

Open Salts Made by R. Wetzel Glass Co. Zanesville, Ohio

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In 1974 Bob & Vicki Wetzel started a small glass business. Bob a mold maker made some original salt molds in 1977. These did not sell well and he sold the molds in 1979. The location of these molds were not known by collectors until 1998 when it was discovered that Fred Wilkerson had 3 of them. In 1984 Bob purchased several molds (including some open salt molds) when several hand glass shops closed. He reworked some molds to make salts and others were his own originals. (He also made the NESOSC Anniversary Salt Mold). This venture did not prove as profitable to him as his mold making and glass paperweights, so he sold his remaining salt molds and inventory to Ed Bowman. (E & E Collectables)(Now Ed Bowman Collectables) in 1986.

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(This information updated as of July 15, 2011 with all information available at that time)

Wetzel (Joe StClair)(Wilkerson) Glass Item: Holly Rim (Original Wetzel Mold)

Purchased by Wilkerson in 1979

Reference: H&J 910 Size: 2" Dia, 7/8" High

Remarks: Wetzel Lt Blue marked "R Wetzel" "1976" Vaseline marked "R Wetzel" "1977" inside bottom. Found with Joe St Clair mark J.St.C. mark inside. Wetzels Iridized could have been made by Joe St Clair as he made Iridized glass for others during this period of time and may have made in another color with his mark at the same time.



Colors: Lt Blue Irid ,Vaseline Joe St Clair: Green Irid

Wetzel (Wilkerson) Glass Item : Beaded Rim w/Ball Feet (Original Wetzel Mold)

Purchased by Wilkerson in 1979

Reference: None Size: 1 7/8" Dia, 7/8" High

Remarks: Wetzel marked "77" "RW" hidden in the field of cobblestone like dots on bottom. Wilkerson has his mark inside bottom.



Colors: Smoky Brown (Picture is Wilkerson)

Wetzel Glass Item : Beaded Rim w/Ribbed Side (Original Wetzel Mold)

Current location of this mold unknown.

Reference: None Size: 1 7/8" Dia, 3/4" High

Remarks: Wetzel marked "77" "RW" hidden in the field of cobblestone like dots on bottom. Present location of this mold is unknown.



Colors: Light Blue

Wetzel (Wilkerson) Glass Item: Strawberry (?? Mold Source)

Purchased by Wilkerson in 1979

Reference: H&J 5011 Size: 3 1/8" Long, 2 1/4" Wide, 1 5/8" High

Remarks: Looks like Strawberry with stem on 4 round feet, 1 3/8 " Dia salt bowl. Very heavy piece. Very few were made! Very Hard to make. As of April 1999 the mold was at Boyd Art Glass with the Wilkerson mark inside.



Colors: Clear

Wetzel Glass Item: English Hobnail Salt (Mold from Rodefer-Gleason Glass Co)

Current location of this mold unknown.

Reference: H&J 438 Size: 1 3/4" Dia, 7/8" High

Remarks: English Hobnail made by several companies. This item was not marked by Wetzel and without a known original can not determine any difference.



Colors: 6000 in Blue Slag for the Franklin Mint in 1983. (Picture is not a Wetzel)

Wetzel Glass Item: S501 1800's Salt Dip (Mold from Rodefer-Gleason Glass Co)

Purchased by Bowman in 1986

Reference: None **Size:** 1 5/8" Dia, 7/8" High

Remarks: This is an unusual Round salt with 12 rows of zippers Wetzel items marked with R W mark inside bottom edge.

Colors: Ice Blue, Cobalt, Blue Slag, Custard, Med Blue, Cobalt



Wetzel Glass Item: S502 Cambridge Twin Salt (Original Cambridge Mold)

Purchased by Bowman in 1986

Reference: H&J 2092 **Size:** 3 5/8" Long, 1 1/2" Wide, 1 7/8" High

Remarks: Wetzel items marked with R W mark on bottom between bowls.

Colors: Ice Blue, Med Blue, Cobalt, Blue Slag, Lt Purple, Teal



Wetzel Glass Item: S503 Cambridge Square Salt (Original Cambridge Mold)

Purchased by Bowman in 1986

Reference: H&J 2743 **Size:** 1 5/8" Square, 7/8" High

Remarks: Wetzel items marked with R W mark inside bottom edge.

Colors: Amber, Amber Irid, Ice Blue, Ice Blue Irid, Cobalt, Purple Slag, Lime Green



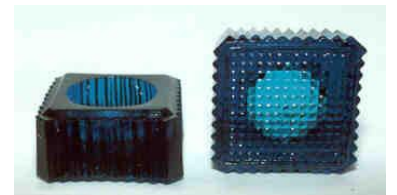
Wetzel Glass Item: S504 Fluted Square Salt (Mold Unknown)

Purchased by Bowman in 1986

Reference: H&J 2740 **Size:** 1 3/4" Square, 7/8" High

Remarks: Wetzel items marked with his R over W inside

Colors: Amber, Amber Irid, Ice Blue, Ice Blue Irid, Cobalt



Wetzel Glass Item: S505 Regal Knob Salt (Wetzel reworked Cambridge Mold for Knob obtained from Imperial)

Purchased by Bowman in 1986

Reference: None **Size:** 1 5/8" Dia, 1 1/8" High

Remarks: Wetzel items marked with R W mark inside bottom edge.

Colors: Red, Lt Purple Irid. Amberina, Med Blue, Dark Blue

Wetzel Glass Item: S511 Daisy Salt (Origin of Mold Unknown)

Purchased by Bowman in 1986 Sold to OSCAR in 1995

Reference: Smith 268-1-1 **Size:** 2 1/2" Dia, 3/4" High

Remarks: Wetzel items marked with his R over W mark inside center of bottom.

Colors: Dk Blue, Amberina, Green, Red



Wetzel Glass Item: S506 4 Loop (Origin of Mold Unknown from Imperial)

Purchased by Bowman in 1986

Reference: None **Size:** 1 5/8" Square, 3/4" High

Remarks: Wetzel items marked with his R over W mark inside center of bottom.

Colors: Custard, Cobalt, Lt Blue, Med Blue, Amberina, Lt Purple



Wetzel Glass Item: S507 Rectangular Salt (Cambridge Mold from Imperial)

Purchased by Bowman in 1986

Reference: None Size: 1 7/8" Long, 1 3/8" Wide, 1" High

Remarks: Wetzel items marked with his R over W mark inside center of bottom.

Colors: Med Blue, Dark Blue, Lt Purple



Wetzel Glass Item: S508 Octagon Salt (Imperial Mold)

Purchased by Bowman in 1986

Reference: H&J 2904 Size: 1 5/8" Across, 3/4" High

Remarks: Wetzel items marked with his R over W mark inside center of bottom.

Colors: Vaseline, Med Blue, Cobalt, Amberina, Lt Purple



Wetzel Glass Item: S509 Round Diamond Point Side Salt (Origin of Mold Unknown)

Purchased by Bowman in 1986

Reference: None Size: 1 7/8" Dia, 7/8" High

Remarks: Wetzel items marked with his R over W mark inside center of bottom.

Colors: Vaseline, Custard, Cobalt, Red, Med Blue



Wetzel Glass Item: S510 Round Top 9 Panel Lower Side (Origin of Mold Unknown)

Purchased by Bowman in 1986

Reference: None Size: 1 7/8 Dia, 1 1/4" High

Remarks: Wetzel items marked with his R over W mark inside center of bottom.

Colors: Red, Cobalt, Dk Green, Custard, Med Blue, Vaseline



Wetzel Glass Item: S512 Double Salt (Mold from Imperial)

Purchased by Bowman in 1986

Reference: None Size: 3 1/4" Long, 2 " Wide, 1 1/8" High

Remarks: Wetzel items marked with his R over W mark inside center on one side of bottom.

Colors: Amber, Cobalt, Blue Slag



Wetzel Glass Item: Hat Salt (Mold Unknown)

Purchased by Bowman in 1986

Reference: None Size: 3 1/8" Dia, 3/4" High

Remarks:Wetzel items marked with his R over W mark inside center of bottom.

Colors: Crystal,



Wetzel Glass Item: F101 Mini Hen on Nest (Original Wetzel Mold)

Purchased by Bowman in 1986

Reference: None Size: 1 3/8" Dia, 1 3/8" High

Remarks:Wetzel items marked with R Wetzel on bottom around the rim.

Colors: Emerald Green, Crystal, Med Blue, Lt Blue, Cobalt, Amber, Vaseline, Lt Purple

