



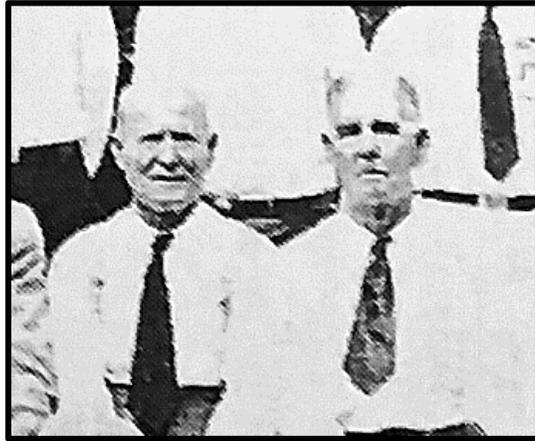
8 Gallon Albany slip Brooks Brothers hand turned jar. cc: 1894

**Featuring bottom applied hand incisions “Brooks Bros. / White Hall/ Ill.”
and signed by “J.O. Brooks,” for James Otis Brooks.**

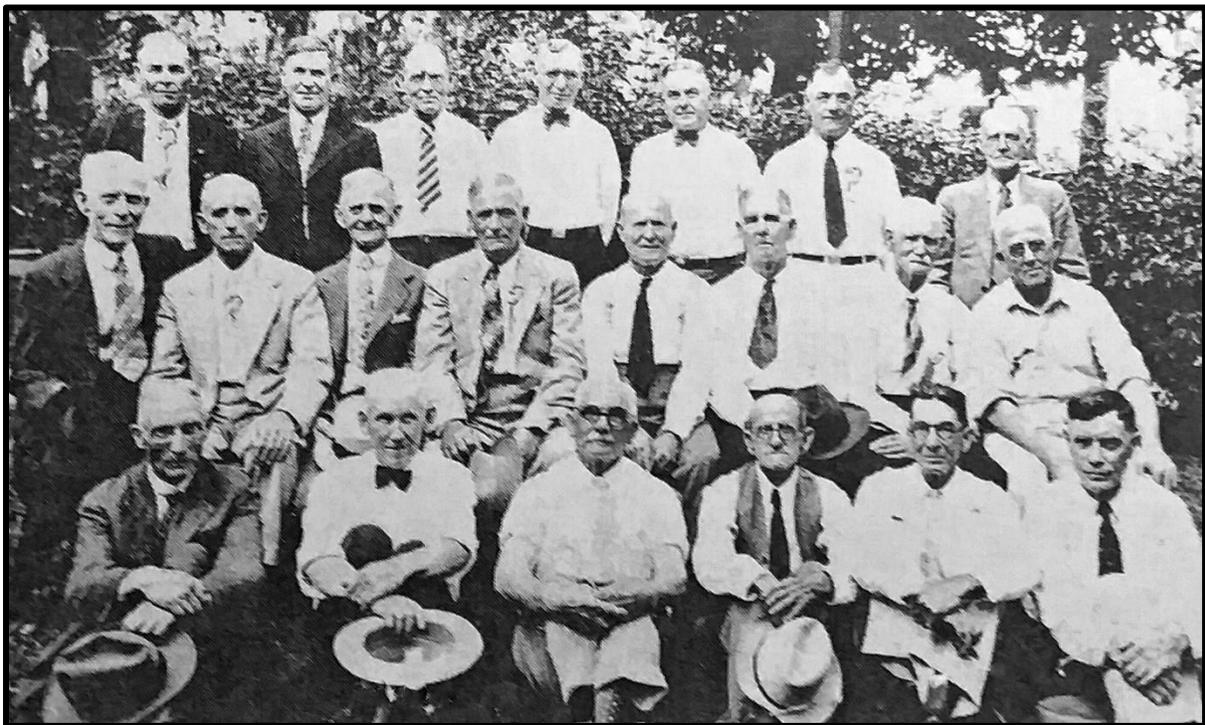
Former Carl Ehlert Collection

In 1885, The Hill and Prindle Pottery was considered to be the largest in White Hall, employing 45 men and boys. After L.T. Prindle died in 1893, partner George Hill retired and sold the operation to Dr. H. W. Chapman. Chapman then leased the pottery to the Brooks Brothers in 1894. In 1897 the Brooks Bros., Fred and Otis, bought the property from Dr. Chapman, but in 1902 sold operation back to Dr. Chapman. Chapman remodeled it and leased it to H. C. Morrow, establishing the White Hall Stoneware Company.

On October 29, 1902, the pottery was destroyed by another fire. Then, in 1903, Morrow purchased the Vermillion Brothers pottery. In 1903, H. C. Morrow's pottery acquisitions, fire recovery rebuilds, and remodels, led to his establishment of the White Hall Sewer Pipe and Stoneware Company, locally dubbed “The Big Shop.” (*The Potteries of White Hall*: Eva Dodge Mounce, page 84, 1988).



(L-R) James Otis Brooks and Lincoln Vermillion

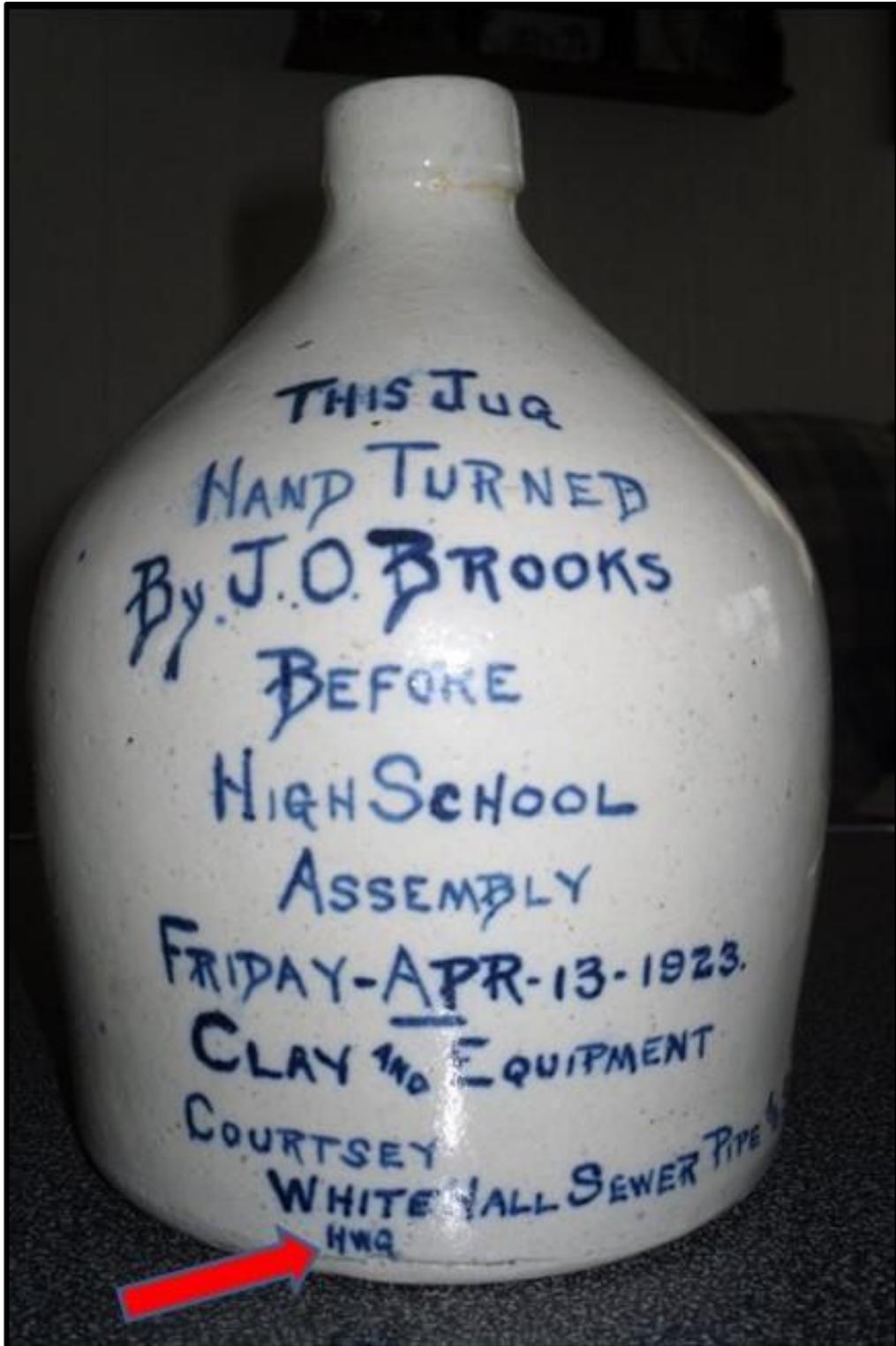


Twenty-one of the original hand turners at the Centennial and Whitehall in 1932.

Top row left to right: Richard Goodall, Norman Goodall, Charles Cleveland, Carlton Stall, Hal Galhuly, Harry Clark, W. W. Davis. Middle row left to right: Ferd Nevius, Tom Thurman (Sheepy), James Nevius, Fletcher Davis, Otis Brooks, Link Vermillion, Joe Vermillion, Bert Nevius. Bottom row left to right: William (Bones) Morrissey, Ed Silkwood, Bill Vermillion, Frank Gosnell, William Teter, and Larry English.



White Hall Clay Industry Centennial 1826-1926 vase
presented to the Whiteside-Griswold Memorial Library
by William Vermillion and James Otis Brooks



Courtesy of the WHSP&S Company by HWG, Hal Worcester Galhuly,
this jug was hand turned by James Otis Brooks on Friday, April 13, 1927.



2 gal. Vermillion Bros jar. cc: 1902



Half gallon WHSC "Made By" jar. cc: 1902



The White Hall Sewer Pipe and Stoneware Company was established in 1903,
and soon became locally referred to as "The Big Shop."