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Department of Decorative Arts and Sculpture

Mr. Ralph Hyman
Museum Silver Shop
26 East 55th Street
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Hyman:

Our 1906 American Silver Catalogue has LONG been out of print; I have phoned Goodspeed's but they do not have one. They reminded me that it was very expensive - the last note I made of their price was in 1948 at twenty-five dollars; Dauber & Pine have had one for thirty-five.

There was only one Dixwell porringer exhibited - S*G on the handle - it appeared in two group photographs, one as it was seen in a large case, one in a line of porringers. No ownerships are given (i.e. line credits to 1906 owners) but, inasmuch as it was in the Garvan Collection, a reasonable guess might be R. T. Haines Halsey who wrote the introduction to the catalogue. Neither the first owner nor the last was given in the American Art Association-Anderson Galleries catalogue, either!

I am astonished to find among our current loans and possessions, and returned loans, that we have only one other Dixwell porringer in our records! It, too, is the "keyhole" type; and hangs on a peg-board in the vault at the moment -- we have to rotate our American silver for exhibition.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Yves Henry Buhler)

FROM: John Dixwell,
son of Colonel John
Dixwell, one of the
regicide judges.
TO: Apprentice of
Jeremiah Dummer.

Antique Silver

DESCRIPTION: An antique
American silver
Porringer,
made in Boston,

PERIOD:

DATE: Circa 1710

MAKER: John Dixwell.