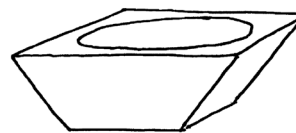


## View from the Salt Box -- #27

One of the salts we consider common is the square one with a round bowl and slanting sides. There are three varieties of this that we know of, and one of them comes in color sometimes. Once we thought they might not be salts at all - maybe they were small ash trays - but we have since been convinced that they really were meant for the dining table.

The first and most common variety is 2" square at the top, 1" square at the bottom and 7/8" high. This has an appearance like the sketch at the right. We often see these in clear, but we have encountered them in red, forest green and flashed marigold carnival color as well. Quite a few years ago we bought a set of 4 green ones in their original box, marked "Open Salts by Saben". We don't know who Saben was, but his or her printing on the box gave us the information that they belong in our collections. We don't know who actually manufactured them - Saben undoubtedly was the marketer, and had the dishes made by one of the well-known glass companies.



The second of these shapes is smaller, measuring 1-3/4" square at the top, 1-1/16" square at the bottom and 3/4" high. It has the same appearance as the previous dish but it is smaller. We have never seen it in color, and have no idea who produced it. It and the preceding one can also be found with all the faces polished, which qualifies them as cut glass I guess. When the polishing is done the dimensions will change, since glass is removed by the process. Someday we hope to run across a picture of one of these in an old catalog, but this will probably not give us a clue as to which of the two sizes is represented.



The third salt of this type has a slightly different look - the sides do not slant as much. Comparing the sketch at the right with those above will give you the idea. It is the Heisey LATE PURITAN pattern, and is not plentiful like the previous two shapes. It took us nearly a year to find one once we knew it existed. The dimensions are 1-13/16" square at the top, 1" square at the bottom and 15/16" high. It is easy to tell the difference between dishes when they are side by side; it is much more difficult when you are looking at just one salt in the dark corner of an antique shop. The Heisey salts can be found, however, and you will need one if you are trying to get a complete Heisey collection.



I have drawn the three salts as exactly as I can, and will be the first to admit there is only a little difference between drawings. The differences are greater when you see the actual salts, however, and the measurements define them quite accurately.

I hope you already have all three in your collection, especially the colored ones that give variety to a shelf of clear shapes. If you haven't found all of these yet, the first two in clear should be easy to get, but the rest will give you something to hunt for.