie Wietfeld. The little girl in front of fence is Mrs. Brashear's maternal grandmother, Helena Wietfeld.*



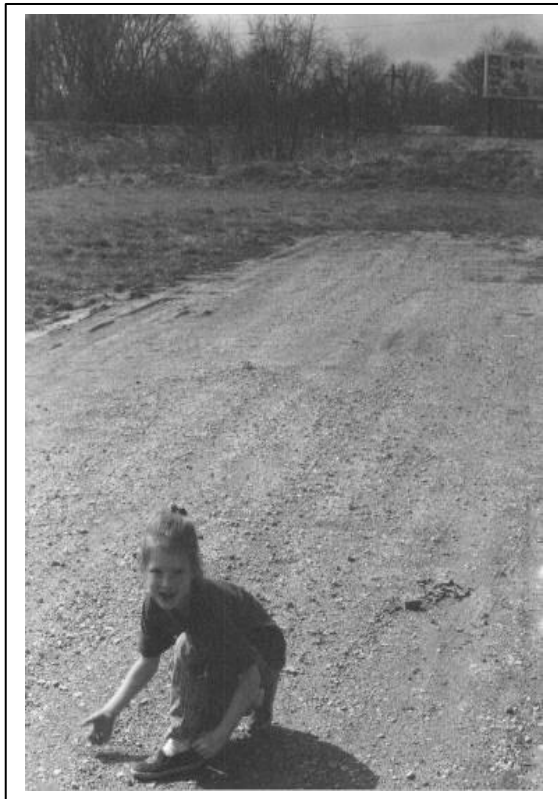
Upper Alton potter John Wietfeld, born 1813, died 1866.



Sophie E. (Hagerman) Wietfeld, born 1830, died 1879.



The Ulrich-Wietfeld property now homes the College Avenue Holliday Inn and a legal office complex.



Meredith Arrie Mathis, age 9 yrs, collecting shards at Ulrich-Wietfeld site in 1995.



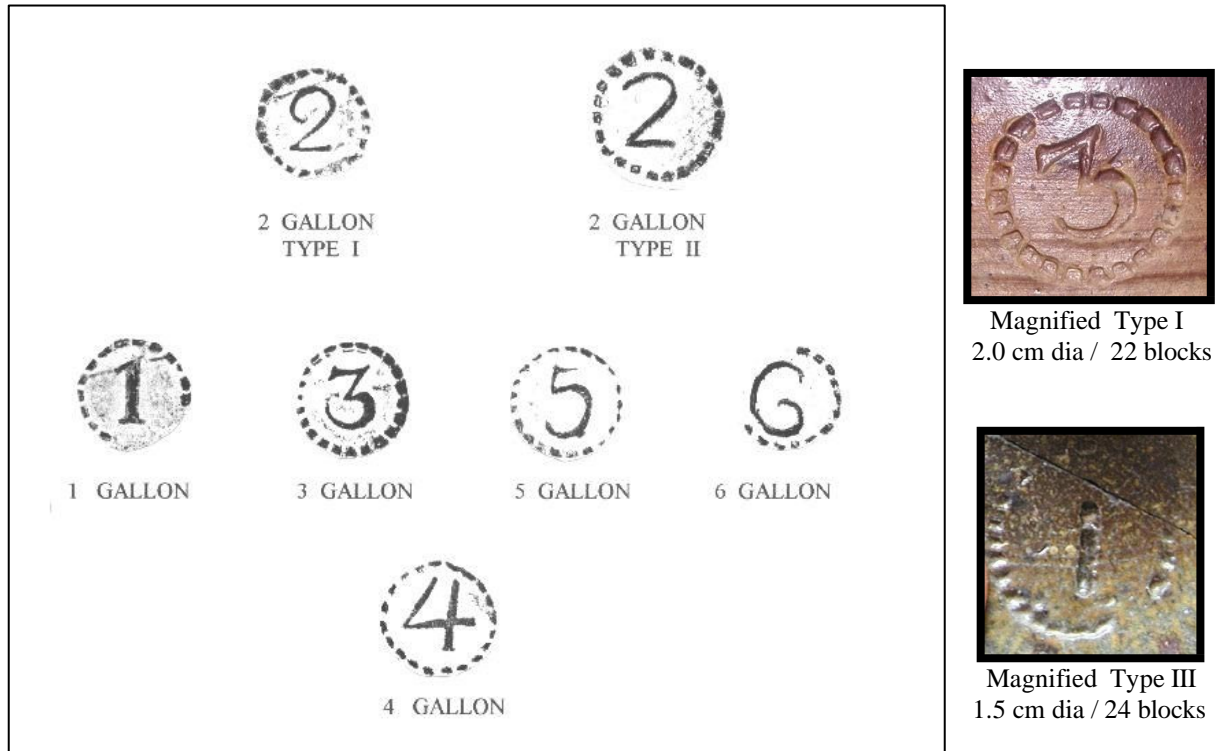
Grave of Sophia E. Wietfeld visited by great granddaughter, Mrs. Jacqueline Brashear in 1998.

Modern Ulrich-Wietfeld related pictures.



## General traits

Circular dentated capacity stamps are the distinct marks featured at the Ulrich-Wietfeld pottery. A series of small rectangular blocks form a perimeter and enclose an ornate styled number that designates the gallon capacity of the vessel. Most significant is that the arrangement and size of the little rectangular blocks yield a specific dentate configuration of each wooden hand made stamp. A close study of this configuration often determines and identifies a particular stamp employed. Thus, the dentate capacity stamp helps tie the vessel time frame with a vessel style. Dentate configuration is one of the major identifying characteristics, traits, or habits, of Ulrich-Wietfeld stoneware. Curiously, the dentate circle contains twenty-two blocks on the capacity of 1, 2, 3, and 5 gallon vessels. All known 4 and 6 gallon vessels have a dentated circle of twenty blocks. Type I, Type II and Type III, are 2.0cm, 2.5cm and 1.5cm in diameter, respectively. The ornate number designs are consistent (Figure 68). One Type III pint bottle shard, bearing a diameter of 1.5cm and twenty-four block dentates (see pages 51, 103, and 177), was part of the extensive Belangee surface collection.



Impressions taken directly off Type I and Type II vessels, by scale 1:1.

The “2” at top left and the 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 are Type I with a diameter of 2.0 cm. The “2” at top center is Type II with a diameter of 2.5 cm. Very few complete Type II vessels are known: one 1 gallon ovoid jar, one 2 gallon ovoid storage necked jar, and one 2 gallon ovoid jug. No known Type II vessels or shards are two-toned. NOTE: Type I complete vessels in the 1, 2, 3, and 5, gallon capacities bear 22 dentates and all known 4 and 6 gallon capacity Type I vessels bear 20 dentates. One unique 1 pint bottle (pictured above bottom right) bears the Type III mark having the diameter of 1.5 cm with 24 dentates (page 177). Vessels are known that bear an impressed mark “U.C.” (Ulrich & Co.): one Type I six gallon storage jar shard bears the “U.C.” and two 3 gallon necked jars (both with large hollow block style impressed capacity marks without dentates) bear “U.C.” (page 146). Any variance to the Type I and Type II dentate count, style, configuration, and impressed number designs is exceptional and near non-existent. Likely, however, some vessels were produced by hands at the Ulrich-Wietfeld Pottery College, or made by makers briefly employed. A known Type II one gallon ovoid jug, impressed “J. MILLER.”, with 22 dentates, may be a typical example of the latter.

Impressed dentate capacity stamps of Ulrich-Wietfeld.



On loan to the Alton Museum of History and Art by a great grand-daughter of John Wietfeld, Jacqueline Brashear. This 5 gallon Ulrich-Wietfeld storage jar has the everted rim with rectangular kiln furniture marks, short slip height, ridged cordon primary exterior treatment, and smooth lug handles with finder molds.



Type II dentate 1 gallon ovoid jar. cc: 1840.



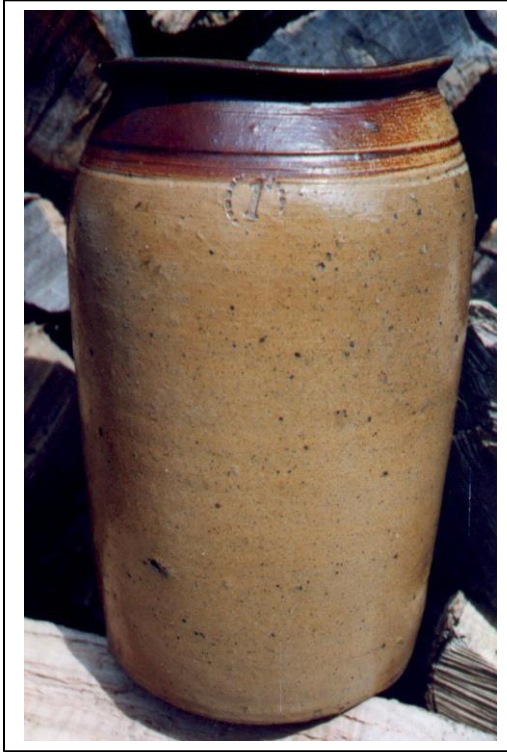
Type II dentate 2 gallon ovoid jar. cc: 1840.



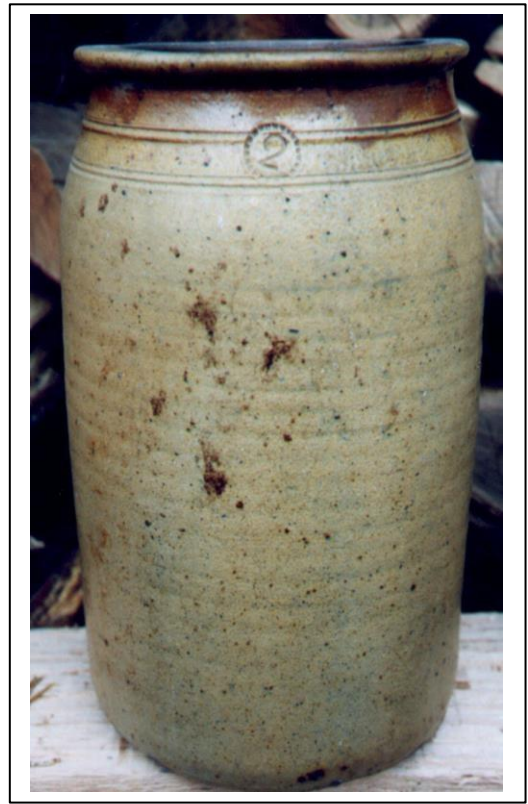
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Ulrich-Wietfeld Type II dentate salt- gaze vessels. cc: 1840.





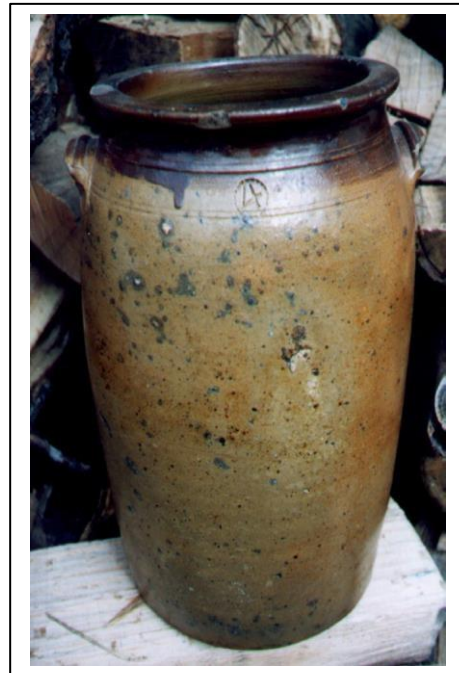
Type I dentate 1 gallon necked jar.



Type I dentate 2 gallon necked jar .



Type I dentate 3 gallon shelved jar churn.

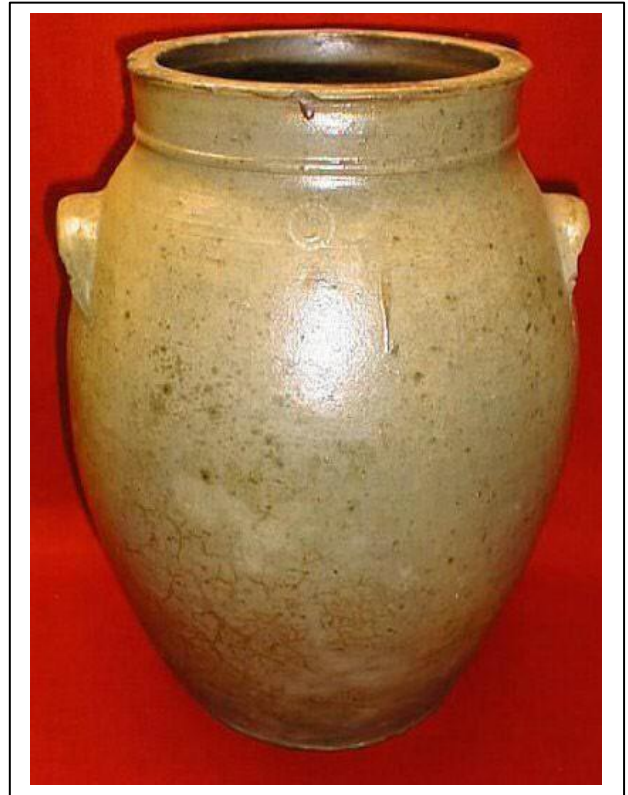


Type I dentate 4 gallon storage jar.

Type I dentate Ulrich-Wietfeld vessels of 1, 2, 3 and 4 gallon capacities. cc: 1855.



Type I dentate 5 gallon two-toned ovoid storage jar smooth lug handles with finger molds.



Type I dentate 5 gallon all salt glaze ovoid storage jar smooth lug handles without finger molds.



Type I dentate 5 gallon churn, smooth lug handles.



Type I dentate 5 gallon straight sided jar with ridged handles.

Type I dentate 5 gallon Ulrich-Wietfeld vessels. cc: 1855.





Type I dentate 6 gallon Ulrich-Wietfeld necked storage jars with sharp everted rims, shelved cordon primary treatment, 2 grooves secondary and two gooves third level exterior treatments, tall slip height, and featuring ribbed lug handles with finger mold applications. cc: 1855.



1 gallon dentate bowl, everted rim with kiln marks, and 1 groove primary exterior treatment.  
Type I dentate impressed mark.



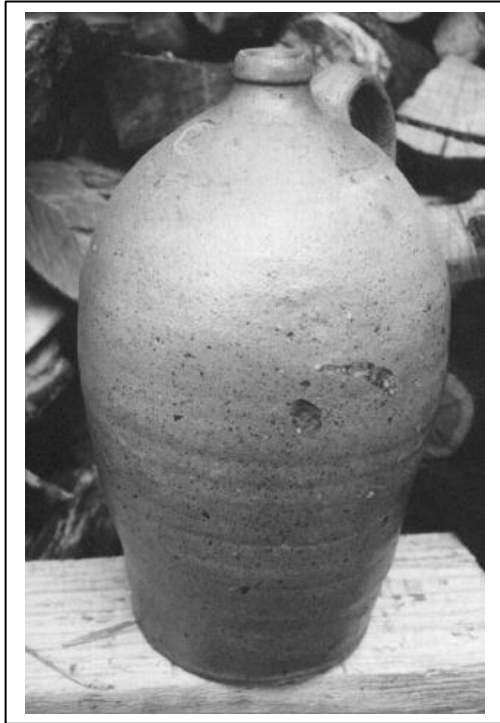
Type I dentate 2 gallon bowl, everted rim with kiln marks, and dipped rim and interior treatment.

Ulrich-Wietfeld bowls.

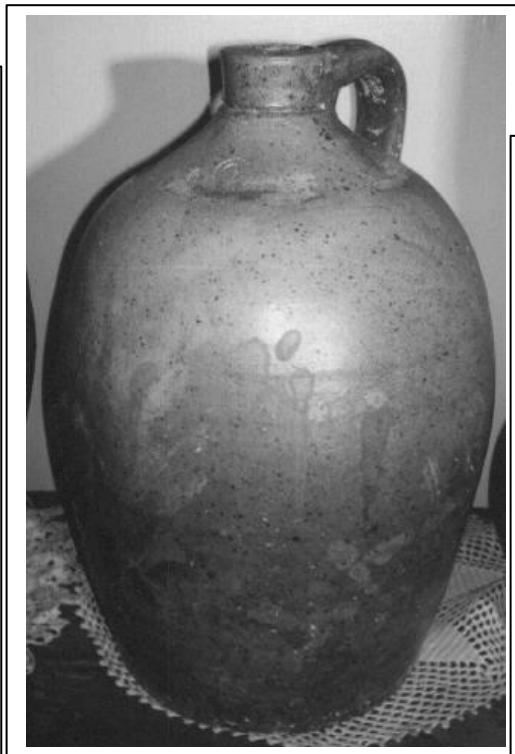




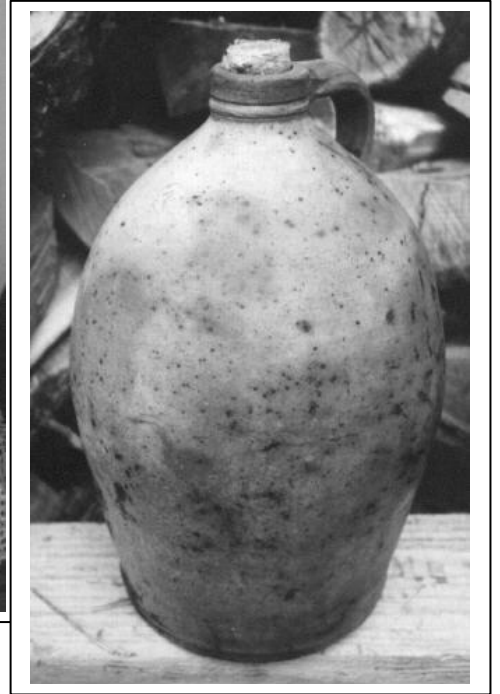
Type I dentate 1 gallon Ulrich/Wietfeld ovoid jug with squared bolstered rim, ribbed strap handle finger mold application, one groove primary exterior treatment with heavy sager markings on shoulder.



Rounded bolstered rim with handle not attached to rim. Type II dentate style



Direct rim with top of strap handle connecting only to rim. Type I dentate style



Squared bolstered rim with an incised groove to accept a cord & cork. Type I dentate style

Ulrich-Wietfeld 2 gallon jugs with various strap handles.



Type I dentate One gallon "Squat" style Storage/Butter shelved jar with medium everted rim.





Sample of Ulrich-Wietfeld vessels. Collection A.





Sample of Ulrich-Wietfeld vessels. Collection B.



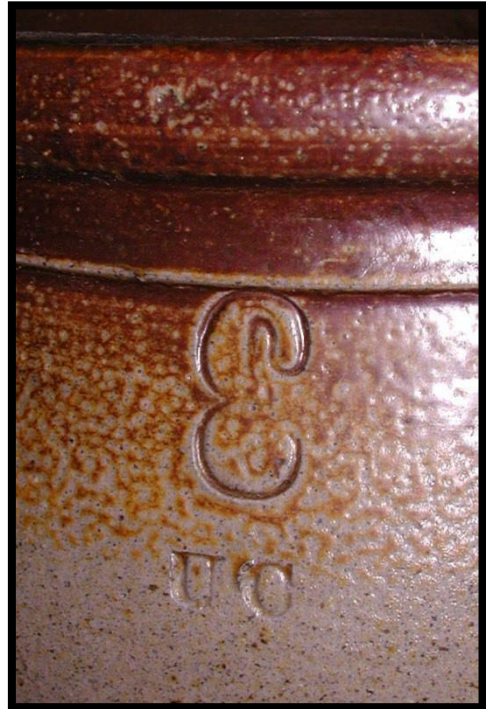


Ulrich Company, "U C" necked jar, bearing the "Depressed outer edge numeral style 3" capacity and "U C."



Samples of Ulrich Company vessels bearing their 2 gallon "Depressed outer edge numeral style" capacity stamping.





3 Gallon "Ulrich Company," UC, necked jar with "3" impressed up-side-down.



Variety of vessels with impressed "U.C." Ulrich Company marks. 6 Gallon shard with 20 dentates.





Elaborate applied cobalt flower and dated Ulrich Company 3 gallon necked jar bearing the "Depressed outer edge numeral style 3" capacity. cc: 1867.



Bolstered rim, incurved primary treatment, short slip height, multi-ridged lug handle, and bearing the “Depressed outer edge numeral style 3” capacity stamping.





One Gallon dentated numeral jug of potter "Jacob Miller." College Ave., Upper Alton.



One Gallon dentated numeral jug of potter "Jacob Miller." 22 dentates.  
cc: 1860





Three Gallon ovoid jug by potter Patrick Smith, Upper Alton, IL. cc: 1860.



Three Gallon ovoid jug, cobalt filled " P.H. SMITH."  
Upper Alton, IL. cc: 1860.

## W. J. Mahar Stoneware Manufacturer

1875 - 1888

William J. Mahar      merchant / potter  
Employed 5 men

### W. J. Mahar Stoneware Manufacturer

This Upper Alton pottery operated from 1875 to -1888. William J. Mahar was born at Albany, New York, October 7, 1843. The pottery was located at Powhattan on the west side of Humbert. Descendants of an original Mahar neighbor, S. Clark, reside today by the original location and property of the Mahar pottery site. William J. Mahar sold a variety of stoneware at his "business" building, located about one half mile south of the pottery at the northeast corner of Manning (now Washington) and College. Mahar served as a councilman for the village of Salu, as listed in the History of Madison County. He served as an Appraiser of the personal property articles in the probate of the estate of Isaac E. Warnack in 1868. Mahar was a determined man, while continuing the business after suffering his first stroke in 1887. He walked with the aid of a cane regularly from the pottery to his business building. Like most of the era, searching for opportunity and a better life, Mahar came from New York on the Ohio River and operated a pottery at Rocky Hill, Kentucky, as a young man. While his Kentucky stoneware bears the familiar bold Mahar cobalt stenciled stamp, it reflects the eastern craftsmanship traits with rim decoration. Some shards recovered at his Upper Alton site bear similar cobalt decorations. Having been stricken by paralysis with a second stroke in 1888, Mahar was forced to quit his business and retire. He resided in Upper Alton until 1906 when he sold his residence to William Black Jr. and his building to D.M. Kittinger. In 1906, Mr. and Mrs. Mahar moved to Norwalk, Ohio, strategically located midway between Toledo and Akron. They did this for visiting purposes with their family and friends in their remaining years. It is evident that the Mahar family came from the Akron, Ohio, area to Upper Alton as relatives remained in Ohio after locating from New York. Following a third stroke, on Sunday evening, August 1, 1918, William J. Mahar died at his home located at 9 Franklin Street, Norwalk, Ohio.

When notice was received in Upper Alton, a local businessman reflected on Mr. Mahar's perseverance and a "humorous" instance that occurred as a life insurance agent called on William at his residence in Upper Alton to insure his life. Mr. Mahar let the agent present his fabulous plan and when the agent went to close the sale, Mr. Mahar smiled at the agent and stated he had just retired from the business due to his second stroke. He asked the agent, "what agent would want to ensure my life having had two strokes of paralysis? You know a man is usually dead after having one stroke." The agent then took quick leave. As it turned out, Mahar would have been a good risk in 1888. Mr. Mahar was a honest man.

Typical of all Upper Alton stoneware, marked specimens are very uncommon. The bold stenciled mark reads "W. J. Mahar/ Stone Ware/Manufacturer/ Upper Alton, Ills." Only four known examples exist in salt glazed straight sided jars with medium bolstered rims and exterior treatment directly below rim is one or two grooves. They have no kiln furniture marks, unfinished bottom, and all are hand turned; known are four in 4 gallon and one 6 gallon capacity. This indicates that capacities of up to six gallons were made for general utilitarian use. Based on color, clay was obtained from Upper Alton. Mahar employed five men in 1880.

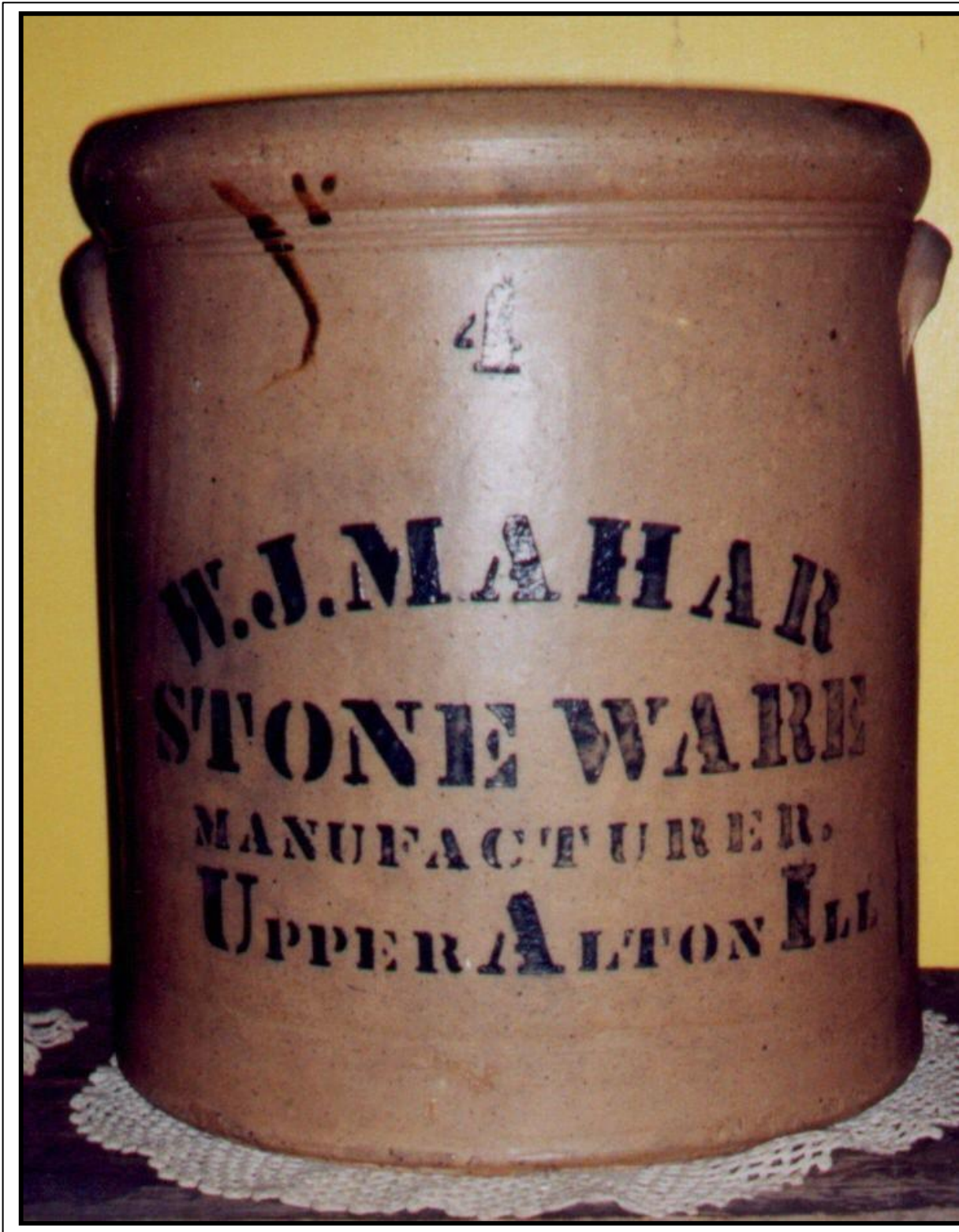


Mahar pottery site located at northwest corner of Powhattan and Humbert Street.



William Mahar's business at northeast corner of College Ave. and Broadway (at bottom).



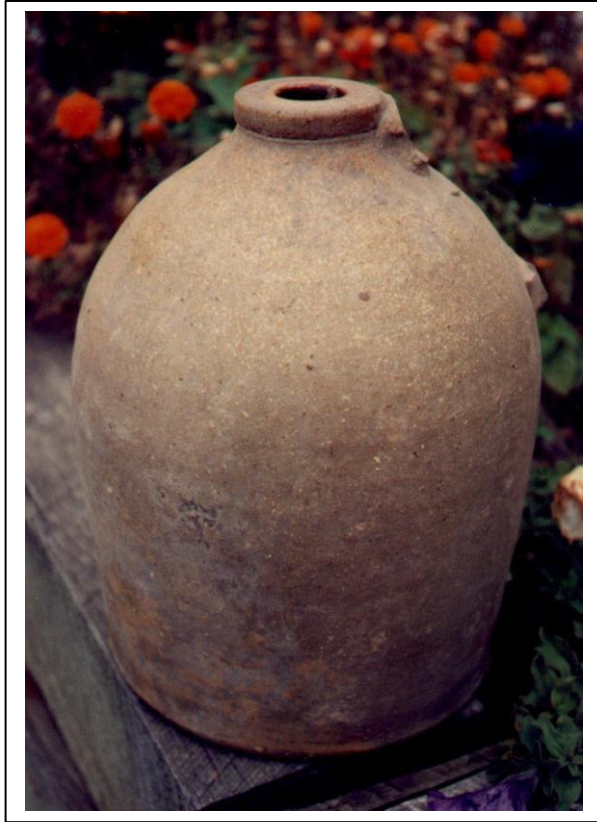


4 gallon salt glazed W. J. Mahar "Stone Ware Manufacturer" jar.



Salt glazes 6 gallon W. J. Mahar jar, with script "6".





Unmarked 1 gal Upper Alton  
W. J. Mahar salt glazed ovoid jug.



3 gal salt glazed churn  
from Rocky Hill, Ky.



Promotional mini-jug "giveaways" by merchant, twin brothers,  
D.B. & D.M. Kittinger, that acquired Mahar's property in 1900  
at "College Ave./ Upper Alton, Ills."



## Isaac E. Warnack & Son

1843 - 1868

Isaac Warnack	carpenter
Henry Warnack	farmer/potter
Frederick Warnack	potter
Thomas Warnack	potter / apprentice
George L. Warnack	potter / apprentice
Henry D. Warnack	potter
Henry Bundock	neighbor / potter
Samuel Bundock	neighbor / potter

### Warnack, Isaac E. & Son

Isaac E. Warnack was born in Pennsylvania in 1801. He emigrated from Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee, where attempts to make alkaline glazed stoneware may possibly have been attempted by neighboring farmers, Jacob Harmon and Jacob Lonas, on the Lonas tract in the 1820'.

However, no connection has surfaced between the Warnacks, Harmons, and Lonas' families and the sherds recovered on the Lonas farm. In 1832, Isaac Warnack settled in the village of Salu with his mother Elizabeth, and his brother Henry Warnack. Indicated in the Madison County Record Book 26:165 -166 is Warnack's purchase of 34 acres where the pottery was established 1834 north of Salu Street on west side of Seminary. The census of 1850 lists:

Isaac E.	49 yrs., Carpenter;
Frederick	25 yrs. Potter,
Thomas	13 yrs.,
Susan	10 yrs.;
George L.	9 yrs.,

In 1850, residing at the Anthony Ulrich residence was Isaac E. Warnack's son, 21 year old Henry D. Warnack. Likely, Henry D. Warnack was a student and apprentice potter at the Ulrich Wietfeld site and joined the Warnack pottery in about 1854. The Warnack pottery employed five men in 1850. Their techniques of dipping salt glazed vessels, creating a distinctive two-tone effect, made a great impact on the Upper Alton pottery center and among competitors and employees that may have later utilized this technique in potting elsewhere in Upper Alton and at other nearby communities. Jacob Stizelberger lived in St. Louis and St. Charles, Missouri, in close proximity to Upper Alton, and settled in Belleville, St. Clair County. Three two -toned churn attributed to Jacob Stizelberger pottery bearing impressed stamp "Belleville, Ills" exist in private collections. Another classic instance exists, whereby Joseph Bayer visited Upper Alton and returned to his pottery in Washington, Missouri, to produce two -toned slip cast bowls. Warnack advertised in the *1866 Gazetteer of Madison County* (Edwardsville, Ill: Hair. XIX) "Stoneware Factory of jugs, jars, churns, of every description constantly on hand". The *Gazetteer* advertisement (see page 44) reflects an aggressive competitive posture of the Isaac Warnack & Son pottery.

In 1883, Isaac died in the town of Wood River and was buried next to his wife, Nancy (nee Lonas) Warnack, in the Upper Alton Cemetery.

WARNACK, FREDERICK C. - Upper Alton Potter 1844 to 1865. Born in Tennessee In 1825 . Isaac's oldest son. Listed in 1866 census as teamster.

WARNACK, GEORGE L. - Upper Alton Potter 1853 to 1867. Born in 1841 in Tennessee. Youngest son of Isaac Warnack. Operated pottery as it closed in 1867.

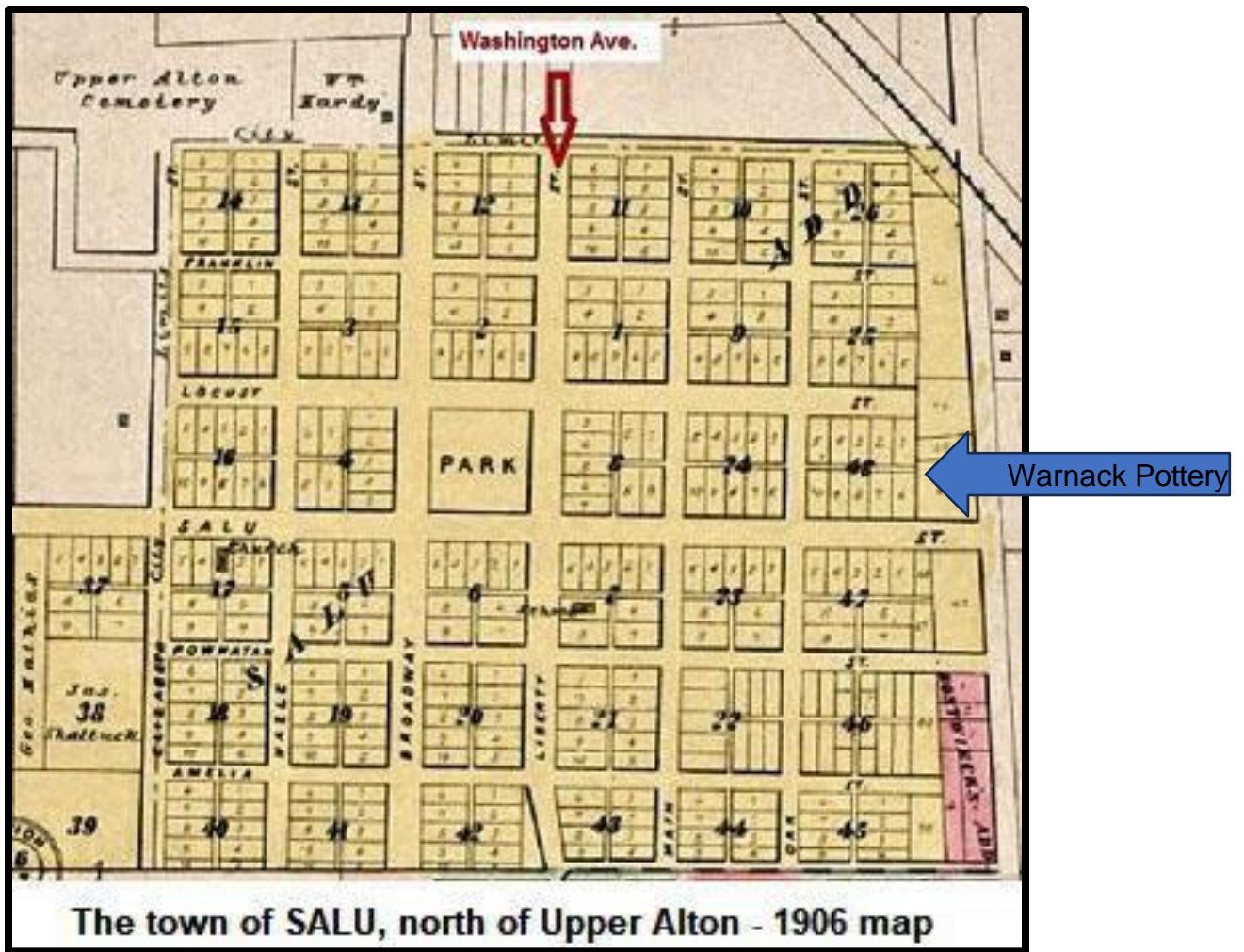
WARNACK, HENRY D. - Upper Alton Potter 1847 to 1861. Born 1830 in Tennessee. Apprentice at Ulrich-Wietfeld Pottery 1847 to 1854, and transferred to father's pottery, where he potted for approximately six years. His residence was at Oak and Franklin in Salu. Henry died in 1861 at the age of 31 years and was buried at the Upper Alton Cemetery. Internment records list Henry as "Soldier" having served with Company D, 155th Illinois Infantry. It is not noted if killed in action or from illness. Few marked pieces "H.D. Warnack, Upper Alton Ills." exist bear his name only. Henry was unique of the great potters of Upper Alton in that he potted for the two major potteries, the Ulrich Wietfeld pottery and then the Warnack pottery.



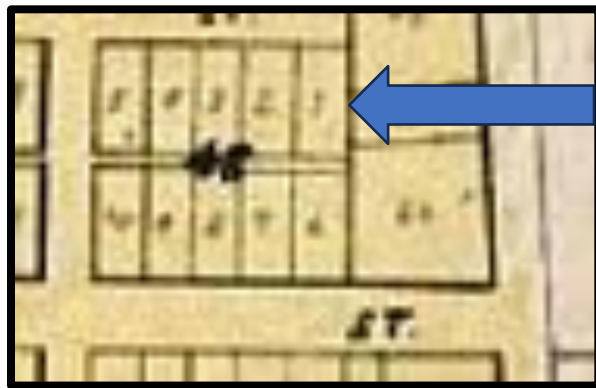
Warnack pottery, north of Salu Avenue, west of Seminary Street.

Lot 3, and West half of Lot 2, Block 16, in Salu is Robert Harrison's sale to Isaac Warnack for \$15.

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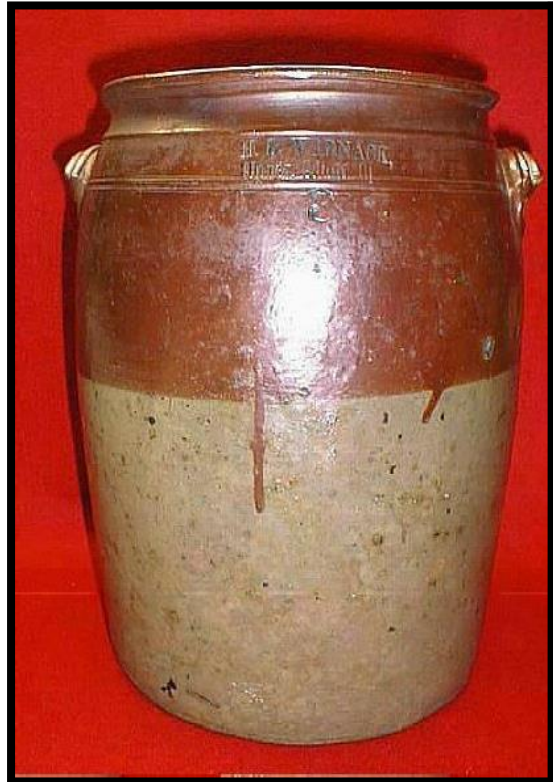


The location of the Isaac & Sons Pottery, North of Salu Avenue, West of Seminary Street. Lots 1 & 6, Block 48. 1842-1867. BLUE ARROW

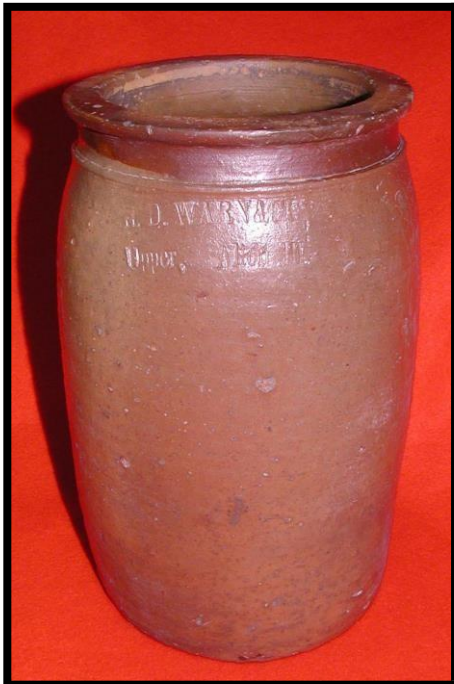
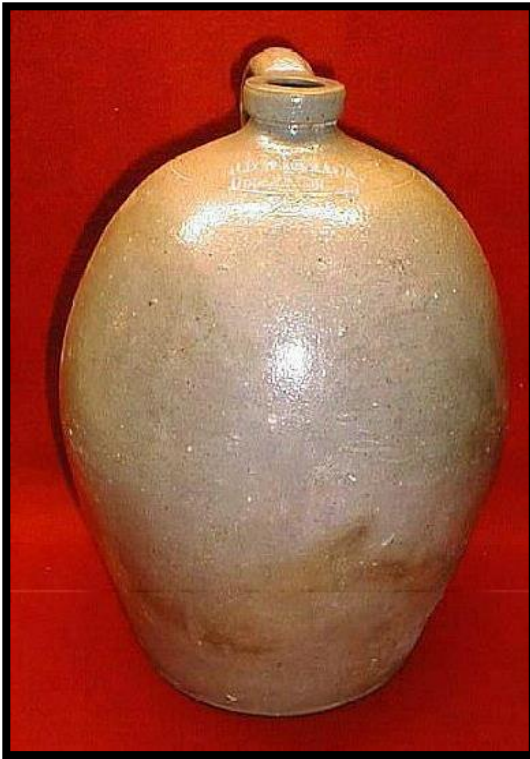


Warnack waster dump located behind tree at center, down embankment west side of Seminary Street.





Sample of impressed typeset marked "H. D. Warnack / Upper Alton Ills." vessels.

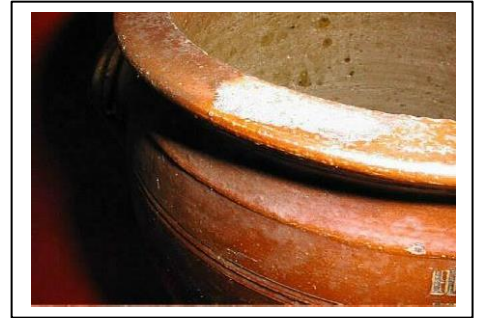


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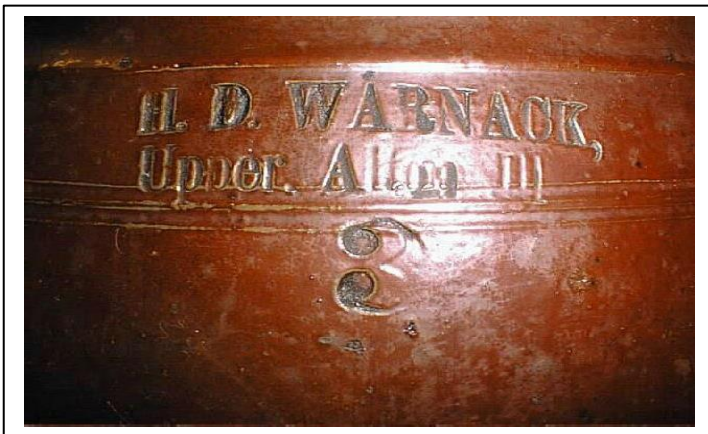




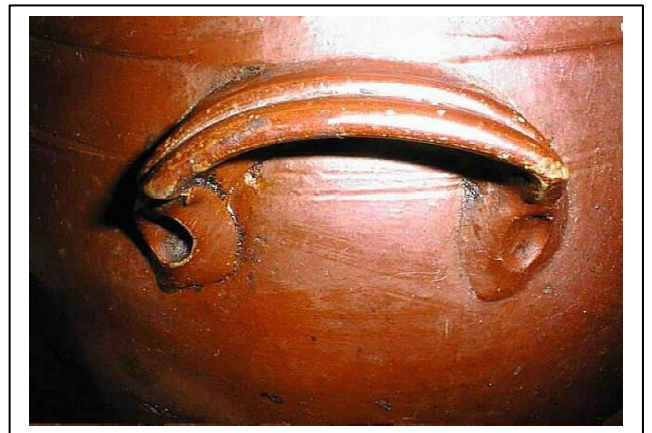
Rounded bolstered rim, shelled cordon primary and two grooves secondary exterior treatments.



Block style kiln furniture marks



Impressed "H. D. Warnack/ Upper Alton, Ills." with bullet dots on tails of impressed "3".



Ridged lug handles with finger molds.

3 gallon Warnack necked jar of medium rounded bolstered rim with kiln furniture marks, shelled cordon primary and two grooves secondary treatments, ridged lug handles with finger molds, and bullet style impressed "3".





4 Gallon necked jar with classic Warnack traits, squared bolstered rim, shelled cordon primary treatment, two grooves secondary treatment, ribbed lug handles, atypical short slip height, and block style "4" impressed capacity stamp.



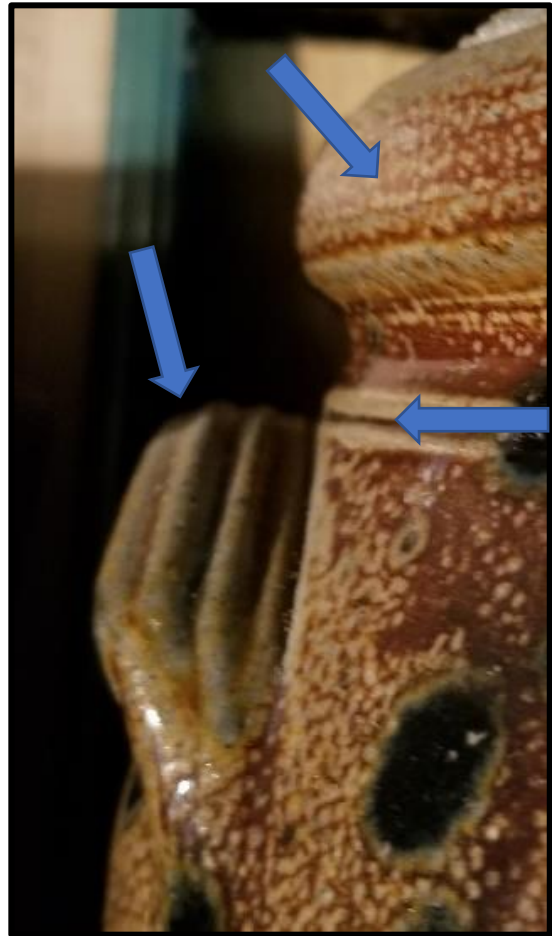
6 gal Warnack storage jar with applied flower decoration, squared bolstered rim, two grooves exterior treatment, tall slip height, smooth lug handles, and typical kiln furniture marks on top of rim, Likely, a presentation piece to a special Warnack family member on an important holiday or event. cc: 1850





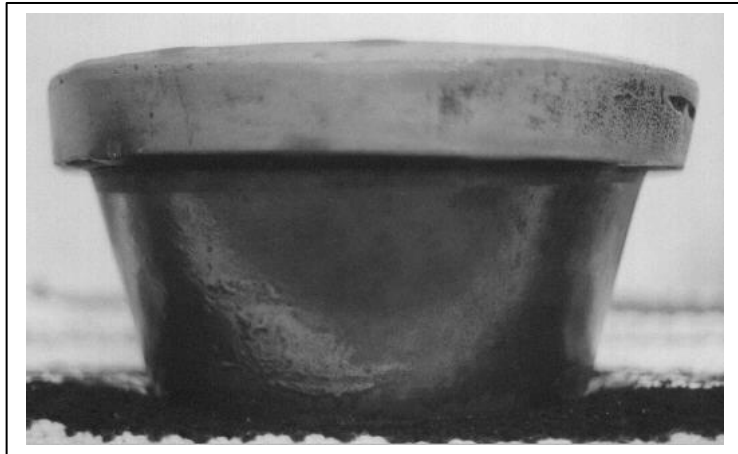
5 gallon Warnack storage necked jar with large cobalt floral decoration, ridged lug handles, rounded heavy bolstered rim with typical kiln furniture marks, tall slip height, one groove primary treatment, and typical Warnack *bullet* "5" impressed capacity mark. cc: 1850



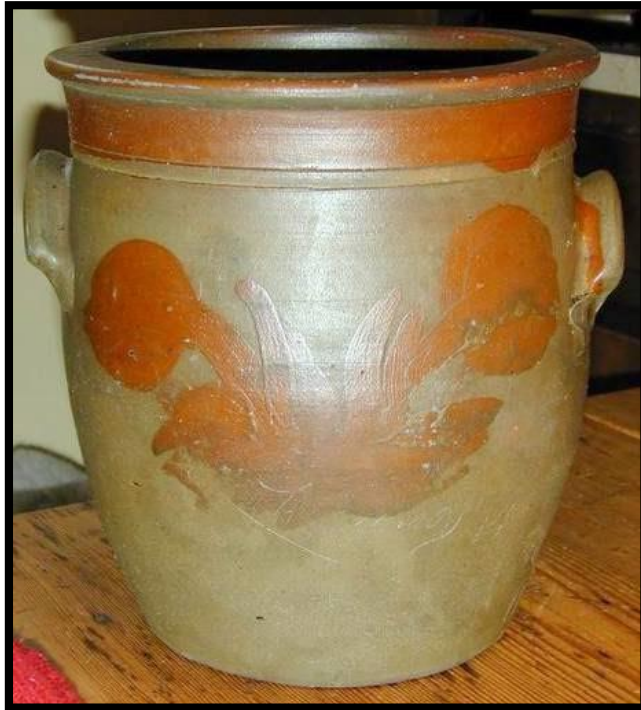


The exterior slip height, bullet style capacity stamp, rounded bolstered rim, ridged lug handles, and the two groves exterior treatment, are established manufacturing traits of Warnack storage jar vessels. The bullet style impressed capacity stamp is the major connecting factor to the Isaac Warnack kiln at Upper Alton, Madison County, Illinois.

The aforementioned criteria and suppositions serve as a starting point for further investigation and the study of Upper Alton cobalt decorated Cloud vessels. Likely, current and future conclusions will hold a variety opinions, views, and beliefs. Some presumptions will tie the Cloud decoration to the pottery, or a potter, of Henry Bundock, W. J. Mahar, and of the Western Stoneware Company, Buck Inn, Illinois. It needs be granted that within the Upper Alton pottery center potters and apprentices occasionally moved around to find employment and to yield help when neighboring kilns needed additional hands. One documented example being the instance when Henry D. Warnack worked and apprenticed at the nearby pottery of Ulrich-Wietfeld, prior to settling at the Isaac Warnack & Son operation in Salu. Henry D. Warnack learned Ulrich-Wietfeld vessel traits were soon implemented through him at his father's nearby Warnack operation.



2 gallon Warnack collared rim basin / bowls with block kiln marks on rim and base surfaces.



1 gallon bowl, bearing squared bolstered rim with kiln furniture marks, short slip height, and 1 groove primary exterior treatment, attributed to Warnack pottery (top).

2 gallon bowl (similar traits) featuring hand applied brush stroked floral decoration, attributed to the Robert Harrison pottery at Winchester, Scott County, Illinois. (bottom).



## The Mysterious Salu Hand Cobalt Cloud Decoration.



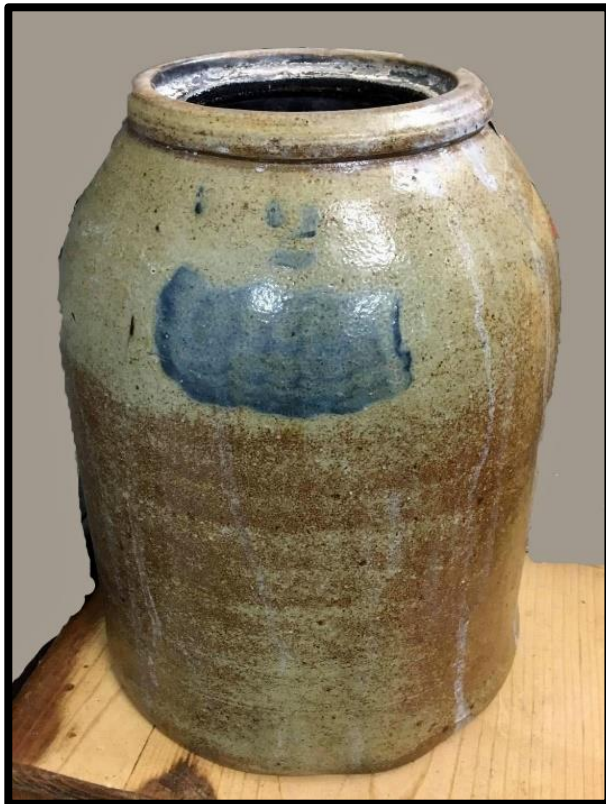
6 gallon Upper Alton storage jar featuring the cobalt Cloud decoration

Madison County, Illinois cc: 1868

Within the village of Salu at Upper Alton, Madison County, Illinois, located north of Salu Ave., west side of Seminary, an exhaustive amateur excavation occurred of the waster dump that accommodated the pottery of Isaac Warnack 1842 to 1866. Isaac's son Frederick Warnack ran the operation a short period at the end, until potter Henry Bundock took ownership in late 1866. Frederick Warnack moved on to work at the Alton Glass foundry. Noteworthy is that Robert Harrison owned a large area of property in Salu and sold lots the Isaac Warnack. They shared a common tie to pot making and Fielding Harrison, son of potter Robert Harrison, resided and potted in this Salu vicinity. William J. Mahar represented the Isaac Warnack Probate estate settlement. Mahar also shared a common pottery manufacturing interest 1880-1888, nearby in Salu; and 3. The Western Stoneware Company at Buck Inn was located a short distance from Salu, where vessels featuring the most uncommon distinctive style of vessel rims and handles were produced 1868-1875. The distinctive rim and handle trait found on the Buck Inn vessels identically match the vessels of Salu that bear the rare cobalt Cloud decoration pictured above. These identifiable Buck Inn traits match the small number of known whole vessels and few recovered shards that bear the odd cobalt Cloud hand applied decoration. Very significant, the cobalt Cloud decorated shards, excavated in the Salu waster dump, establish a logical connection to Bundock and the Buck Inn operations, and further connect these vessels to Salu. The potter possibly worked at both locations, as needed. No known vessels or shards that feature this style rim or handle type, marked or unmarked, are attributed to the Isaac Warnack operation. Known Warnack whole vessels and shards feature either an everted, square bolstered, beaded bolstered, or round bolstered style rim. Also, known Warnack whole vessels or shards feature a lug handle type of either the smooth, rigged, or ribbed, and It is common that the Warnack lug handles bear finger welds to be better affixed to the vessel body.

Albeit, supposition, speculation, postulation, presumption, opinion, view, belief, and unconfirmed hypothesis abound, when shards and vessels bear no maker's mark. As a basis for reasoning, several empirical observations do connect the theoretical postulations within the

archaeological investigative report by state archaeologist Bonnie Gums with the extensive amateur excavation of a Salu waster dump. The hand applied cobalt Cloud decoration, rim style, handle style, match these two waster dump feature shards bearing the distinctive hand brush stroked cobalt “Cloud” decoration.



4 and 2 gallon Upper Alton vessels featuring the distinct hand cobalt Cloud decoration.



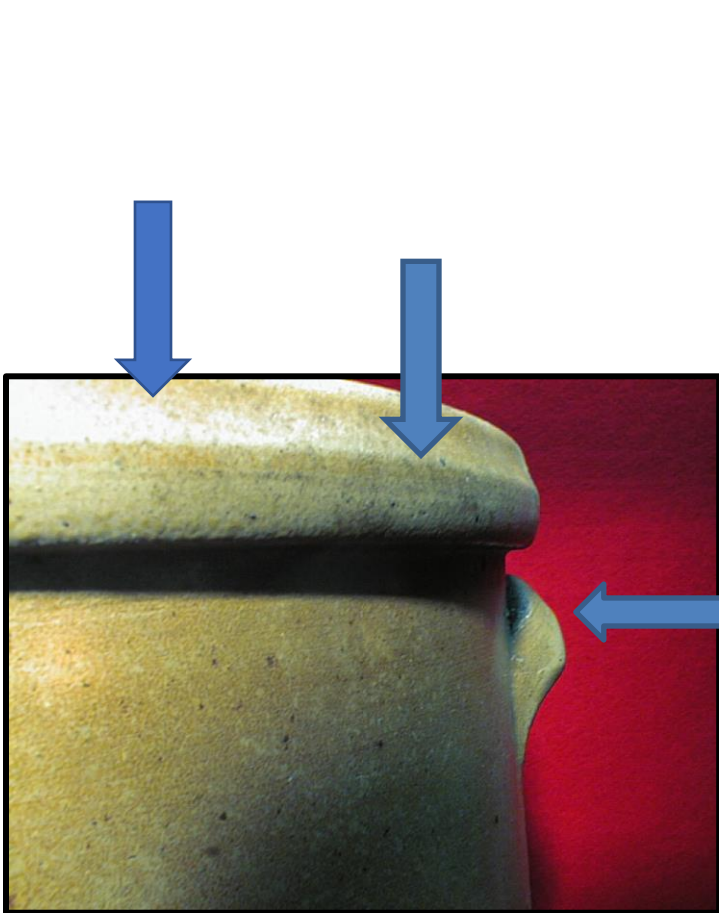


2 Gallon cobalt decorated Cloud preserve Jar.





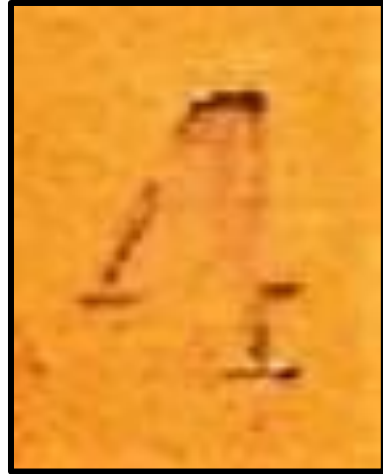
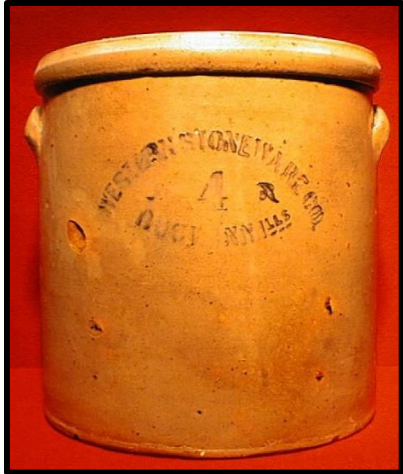
Buck Inn vessels feature the uncommon “sharp ridge” lug handles and “angled style” sided bolstered rims.



gallon Buck Inn storage jar.



6 gallon cobalt Cloud decorated storage jar.



These cobalt stencil "4"s bear the same identical dimensions outer H, W, Dia  
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6 gallon cobalt Cloud decorated Upper Alton vessel.

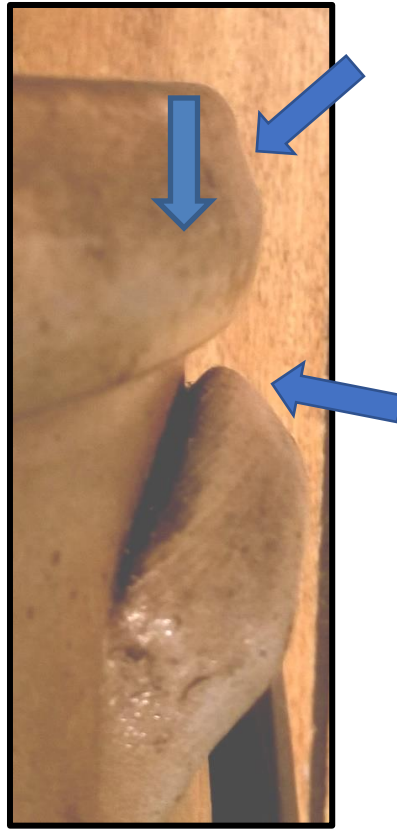


6 gallon cobalt stencil Western Stoneware Co., Buck Inn, Illinois vessel.

These cobalt stencil "6"s bear the same identical dimensions Height, Width, and Diagonals. Though the style of "4" is used by other makers, their dimensions do not match up.



Unlike the everted, square bolstered, beaded bolstered, or round bolstered style rims of Warnack and Ulrich Wietfeld, and the Warnack and Ulrich Wietfeld known application of smooth, rigged, or ribbed style lug handles that often bear finger welds to better secure the handle to the vessel body, the Cloud decorated storage jar vessels and Buck Inn storage jar vessels feature the distinctive identical Buck Inn “sharp ridge” lug handles and same unique “angled style” sided bolstered rims.



The “angled style” sided bolstered rim.

The distinctive Buck Inn “sharp ridge” style lug handle and of the unique “angled style” sided bolstered rim are traits that indicate a shared relatively high kurtosis and greatly suggest the potter and apprentices were adhering to a high degree of product standardization. Hypothetically, these distinctive traits developed before, during, and after storage jar production at the Western Stoneware Company, Buck Inn, Illinois and the turners of the cobalt Cloud decorated vessels.

The two Upper Alton stoneware manufactures applied a cobalt stenciled makers marks were the “Western Stoneware Company / Buck Inn Ills” and the “W. J. Mahar / Stone Ware/ Upper Alton, Ills.” All known marked Warnack vessels bear a typeset impressed stamping “H.D.Warnack / Upper Alton, Ills.” and an impressed capacity marking. No cobalt applications of any type are known or securely attributable to the Warnack operation.

In Madison County, Illinois, cobalt stenciled capacity applications are attributed to only the Upper Alton operations of the Western Stoneware Company at Buck Inn and that of W. J. Mahar at Upper Alton. The Cloud decorated storage jar’s rim, handle, and stenciled capacity mark traits coincide with those of the Buck Inn vessels. Also, the Cloud capacity stencil “4” coincides with the atypical style thin base (blue arrows) and size dimensions of the “4” stencil used by the Buck Inn and Mahar potteries.



Buck Inn stencil "4"

Cloud stencil "4"

Mahar stencil "4"



Most typical Central Illinois stencil "4" bear thicker bases and greater overall Height, Width, and Diagonal measurements.

Of the large number of the Warnack whole vessels and shards analyzed in the *Illinois State Museum of Investigations Report No. 46* by John Walthall, Bonnie Gums, and George Holley, no cobalt Cloud decorated examples were found, and among the many partial vessels and the several hundreds of shards recovered in the amateur excavation of the Salu waster dump, just two shards bearing the cobalt Cloud decoration were found.

Also recovered in the extensive amateur excavation of the Salu waster dump were shard segments of one partial vessel that featured an ornate cobalt/ Albany stenciled rose. Interestingly, the rose stencil pattern style closely resembled stencils commonly applied to Western Pennsylvania decorated vessels. Conclusively, these singular instances, recovering two Cloud shards and the shards of one rose stencil, highly suggest their likelihood of being intrusive to the waster dump.

Archaeologist Bonnie L. Gums concludes that "Vessel # 23 {Plate 1 and Fig. 45} is attributed the Warnack kiln based on the squared bolstered rim, slip height, and capacity stamp. This vessel is unique because it is the only example from the Warnack site, including whole vessels and sherds, with a painted cobalt floral decoration." (Walthall, Gums, Holley; *Illinois State Museum of Investigations Report No. 46*, page 53: 1991).

1855 - 1887

Julius Wilhelm	potter
Henry Wilhelm	potter
William Hack	potter

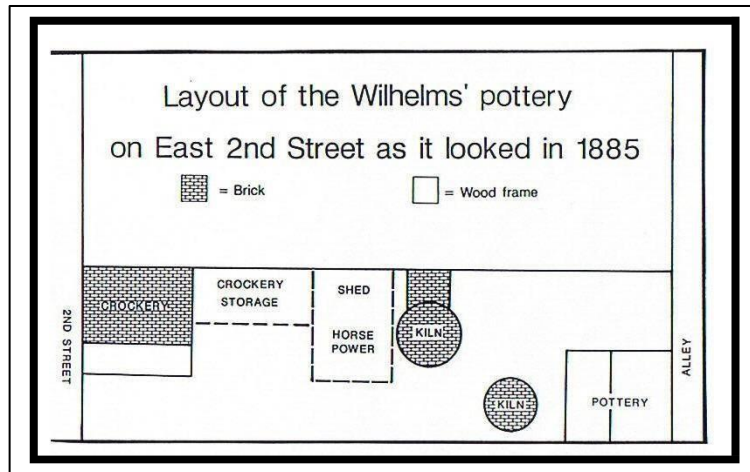
#### Julius and Henry Wilhelm and Company

Pottery located in Bozzatown, now Alton proper, between Oak and Spring Street, on the north side of Second Street (E. Broadway). Julius, born 1828, and brother, Henry born 1833, came from Germany to Alton and established a pottery in 1855. Julius and his wife, Anna, two daughters, Matilda and Elizabeth, and brother, Henry, lived nearby at 6th Street between Oak and Walnut until 1874. Henry never married. Years later they relocated their home to property immediately north of the alley behind pottery and business shop, adjoining the property later owned by Dr. Koenig. Dr. Koenig married Julius Wilhelm's daughter, Matilda. Today, the elaborate Koenig home is the Alton Museum of History and Art.

Their hand turned wares were very distinctive and often featured finger/thumb molds on yellowware with brown spattered decorations, and displayed the great skills of the traditional American potter. No doubt their trade, and fine craftsmanship, was learned in Germany and much admired in Alton. Upon arrival at Alton, Julius became involved civically with special interest and dedication to helping fellow German immigrants. He helped organize the Mutual Aid association. This activity coupled with his merchant and pottery trade made the Wilhelm family a very respected and contributing part of Alton community for a quarter of a century. Henry died in 1877 at age 44, and the pottery continued with only Julius and potter, William Hack. Hack likely became a partner in the business and was listed as "proprietor" in the 1874 Alton City Directory. Julius Wilhelm died June 6, 1888, and the pottery soon closed. Hack then joined another form of manufacturing as a glass blower at the nearby Illinois Glass Company. William Hack, the last of the J. Wilhelm's & Company, died at age 67, in 1915. Once an item became damaged from heavy use in the home, it served no further utilitarian purpose and was soon discarded. Few vessels of this renown Alton pottery have managed to survive. In total, about a half dozen pipkins, pitchers and squat pitchers are known. A small Wilhelm's pitcher has been given the *Alton Museum of History and Art* by granddaughter of Matilda (Wilhelm) Koenig, Corida Hanna.

A love of Alton will always be evident by the most generous deed paid by Corida Hanna while leaving her Koenig House estate to Alton for housing The Alton Museum of History and Art. At age 103, Corida Hanna resided in 1999 at Chicago, Illinois.





Home of William Hack. Built off alley entrance to the Wilhelms' pottery in 1886. The home of Julius Wilhelm was located behind this house across alley. The large red brick house at background right, The Koenig House, now houses Alton Museum of History and Art. Extensive archeological excavations have been conducted of nearby cisterns, privies, and wells. Depicted on detailed sketches of an 1885 Sanborn Fire Insurance map illustration, two Wilhelm kilns were located in the approximate vicinity of the above trash can. Early directories and city mapping cites this property as Second Street (Broadway) between Oak and Spring, west side of alley.



Sample of Yellowware pipkins attributed to the Wilhelms Pottery, Alton, Illinois. cc: 1850





Sample of Yellowware creamers and bowl attributed to the Wilhelms Pottery, Alton, Illinois. cc: 1850



## George Swettenham

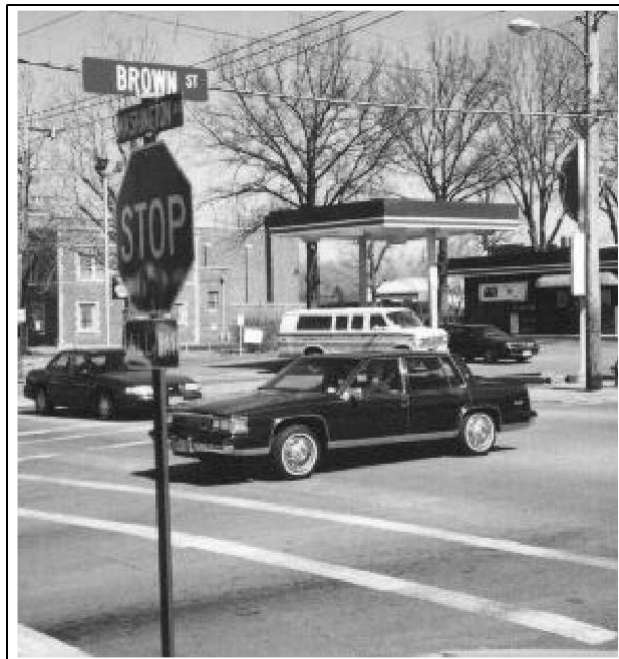
1843 - 1867

George Swettenham	potter
Charles Alcott	potter
Charles Morley	potter
Charles Brown	neighbor

### Swettenham, George Pottery

An Upper Alton potter from 1850 to 1866. He was born in 1807 in England. His wife Sara, eight children, and associate Charles Brown are listed within 1850 Upper Alton census, and listed in the 1866 Upper Alton city directory. The pottery was located at northeast corner of Brown and Manning (now Washington Ave.). Swettenham manufactured variety of earthenware while employing seven men in 1860. Also associated with English American potters, Charles Alcott and Charles Morley, are several mold made pieces of rockingham/yellowware vessels that are marked. These items included ornate table pitchers, meat jars with lids, preserve jars, and cuspidors, that possess an “ox-bow” mark indicating joint ventures.

Swettenham is the only identified user of molds at Alton. The use of molds was very “cost and time” effective for the Swettenham pottery. It helped to position the pottery in a more competitive posture against other local potters and the mold made yellowware manufacturers of Ohio. Several molds and mold designs originated in England and were brought to America, to East Liverpool, Ohio, and to Upper Alton. While the basic molds used by Swettenham equaled those of the high-quality makers of Ohio, his more ornate designs reflect the highest degree of skill and craftsmanship of American mold made vessels. His handcraft displays a strong English heritage that exemplifies George Swettenham, Charles Alcott and Charles Morley as landmark Upper Alton potters. Several original molds survive and remain in the possession of a descendant in Madison County, Illinois.

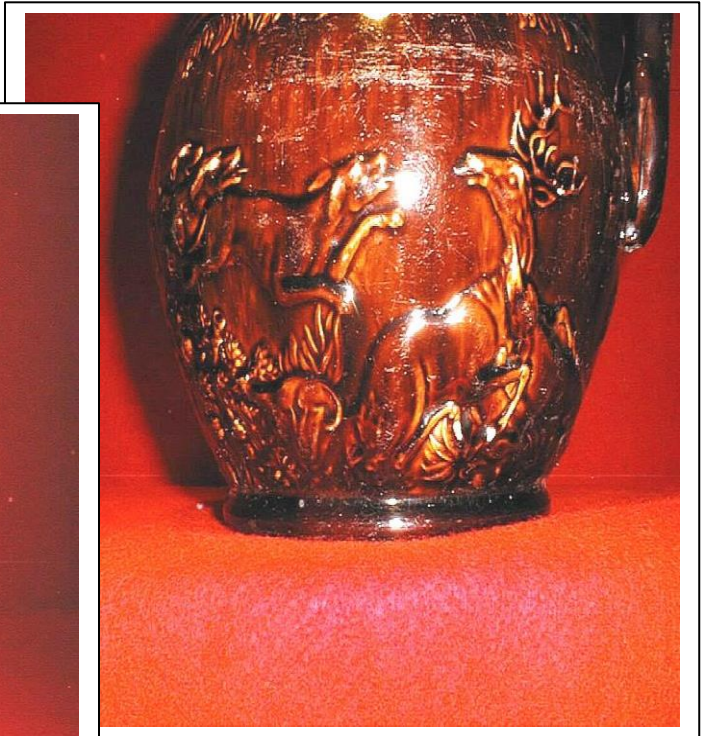
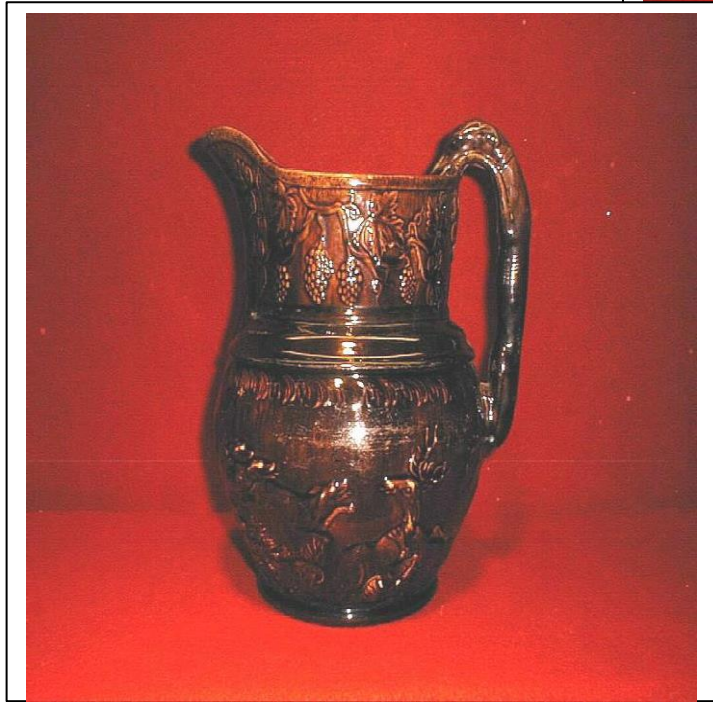


Swettenham pottery was located behind van at center of picture at northeast corner of Brown and Manning (Washington Ave.) .



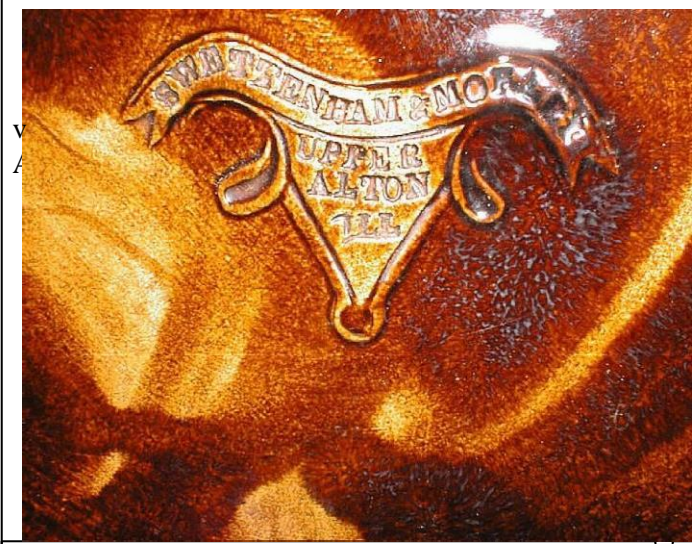
Sample of 10-sided storage vessels bearing the “ox bow” embossed base marks of potters “Swettenham & Morley,” Upper Alton. cc: 1840.





Half gallon Swettenham & Alcott hound handle table pitcher.



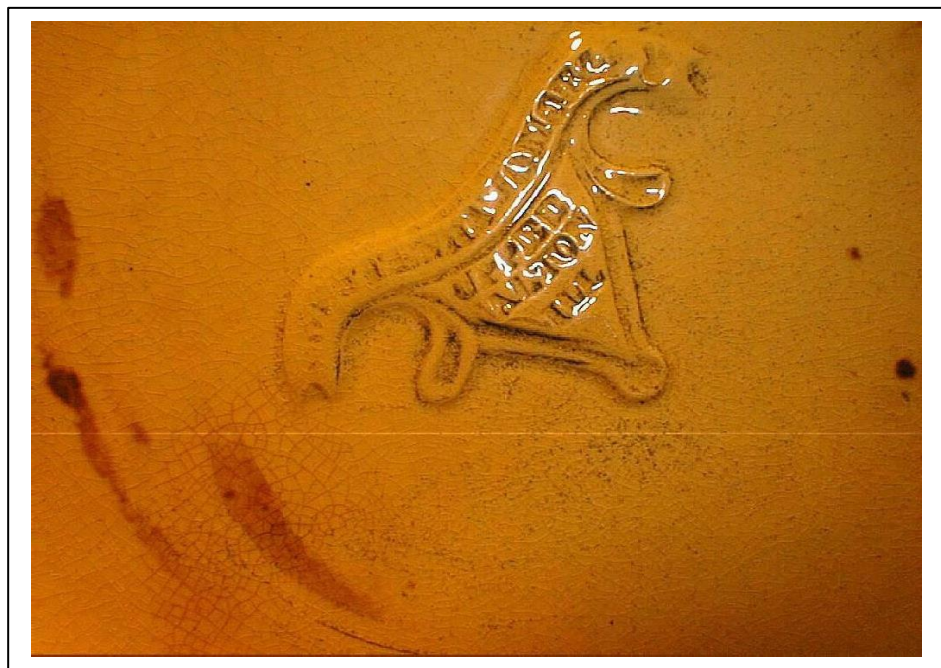


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Sweet Meat lidded Rockingham glazed jar bearing the “ox bow” embossed base marks of potters “Swettenham & Morley,” Upper Alton. cc: 1840.





Swettenham & Morley "pumpkin" Rockingham eight-sided cuspidor. cc: 1850

## Western Stoneware Company.

Buck Inn (North Alton ), Ills.

1868 - 1875

### Western Stoneware Company

The Buck Inn pottery operated 1868 to 1875 and was located near the intersection of Alby Street and Center on the north edge of Greenwood (North Alton), bordering Godfrey, Illinois. The original Buck Inn dwelling served as a stage coach stop, post office, inn, and overnight livestock drive staging area. This two story brick structure was erected in 1837 at the north west corner of State Street and Delmar. It became a major stop and overnight station for livestock drives coming into Alton from distant farms. After a night's layover, livestock would be driven about a mile to the Alton river front and landing for processing and sale to the local stockyards in St. Louis, Illinois (E. St. Louis), Cairo and other markets.

Often, the inhabitants of an area referred to their post office as their residence or home. Early occupants of the Buck Inn displayed deer (buck) antlers on the front of the dwelling and, the natural name for the Inn was born, the "Buck" Inn. To better serve this village a post office was established in 1868. It was kept by P.J. Melling at his house in township Six, Range Ten. Detailed mid Nineteenth Century maps of Illinois depict early Alton villages including, Alton, Bozzatown, Hunterstown, Emerald, Alton Junction, Salu, and Buck Inn. In 1870, William Hall was appointed postmaster and the post office was moved to North Alton. In 1875 the village of North Alton was incorporated and the name of the post office and area was then changed from Buck Inn to North Alton. This village contained about nine hundred and fifty inhabitants.

The actual Buck Inn pottery was located approximately one half mile northeast of the post office. Salt glazed, cobalt stencil marked "Western Stoneware Co./ Buck Inn, Ills," jars are known in the 2, 3, 4, and 6 gallon capacities. All six known jars are all straight sided with rounded bolstered rims. One 4 gallon straight sided shelved jar/churn with a direct rim exists in a private collection. All vessels possess smooth lug handles without finger molds with the exception of the small 2 gallon vessel that required no handles. In close proximity of the Western Stoneware Company pottery site, the famed Alton Brick Company was established.



The Buck Inn, built in 1837 at Delmar and State Street.





Buck Inn salt glazed 3 and 6 gallon jars, and 4 gallon churn.



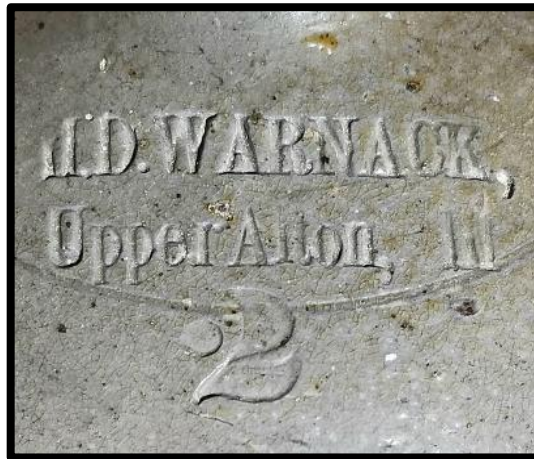
Collection of cobalt stencil marked “Western Stoneware Company / Buck Inn, Ills.” salt glazed storage jars in capacities of 2, 3, 4, and 6 gallons, straight sided with smooth lug handles.



### SUMMATION:

The significant "dot" trait, bordering a vessel's "bullet" style capacity numeral "2," and bearing hand inscription "Winchester / Scott County," securely ties the vessels maker to Robert Harrison and to Winchester, Scott County, Illinois. Most important its "bullet" numeral 2 perfectly coincides in design and measurements to the "bullet" 2 applied on marked vessels produced at the Isaac Warnack operation at Upper Alton, Madison County, Illinois. This fact secures Robert Harrison's close potting hand craft to and with Isaac Warnack. Simply put, Harrison vessels had the distinctive impressed "dot" bordering trait that he applied around capacity impressed numerals, where Warnack's did not have this trait.

The Warnack pottery's close proximity of the to the family pottery of Robert and sons, Castle and William, and brother Fielding, support an important inference. These pot-making operations were closely intertwined, and likely shared potting techniques, traits, materials, and kilns. Furthermore, it is highly likely, the Harrisons and Warnacks often assisted each other in potting chores.



All measure 0.5 cm H, 0.5cm W, and 1.05cm Dia.,  
all "2" dimensions are identical.



Considering Robert Harrison potted in Upper Alton in the 1820'S, and Winchester in 1830, the "bullet" style capacity numerals likely originated with Robert Harrison at Winchester, Scott County, Illinois, or while potting at Upper Alton, before 1830. Possibly Harrison later shared the "bullet" style capacity marks with the Isaac Warnack & Sons pottery at Upper Alton, Madison County, Illinois. The Isaac Warnack & Sons pottery operated from 1843 to 1867. Robert Harrison potted until 1856, when he died at Upper Alton, Illinois. For a short time, Harrison's sons continued the Harrison family potting tradition on Salu Street locations.

State census, plat map archives, city directories, kiln site surface artifact collection analysis, family genealogical data provided by Warnack descendant Sherron Logan, property deed records, County historical biographies, personal vessel collections, and family interviews, all contribute to a fascinating study and a great appreciation.

Recorded land sales of Robert Harrison, Isaac Warnack, and Anton Ulrich / John Wietfeld in Salu Village, Upper Alton, Madison County, Illinois, show numerous transfers of ownership through property sales of Robert Harrison. Many specific instances describe Harrison deed sales to Isaac Warnack, appearing in the MADISON COUNTY, EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS, DEED RECORDS BOOK.

An 1834 Scott County, Illinois, land sales deed indicates Thomas Kilpatrick and George Ebey purchased jointly a property from Robert Harrison. This property contained a significant dense ditch "feature" depression, called "Dorsey's Ditch." Then, in 1837, Kilpatrick purchased George Ebey's share, as Ebey relocated north of town to establish his large farm and pottery operation. Kilpatrick took out a mortgage, but unfortunately became delinquent in payments. This property was sold at public auction in 1840. The foreclosure court case stated Robert Harrison was once part owner of the lot. (Historic Research Archaeologist Dr. Claire Dappert, Winchester, Scott County. Illinois: 2010).

Indeed, Robert Harrison was a great opportunist at pot making and in land speculating ventures throughout early 19<sup>th</sup> Century Illinois. Harrison greatly impacted numerous stoneware manufacturers and families at Madison County and Scott County, Illinois.