

Victoriana Cabinet of Curiosities

1) Silver Bowl

Silver dragon bowl from the collection of Mrs Janet Taylor Levack; her husband, Captain Levack was a Merchant Trader, with whom she travelled for the first year after marriage.

Although unmarked, the quality of the work is similar to that of Wang Jing & Co, Hong Kong, circa 1880s.

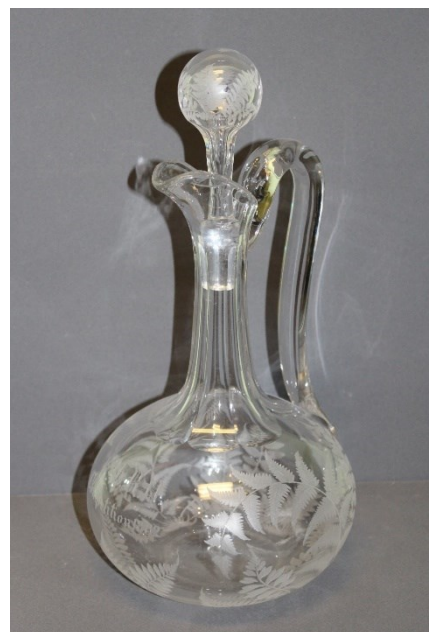
ELGNM: 2011.25 (formerly L1977.11)



2) Glass Decanter

Prize awarded to Sergeant J. Harrold, Lesmurdie Road, Elgin, for marksmanship, by Elgin Rifle Volunteers, 1882.

ELGNM: 1965.34



3) Wine Glass

Presented by Queen Victoria to her Housekeeper, on the occasion of the latter's marriage. The Queen's emblem and coat of arms is engraved on either side of the glass.

ELGNM: 1959.6



4) & 5) Kabyle Pottery, Drinking Cup and Jug

The Kabyles are a Berber people who live in Northern Algeria. For centuries, Kabyle women have made earthenware objects from locally-dug clay, painted in geometric designs.



Kabyle pottery was traditionally made for domestic purposes such as preparing and serving food, storing water and providing light, and for ritual occasions such as births and weddings. Kabyle women hand build vessels of various sizes and shapes for holding water, milk, oil, cooking and eating food, and oil lamps. To this day, Kabyle women coil and decorate pottery with beautiful painted geometric designs for their own household use and for sale.



The cup and jug shown here are from the collection of Lady Gordon Cumming of Altyre, donated to Elgin Museum in 1880.
ELGNM: 1880.6 and 1880.5

6) Pottery Amphora

Conical pottery amphora from Egypt, North Africa, donated by Lady Gordon Cumming of Altyre, in 1880. Production date uncertain.
ELGNM: 1880.12



7) Saqaniwai drinking vessel

Fijian pottery water drinking vessel, probably designed and modelled on fruit, from the collection of the traveller, Miss Constance Gordon-Cumming, 1880.

ELGNM: 1880.11



8) to 11) Clay figures modelled in Krishnanagar, West Bengal, India; collected by Professor R. W. Reid whilst in Kolkata (formerly known as Calcutta, India) in 1895.

8) Clay figure of an 'Ayah'

An ayah was the name given to a nursemaid or nanny, employed by Europeans in India or another British occupied territory.

ELGNM: 1939.3.22



9) Clay figure of a tailor at work
ELGNM: 1939.3.24



10) Clay figure of a washerman at work
ELGNM: 1939.3.26



11) Clay figure of a 'Pleader'
A person who pleads, especially at law.
ELGNM: 1939.3.21



12) Pottery Hookah

A hookah, also known as the *galyān*, is a single or multi-stemmed instrument for vaporizing and smoking flavoured cannabis, tobacco, or sometimes opium, whose vapour or smoke passes through a water basin, before inhalation.

ELGNM: 1978.1559

