

ANOTHER PAMPLIN PIPE VARIETY

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Many of the various clay reed-stem tobacco pipe styles manufactured by the Pamplin, Virginia, industry have been described and illustrated by Hamilton and Hamilton (1972). Several of these forms closely resemble similar types manufactured at Mogadore, Ohio (Murphy and Reich, 1974) and at Point Pleasant, Ohio (Murphy, 1974). This is considered to be a direct result of the purchase of the Point Pleasant and Pamplin factories by the Akron Smoking Pipe Co. of Mogadore in 1894 or 1895.

The present note is intended to distinguish four closely similar pipe styles manufactured at these three plants. All are zoned elbow pipes with the stem decorated by diagonal ribs and the bowl ornamented by diagonal rows of raised diamonds. The base of the bowl (inside) may be marked by a variety of mold marks.

Variations which distinguish the several types are as follows: The type denominated by Murphy and Reich (1974) as Mogadore Diamond Stamped Elbow is usually nicely glazed, with 14-15 diagonal ribs on the stem and single bordering ribs 3-4 mm. below the bowl lip and 5 mm. from the stem edge. Mold marks in the bottom of the bowl include an asterisk, and the letters "A," "K," "T," and "V." Some specimens from Mogadore lack mold marks in the bottom of the bowl.

Point Pleasant Diamond Stamped Elbow pipes are represented by 9 specimens from the parking lot area opposite the Grant Birthplace Museum at Point Pleasant. None have been found at the site of the Peterson pottery site nearby. Ethel Galbreath, present owner of the Peterson site, substantiates the fact that there were two pipe factories at Point Pleasant; Titus' 1870 Atlas of Clermont County, Ohio, also locates two potteries in the town, one owned by N(athan) S. Davis, which later became the Peterson Co., while the ownership of the other pottery is not indicated. Point Pleasant Diamond Stamped Elbow pipes lack mold marks in the bottom of the bowl, have 17-18 diagonal ribs on the stem, and are unglazed or poorly glazed.

Hamilton and Hamilton (1972 Plate 22, Fig. AH) illustrate an "Akron Shaker" pipe from the Pamplin factory site. This pipe has the diamond-shaped raised dots more widely spaced and correspondingly less numerous than on the Point Pleasant and Mogadore pipes. Unfortunately, Hamilton and Hamilton do not note the number of diagonal ribs on the stem, the number of diagonal rows of diamond-shaped dots on the bowl, presence or absence of a mold mark in the bowl, or any measurements. The presence of a double set of ribs around the top of the bowl appears to be distinctive.

Recently, Mr. Lee Durieux, Mount Vernon, Ohio, has called my attention to a clay elbow pipe found by Mrs. Sandra Osborne of Jackson, Ohio. This pipe is illustrated in Figures A and B. The widely spaced diamond-shaped raised dots and very high bowl brim readily distinguish this pipe from the similar Mogadore



Figure 1

A, B: Pamplin Diamond Stamped Elbow pipe, high brimmed variety with + sign mold mark.

C: Mogadore Diamond Stamped Elbow pipe.

Bar scale represents 1 cm.

and Point Pleasant types, as does the presence in the base of the bowl of a large "plus sign" mold mark. "Plus sign" mold marks do occur on some Mogadore pipe styles but have not been found on any specimens of the Mogadore Diamond Stamped Elbow type. Except for the presence of a very high brim and the absence of a second rib bordering the rim of the bowl, this pipe is closely similar to the variety illustrated by Hamilton and Hamilton. It appears to be the variety illustrated in the 1941 Powhatan Pamplin catalogue as "Akron Shaker." Quite possibly this form and the one found by Hamilton and Hamilton at the Pamplin site will not be distinguishable once a larger sample of specimens is available, but for the present it seems advisable to recognize the two varieties.

As for the date of manufacture, it seems clear from the 1941 Pamplin catalogue that at least the one and probably both Pamplin Diamond Stamped Elbow varieties were being produced at that time. Quite possibly the Pamplin forms were made continuously since 1895, the year that the plant appears to have been purchased by the Akron Smoking Pipe Co. The Point Pleasant type also probably dates from that year, when the Akron Smoking Pipe Co. purchased the Peterson plant at Point Pleasant; but production of the Point Pleasant type must have ended by 1920, when the Point Pleasant plant ceased operation. As for the Mogadore Diamond Stamped Elbow type, it could have been manufactured as early as 1884, when the Fenton pottery began manufacturing clay tobacco pipes at Mogadore; in any case, it probably was being manufactured in 1895, the year that pipe-making ceased at the Mogadore plant.

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Table 1

Measurements in mm	Mogadore Diamond Stamped Elbow	Point Pleasant Diamond Stamped Elbow	Pamplin (+) Diamond Stamped Elbow
Total Length	41.3	38.6-41.0 (39.5)	42.5
Height	38.2		41.7
Bowl Diameter	25.3		26.0
Stem Diameter (Vertical)	16.5	15.0-15.9 (15.3)	17.0
(Horizontal)	15.3	13.1-14.7 (14.2)	16.8
Number of Diagonal Ribs on Stem	15	17	16
Number of Rows of Diamonds on Bowl	9	8	8

Means (given in parentheses) based on sample of 8 Point Pleasant specimens.