

1920s Shelley vases - almost a century later

In 1922 J.F.Wileman (the firm was called that until 1925) produced a Shelley catalogue which featured two pages of vases, with consecutive shape numbers from 770 to 793



How did these vase shapes fare?

Current evidence comes in the form of 774 images which follow. These are all the images I could find circulating almost a century later. Production data was lost, so these give a little indication of the creativeness (and busyness) at the works.

According to this evidence, the number of patterns which were applied to each shape varied widely, from 11 to 48 (see rear cover).

These 774 examples include patterns from the main earthenware pattern book, and therefore do not include others like souvenir ware, china examples, or similar examples in earlier earthenware series such as Intarsio.

The different shapes are presented in the scale of 1 inch of paper to 10cm of vase.

Chris Watkins, January 2017

770



15cm



7919 Cloisello



7938 Roself



8103 Roself



8125 Worcester



8178 Violette



8187 Heather



8251 Carnation



8262 Indian Peony



8320 Cloisonne



8321 Cloisonne



8326 plain lustre



8334 Butterfly



8356 & 8357 lustre butterflies



8431 and 8432 Butterfly border



8462 Jazz circles



8545 Fruit border



8575 Balls & flashes



8589 storks



8590 Storks



8632 Vine & grapes



8654 Kingfisher



8655 Kingfisher



8656 Kingfisher



8659 Christmas Lanterns



8660 Moorcroft



8680 & 8682 Japanese Lake Scene



8722 Tall Trees



Anne Hathaway's cottage



771



771/8251
15cm



7332 Delphic Sunset 7659 Flamboyant 7919 Cloisello 8103 Roself 8178 Violette 8187 Heather 8209 Hankow 8225 Apple Spray 8251 Carnation



8262 Indian Peony 8293 Carnation? 8296 Celtique 8315 Blue dragon 8316 Rosata 8317 Celtique 8326 plain lustre 8356 & 8357 lustre butterflies



8365 Butterflies 8348 Vinta lustre 8418 Heather & horseshoe 8431 Butterfly border 8462 Jazz Circles 8545-O Fruit Border 8574 Stylised Fruit 8578 Palm Tree 8589 Storks



8634 Vine & grapes 8639 Flashes 8654 Kingfisher 8655 Kingfisher 8660 Moorcroft 8662 Kingfisher 8677 Japanese fruit 8682 Japanese Lake 8721 Tall trees

772



16cm



7591 Moonlight



7662 Surrey scene



7919 Cloisello



8103 Roself



8125 Worcester



8178 Violette



8187 Heather



8192 Heather good luck



8262 Indian peony



8306 lustre fish



8315 Blue dragon



8326 plain lustre



8418 Heather & horseshoe



8462 Jazz Circles



8545 fruit border



8574 Stylised Fruit



8584 Chinese Lanterns



8589 Storks



8630 Flower spray



8633 Vine & grapes



8639 Flashes



8660 Moorcroft

773



18cm



7919 Cloisello



7938 Roself



8103 Roself



8125 Worcester



8178 Violette



8187 Heather



8205 Heather white bows



8209 Hankow



8222 Cloisello stork



8251 Carnation



8315 Blue dragon



8318 Vinta



8320 Cloisonne



8321 Cloisonne



8360 Boots new panel



8334 Butterfly



8365 Butterfly



8418 Heather & horseshoe



8431 Butterfly border 8483 Circles & splashes 8545/G fruit border 8574 Stylised Fruit 8577 branch & stylised fruit 8578 Palm Tree 8589 Storks



8590 Storks 8632 and 8633 Vine & grapes 8635 Damsons 8654 Kingfisher 8656 Kingfisher 8658 Pomegranate



8659 Christmas Lanterns 8662 Kingfisher 8682 Japanese lake 8683 Japanese Lake 8704 Indian Peony

774



774/8103

18cm.



8103
Roself



8122
Roself



8125
Worcester



8178
Violette



8209
Hankow



8225
Apple Spray



8251
Carnation



8315
Blue dragon



8316
Rosata



8320
Cloisonne



8324
Celtique blue



8356
lustre butterflies



8357
Boots New Panel



8361
Butterfly border



8431
Butterfly border



8437/G
plain



8447
Waves border



8545/O
Fruit border



8577
Branch & fruit



8578
Palm tree



8589
Storks



8590
Storks



8630
Flower Spray



8635
Damsons



8654
Kingfisher



8655
Kingfisher



8656
Kingfisher



8677
Japanese fruit



8683
Japanese lake scene



8685
Japanese lake scene

775



775/7919

17cm



7919
Cloisello



8103
Roself



8125
Worcester



8178
Violette



8187
Heather



8199
Lady Godiva



8298
Walter Scott



8300
Grape & rose



8309
Robbie Burns



8315
Blue Dragon



8316
Rosata



8317
Celtique



8321
Cloisonne



8356
lustre butterfly



8431
Butterfly border



8432
Butterfly border



8545/G
Fruit border



8545/B
Fruit border



8590
Storks



8635
Damsons



8659
Christmas lanterns



8680
Japanese lake



8682
Japanese Lake



8722
Tall trees

776



776/8315
16cm



7591
Moonlight



7930
Paradise



8103
Roself



8130?
Floral spray



8187
Heather



8251
Carnation



8262
Indian Peony



8306
lustre carp



8315
Blue Dragon



8317
Celtique



8318
Vinta



8334
Butterfly



8356
lustre butterflies



8366
Butterfly



8431
Butterfly border



8462
Jazz Circles



8574
Stylised Fruit



8577
Branch & stylised fruit



8655
Kingfisher



8682
Japanese Lake

777



777/HEATHER
15cm



7591 Moonlight



8103 Roself



8125 Worcester



8178 Violete



8187 Heather



8222 Cloisello crane



8225 Apple Spray



8251 Carnation



8315 Blue Dragon



8317 Celtique



8320 Cloisonne



8356 & 8357 luster butterflies



8359 Butterfly yellow



8431 Butterfly border



8545 Fruit border



8574 Stylised Fruit



8575 balloons & flashes



8584 chinese lanterns



8588 Storks



8590 Storks



8652 Lady Godiva



8655 Kingfisher



8656 Kingfisher



8658 Pomegranate



8659 Christmas Lanterns



8662 Kingfisher



? violets?

778



778/HEATHER
"FOR LUCK"

13cm



7591 Moonlight



7937 Roself



7938 Roself



7939 Roself



8103 Roself



8125 Worcester



8178 Violette



8187 Heather



8209 Hankow



8262 Indian Peony



8296 Celtique



8315 Blue dragon



8317 Celtique



8319 Roumanian



8321 Cloisonne



8333 Vinta lustre



8334 Butterfl



8357 lustre butterflies



8360



8361 Boots New panel



8365 butterfly



8366 Butterfly



8431 Butterfly border



8437 plain



8545 Fruit Border



8575 Balloons & flashes



8578 Palm Tree



8588 Storks



8589 Storks



8590 Storks



8632 Vine & grapes



8635 Damsons



8655 Kingfisher



8656 Kingfisher



8681, 8682 and 8685 Japanese Lake



8681, 8682 and 8685 Japanese Lake



8681, 8682 and 8685 Japanese Lake

779



779/8320

12cm



7937
Roself



8103
Roself



8125
Worcester



8146
Roself orange



8178
Violette



8187
Heather



8191
Heather for luck



8251
Carnation



8262
Indian Peony



8306A
lustre carp



8315
Blue Dragon



8317
Celtique



8319
Roumanian



8321
Cloisonne



8365
Butterfly



8433
Butterfly border



8502
Boots Rose



8504
Boots Rose



8545/G
Fruit border



8545/O
Fruit border



8590
Storks



8631
Cloud & plums



8635
Damsons



8656
Kingfisher



8662
Kingfisher



8674
Kingfisher lustre



8677
Japanese Fruit



8721
Tall trees

780



780/12.5cm



7591 Moonlight



7919 Cloisello



7938 Roself



8103 Roself



8178 Violette



8191 Heather for luck



8209 Hankow



8213 Poppy Spray



8218 Violette



8225 Apple Spray



8251 Carnation



8262 Indian Peony



8315 Blue dragon



8317 Celtique



8318 Vinta



8320 Cloisanne



8334 Butterfly



8356 lustre butterfly



8361 Boots New Panel



8365 & 8366 Butterfly



8418 Heather & horseshoe



8431&2 Butterfly border



8462 Jazz Circles



8545/B, G Fruit Border



8545/B, G Fruit Border



8545/B, G Fruit Border



8545/B, G Fruit Border



8545/O Fruit Border



8589 Storks



8590 Storks



8629 Fruit Spray



8635 Damsons



8639 Flashes



8655 Kingfisher



8656 Kingfisher



8658 Pomegranate



8660 Moorcroft



8674 Kingfisher lustre



8676 Surrey scene



8681 & 8685 Japanese Fruit



8681 & 8685 Japanese Lake



8721 Tall trees



8722 Tall trees



8722 Tall trees

781



781/0321
18cm



7591
Moonlight



7919
Cloisello



7938
Roself



8103
Roself



8122
Roself



8125
Worcester



8178
Violette



8187
Heather



8213
Poppy Spray



8225
Apple spray



8262
Indian Peony



8315
Blue Dragon



8317
Celtique



8318
Vinta



8321
Cloisonne



8356
butterly lustre



8357
butterly lustre



8366
Butterfly



8431
Butterfly border



8432
Butterfly border



8437
Plain



8462
Jazz circles



8504
Boots Rose



8545/B
Fruit border



8545/G
Fruit border



8578
Palm Tree



8588
Storks



8589
Storks



8590
Storks



8630
Flower spray



8635
Damsons



8656
Kingfisher



8674
Kingfisher lustré



8677
Japanese Fruit



8682
Japanese lake



8685
Japanese lake

782



782/HEATHER
9cmh



7336
Delphic yachts



8103
Roself



8178
Violette



8187
Heather



8199
Lady Godiva



8201
Roself



8225
Apple spray



8251
Carnation



8262
Indian Peony lustre



8296
Celtique



8315
Blue Dragon



8316
Rosata



8318
Vinta



8321
Cloisonne



8317
Celtique



8334
Butterfly



8356
Butterfly lustre



8357?
Butterfly lustre



8365
Butterfly



8418
Heather & horseshoe



8431
Butterfly border



8437/G
plain



8462
Jazz circles



8545
Fruit border



8506
Lady Godiva



8576
Apple blossom



8577
Branch & stylised fruit



8589
Stork



8590
Stork



8632
Vine & grapes



8633
Vine & grapes



8635
Damsons



8639
Flashes



8652
Lady Godiva



8655
Kingfisher



8656
Kingfisher



8674
Kingfisher lustre



8682
Japanese Lake



8685
Japanese Lake



8703
Indian Peony border

783



783/8334

11cm



7662 Surrey scenery



7919 Cloisello



7937 Roself



8082 Yachting scenes



8103 Roself



8178 Violette



8187 Heather



8212 Shamrock



8251 Carnation



8262 Indian Peony



8306 lustre carp



8315 Blue dragon



8296 Celtique



8317 Celtique



8333 Vinta



8334 Butterfly



8357 lustre butterflies



8365 Butterfly



8418 Heather & horseshoe



8432 Butterfly border



8437 plain



8437 plain



8545/B Fruit border



8545/G Fruit border



8574 Stylised Fruit



8589 Storks



8590 Storks



8632 Vine & grapes



8639 Flashes



8656 Kingfisher



8677 Japanese fruit



8680 Japanese lake



8682 Japanese lake



8721 Tall trees



8721/G tall trees

784



784/8251

13cm



7659
Flamboyant



7919
Cloisello



8103
Roself



8178
Violette



8187
Heather



8192
Heather for luck Edinburgh



8223
Cloisello stork



8251
Carnation



8262
Indian Peony



8296
Celtique



8317
Celtique



8318
Vinta



8320
Cloisonne



8334
Butterfly



8356
lustre butterfly



8360
Boots New Panel



8432
Butterfly border



8437/?
Plain



8502
Boots Rose



8504
Boots Rose



8577
Branch & stylised fruit



8590
Storks



8629
Fruit spray



8631
Cloud & plums



8633
Vine & grapes



8635
Damsons



8654
Kingfisher



8656
Kingfisher



8660
Moorcroft



8677
Japanese Fruit Lustre



8682
Japanese Lake



8703
Indian Peony border

785



785/8103.

13cm



7662
Surrey scene



7919
Cloisello



8103
Roself



8178
Violette



8187
Heather



8251
Carnation



8315
Blue dragon



8321
Cloisonne



8348
Vinta



8356
lustre butterflies



8357
butterflies lustre



8360
Boots new panel



8365
Butterfly



8366
Butterfly



8632
Vine & grapes



8418
Heather & horseshoe



8432
Butterfly border



8502
Boots Rose



8503
Boots Rose



8545/G
Fruit Border



8545/B
Fruit Border



8584
Chinese Lanterns



8639
Flashes



8659
Christmas lanterns

786



786/8321
8cm



7591
Moonlight



8103
Roself



8178
Violette



8187
Heather



8191
Heather for luck



8201
Roself bronze



8251
Carnation



8262
Indian Peony



8293?
Carnation?



8318
Vinta



8320
Cloisonne



8321
Cloisonne



8334
Butterfly



8356
lustre butterfly



8356?
lustre butterfly



8357
lustre butterfly



8360
Boots New Panel



8365
Butterfly



8366
Butterfly



8418
Heather & horseshoe



8431
Butterfly border



8432
Butterfly border



8437/
plain orange



8437/G
plain scarlet



8462
Jazz circles



8502
Boots Rose



8503
Boots Rose



8545
Fruit border



8574
Stylised fruit



8575
Balloons & Flashes



8589
Stork



8590
Stork



8630
Flower spray



8631
Cloud & plums



8655
Kingfisher



8656
Kingfisher



8682
Japanese Lake

787



787/8320

9cm



8103
Roself



8125
Worcester



8178
Violette



8187
Heather



8199
Lady Godiva



8251
Carnation



8296
Celtique



8315
Blue dragon



8316
Rosata



8317
Celtique



8321
Cloisonne



8334
Butterfly



8357
lustre butterfly



8360
Boots New Panel



8361
Boots New Panel



8418
Heather & horseshoe



8545/G
Fruit border



8589
Storks



8590
Storks



8635
Damsons



8639
Flashes



8654
Kingfisher



8655
Kingfisher



8656
Kingfisher



8662
Kingfisher



8674
Kingfisher lustre



plain lustre



plain lustre

788



788/
HEATHER
FOR LUCK

11cm



7662
Surrey scene



7919
Cloisello



8103
Roself



8178
Violette



8187
Heather



8192
Heather for luck



8251
Carnation



8315
Blue Dragon



8317
Celtique



8318
Vinta



8320
Cloisanne



8334
Butterfly



8356
lustre butterflies



8432
Butterfly border



8502
Boots Rose



8506
Lady Godiva



8545/G
Fruit border



8576B
Apple blossom



8590
Storks



8655
Kingfisher



8656
Kingfisher



8658
Pomegranate



8660
Moorcroft



8662
Kingfisher



8674
Kingfisher-lustre



8676?
Surrey scene



8676
Surrey scene



8677
Japanese fruit



8682 8685 Japanese lake



789



789/7919

say 12cm



7919
Cloisello



8103
Roself



8213
Poppy spray



8178
Violette



8223
Cloisello gold stork



8251
Carnation



8262
Indian Peony



8321
Cloisonne



8317
Celtique



8334
Butterfly



8563/O
Wattle



8635
Damsons



8655
Kingfisher



8656
Kingfisher



8685
Japanese Lake

790



790/8334

12cm



7646 Crocodile



7919 Cloisello



8103 Roself



8178 Violette



8187 Heather



8251 Carnation



8262 Indian Peony



8296 Celtique



8300 Grape & rose



8315 Blue Dragon



8316 Rosata



8321 Cloisone



8326 plain lustre



8334 Butterfly



8357 lustre butterfly



8360 Boots New Panel



8431 & 8433 Butterfly border



8418 Heather & horseshoe



8423 + good luck



8437 plain



8446 Waves border



8502 & 8503 Boots Rose



8545/B & 8545/G Fruit border



8584 Chinese lanterns



8589 Storks



8631 Cloud & plums



8635 Damsons



8656 Kingfisher



8659 Christmas Lanterns



8662 kingfisher



8674 Kingfisher lustre



8677 Japanese fruit



8682 Japanese lake



8683 Japanese lake

791



791/8178.

8cm



7919
Cloisello



8075
Roself



8103
Roself



8122
Roself



8178
Violette



8187
Heather



8212
Shamrock



8223
Cloisello with gold



8225
Apple spray



8251
Carnation



8262
Indian Peony



8296
Celtique



8300
Grape & rose



8315
Blue Dragon



8310
Heather



8316
Rosata



8317
Celtique



8319
Roumanian



8320
Cloisone



8321
Cloisone



8334
Butterfly



8361

Boots New panel Heather & horseshoe Butterfly border



8423



8431



8432
Butterfly border



8437/
plain orange



8462
Jazz Circles



8504
Boots Rose



8545/B
Fruit border



8545/G
Fruit border



8545/O
Fruit border



8574
Stylised Fruit



8575
Balloons & flashes



8576



8577
Branch & stylised fruit



8588
Storks



8589
Storks



8590
Storks



8635



8640
Sturt Pea



8654
Kingfisher



8656
Kingfisher



8660
Moorcroft



8674
Kingfisher lustre



8676
Surrey scenery lustre



8677
Japanese fruit



8682
Japanese Lake Scene



8718
Moresque

792



792/HEATHER
FOR LUCK
11cm



8103
Roself



8178
Violette



8262
Indian Peony



8300
Grape & rose



8432
Butterfly border



8545/B
New Fruit Border



8577
Branch & stylised fruit



8584
Chinese lanterns



8629
Fruit spray



8640
Sturt Pea



8655
Kingfisher

793



793/8315
13cm



7591
Moonlight



7659
Flamboyant



7919
Cloisello



8103
Roself



8178
Violette



8187
Heather



8192
Heather for luck



8213
Poppy spray



8297
Celtique



8300
Grape & rose



8317
Celtique



8318
Vinta



8321
Cloisonne



8324
Celtique blue



8334
Butterfly



8356
lustre butterfly



8360
Boots New Panel



8433
Butterfly border



8437
plain



8462
Jazz Circles



8483
Circles & splashes



8545/C



8545/G



8574
Stylised fruit



8575
Balloons & flashes



8588
Storks



8589
Storks



8590
Storks



8632
Vine & grapes



8654
Kingfisher



8655
Kingfisher



8656
Kingfisher



8660
Moorcroft



8662
Kingfisher



8674
Kingfisher lustre

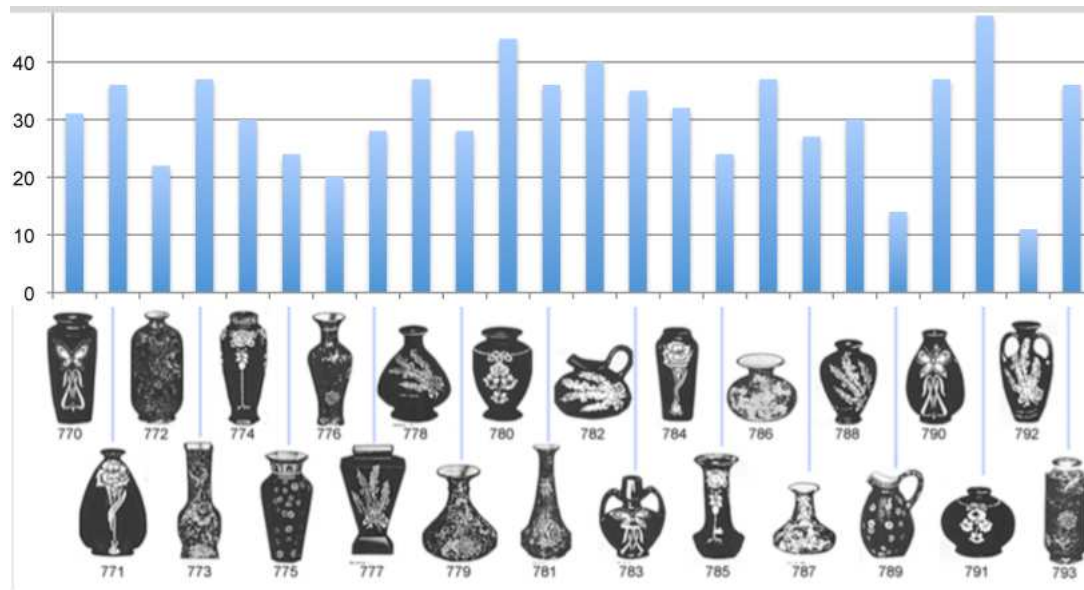


8721
Tall trees

Frequency of shapes

744 examples of 24 shapes means an average of 31 examples per shape.

The variation is large, ranging from 11 to 48.



The clear “winner” was the little spherical vase 791, followed closely by the vase 780 and the squat jug 782.

The larger half of the range (770 to 781) were more expensive by about a quarter than the smaller vases (782 to 793) but in this sample they were just as frequent.

Frequency of patterns

121 patterns appear on these 744 examples, meaning an average of 6 shapes per pattern. But the variation is large. Only one pattern appears on all 24 shapes - 8103 Roself - and 24 patterns appear once only - for example 8146 Roself, 8310 Heather on white, 8447 Waves border.

