

Placename thimbles around the world

When I created the topic, British sterling silver placename thimbles, it was about the placename thimbles created by Henry Griffith & Son in the 1920s. It grew to include similar thimbles made by the other Victorian silversmiths

I had listed the thimbles from other countries that were made for places in their countries. That was a list with no photos – in my eyes, useless. A recent challenge to have a separate listing for all the other placenames was taken up.

Those lists have now been deleted, and this new topic has a much broader sweep

You can find places, buildings, parks and even countries' placename thimbles. If there was a thimble created for any place around the world, you should find it here in one alphabetical sequence.

As long as the placename is **lettered** on the outside of the thimble, I have included it.

They are not only made of silver – there are enamelled thimbles, brass and all other metals, glass, wood etc. You won't find any china or agateware, resin, cloisonne, pewter and no applied or inset enamelled badges (unless on sterling).

There are no thimbles from any other topics already featured (e.g Thimblefuls, Graham Payne, Peter Swinger).

I have certainly stepped out of my comfort zone, tackling a topic about thimbles made in the United States and Europe.

I have used the lists and photos from Gay Ann Rogers and Estelle Zalkin. Both these books were written over 30 years ago but as their thimbles are not modern creations, there has been little change since then.

Two companies dominate: Ketcham & McDougall of New York and Gabler of Schorndorf Germany. Most of the German enamelled thimbles have stone apexes, making identification of more specific makers difficult.

So since the 1880s there have been thimbles made for tourists and whilst they still come there will be thimbles made into the 21st century.

[For other placename thimble see:](#)

British sterling silver placename thimbles

Ray Nimmo's thimbles (RN) 2007-2020

AÇORES SOUVENIR DE PORTUGAL



silver-plate with enameled badge
TOPAZIO

Adirondack Mts.

USA



sterling
KETCHAM & MCDOUGALL
1900s

AGIDIR

Morocco



enamelling on metal
flat apex

AGIDIR

Morocco



enamelling on metal

AGIDIR

Morocco



silver

AIX-LES-BAINS

France



silver
worn patterned rim
red stone apex

AIX LES BAINS

France



silver
scalloped rim
stars on band

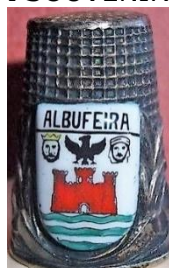
Alaska

USA



sterling
TOM EDWARDS
gold nugget on apex

ALBUFEIRA SOUVENIR DE PORTUGAL



silver-plate with enameled badge
TOPAZIO

ALET LES BAINS

France



silverplated brass
USINES DE NAVARRE
hand-applied copper lettering

ALEXANDRIA VA

USA



sterling
TOM EDWARDS
2018

AMSTERDAM

The Netherlands



935 silver
GABLER
moonstone apex

ARCACHON

France



silver
patterned rim

ARGENTINA



sterling

ARIZONA SAGUARO



copper

ARIZONA



brass
Netherlands

ARMENIA



silver

ASHEVILLE N.C.

USA



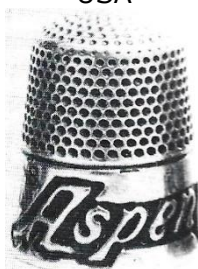
unmarked Ketcham & McDougall
1880s

ASHEVILLE N.C. SOUVENIR FROM ...
USA



sterling
KETCHAM & MCDUGALL
1900s

Aspen
USA



unmarked Ketcham & McDougall
1880s

ASTORE
Pakistan



18ct gold
England

ATLANTIC CITY
USA



black enamelled raised lettering on sterling
SIMONS
b&w photo

ATLANTIC CITY

USA



sterling
WEBSTER COMPANY

ATLANTIC CITY. NJ STEEL PIER

USA



sterling
KETCHAM & MCDOUGALL
1880s
beaded rim

ATORA

Ireland?



bog oak
1890s

AUSTRIA



lacquered brass
SETTMACHER

AUSTRIA



silverplated with enameled apex
SIEGFRIED FLITSCH

BAD HARZBURG

Germany



800 silver
GABLER
red stone apex
patterned rim

BAD KISSINGEN

Germany



silver
GABLER

BAD NAUHEIM

Germany



silver
patterned rim
carnelian stone apex
1890s

BAD NENNDORF

Germany



800 silver
GABLER

BAD WILDUNGEN

Germany



800 silver
red stone apex

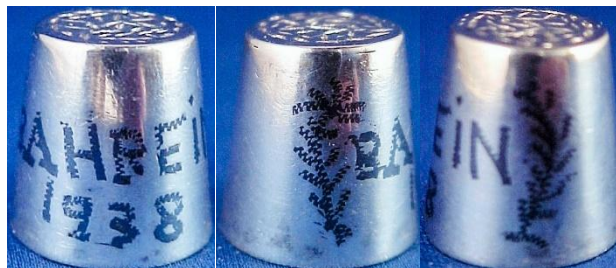
BADEN WEILER

Germany



enamelled band on silver
GABLER
green stone apex

BAHREIN



silver
'1938'
flat apex

BALI
Indonesia



silver metal

BALMORAL CASTLE



silverplated with enameled plaques
SIEGFRIED FLITSCH

BARCELONA

Spain



enameled 835 silver
GABLER
stone apex

BARCELONA

Spain



brass

Barcelona

Spain



enamelled silver

GABLER

BARCELONA

Spain



brass

Toledo damascene

BASILICA DE FATIMA

Portugal



silver-plate

TOPAZIO

BASILICA DE FATIMA RECORDACAO ...

Portugal



silver-plate

TOPAZIO

BELAGIO

Italy



enamelled silver-plate

BELGIQUE



silverplated with enamelled apex
SIEGFRIED FLITSCH

BENALDEMENA

Spain



wood

Berchtesgaten

Germany



silver
mauve stone apex
patterned rim

BERLIN

Germany



800 silver

GABLER

golden stone apex

Berlin

Germany



enameled 835 silver

GABLER

moonstone apex

BERLIN

Germany



silverplated with enameled plaque

SIEGFRIED FLITSCH

BERLIN

Germany



925 silver

THORVALD GREIF

'9 November 1989'

BERMUDA



sterling silver
HENRY GRIFFITH & SON
'The Spa'
Birmingham 1932

BERMUDA



800 silver
GABLER
applied gilt stars
patterned rim
1930s

BERMUDA



silver
beaded rim

BERMUDA



brass

BERMUDA



sterling
GABLER
enamelled lettering – gilt lining

BERMUDA



enamelled sterling silver
DAVID ANDERSEN
stone apex

BERNE.

Switzerland



silver
GABLER

BETHLEHEM

Israel



sterling
JAMES (HAGOP) DEMIRJIAN

BIG BEN LONDON

UK



silverplated with enameled plaques
SIEGFRIED FLITSCH

BLARNEY

Ireland



bog oak
name lettered upside down
19th century

BONSECOURS

France



800 silver
GABLER
applied stars
patterned rim

BOURBOULE

France



silver
patterned rim
1880s

BRANKENBERGHE

Belgium



800 silver
GABLER
patterned rim
gilt lined

BRIENZE

Switzerland



hand-carved wood

BRISBANE

Australia



sterling silver
JAMES FENTON
Birmingham 1909

BRUXELLES

Belgium



silverplated with enamelled plaques
SIEGFRIED FLITSCH

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

UK



enamelled sterling silver
JAMES SWANN & SONS

Bucyrus O

USA



unmarked Ketcham & McDougall
1880s

BUFFALO

USA



brass
SETTMACHER
1900s

BURGOS

Spain



enamelled metal

Butte Mont.

USA



sterling

KETCHAM & MCDUGALL

1880s

California

USA



925 silver

TOM EDWARDS

'1992'

CALIFORNIA

USA



sterling

TOM EDWARDS

gold nugget on apex

CALIFORNIA

USA



sterling

LUCERNE WULF

CANADA



silver
carnelian stone apex
patterned rim

Canada



sterling
TOM EDWARDS
gold nugget on apex

CANBERRA PARLIAMENT HOUSE

Australia



enameled band 925 on 'Sterling'
GABLER
patterned rim

CAPRI

Italy



enameled silver
carnelian stone apex

CARMEL CALIFORNIA

USA



silver

CASTLE ROCK STATE PARK *Indiana*

USA



enamelled brass

AMISH CRAFTS Grabill IN

Častolovice

Czechia



glass

CATSKILL MTS

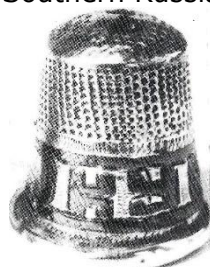
USA



silver

До свиданія CAUCUSUS

Southern Russia



silver niello

Chattanooga TN

USA



sterling

KETCHAM & MCDUGALL

1880s

Chautauqua NY

USA



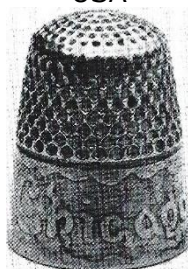
sterling

KETCHAM & MCDUGALL

1880s

Chicago

USA



sterling

STERN BROS

1893

CHILE



copper

flat apex

Chillon
Switzerland



enameled silver
Germany
green stone apex

Chillon
Switzerland



enameled 925 silver
KARL-HEINZ PRANTL
1930s

CITY OF ... see town or city

Cleveland OH
USA



sterling
KETCHAM & MCDOUGALL
1880s

COLO SPRINGS
USA



800 sterling
GABLER
pattered rim

Colonnata

Italy



Carrara marble mixed with resin
carved scene with additional lettering CAFFE

COLUMBUS AVENUE BARCELONA

Spain



enamelled silver
Germany

COLORADO

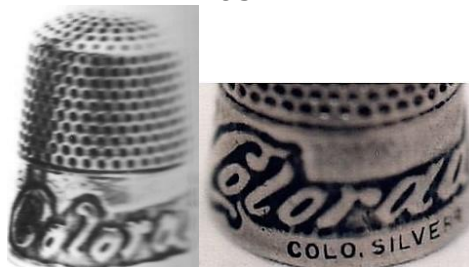
USA



925 silver
TOM EDWARDS
gold nugget on apex

Colorado Springs COLO.

USA



silver
unmarked Ketcham & McDougall
1880s

CONNECTICUT

USA



sterling silver

CORDOBA

Spain



800 silver

CORDOBA

Spain



silver

NP

lettering upside down between two rows of leaves

CORK

Ireland



bog oak

name lettered upside down

19th century

Coronado

USA



sterling
Ketcham & McDougall

CORSICA



silver

CROPEDY

UK



WOOD

CUEVA SRA DE COVADONGA

Spain



sterling silver

CUSCO

Peru



925 silver

CUSCO PERU



925 silver

CYPRUS



silver metal

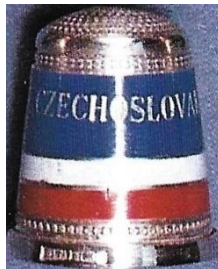
CAO

CYPRUS



925

CZECHOSLOVAKIA



enamelled sterling silver

JAMES SWANN & SON

Birmingham 1990

D HAMBURG

Germany



800 silver

GABLER

patterned rim

black stone apex

DANMARK



etched glass
ULLMANGLASS

DAR MEMORIAL CONSTITUTION HALL

USA



sterling
SIMONS
patterned rim

Delphos O.

USA



unmarked Ketcham & McDougall
1880s

Dieppe Souvenir de ...
France



ivory
19th century

DINALI ALASKA

USA



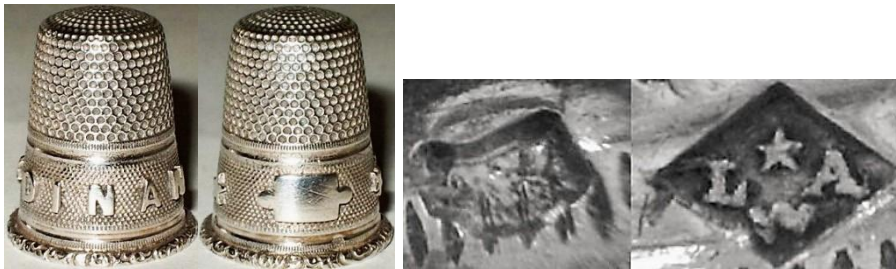
sterling

TOM EDWARDS

gold nugget on apex

DINAN

France



925 silver (boar's head)

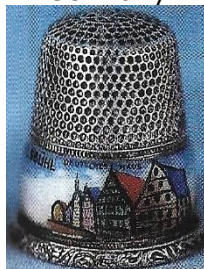
LOUIS AVRILLIER

patterned rim

1900s

DINKELBUHL DEUTSCHES HAUS

Germany



enamelled band on silver

GABLER

patterned rim

DOLGELLEU

Wales



brass

modern placename addition

DOM BERLIN

Germany



enamelled silver

GABLER

moonstone apex

DRESDEN, OHIO

USA



brass

AMISH CRAFTS Grabill IN

flat apex

ECUADOR/Ecuador



alpacca silver

ECUADOR



tagua nut

ECUADOR



tagua nut

ECUADOR



tagua nut

ECUADOR



tagua nut

EDINBURGH CASTLE

UK



enameled sterling silver
JAMES SWANN & SONS

EGYPT CRADLE OF CIVILIZATION



sterling
JAMES (HAGOP) DEMIRJIAN
1979

ERIN



bog oak
name lettered upside down
19th century

FES MAROC

Morocco



brass

Firenze

Italy



enamelled 835 silver
Germany
red or gold stone apex

Firenze

Italy



enamelled 835 silver
Germany
green stone apex

FIUGGI

Italy



enamelled disc on 925 silver

FLORIDA

USA



sterling
KETCHAM & MCDUGALL
1890s

Florida

USA



sterling
TOM EDWARDS
gold nugget on apex

FUERTEVENTURA CANARIAS

Canary Islands



enamelled disc on 835 silver
GC

Galapagos Ecuador



tagua nut

Garden of the Gods

USA



'Colo Silver'

unmarked Ketcham & McDougall
1880s

Garmisch

Germany



silver
mauve stone apex
1890s

GENEVE

Switzerland



800 silver
GABLER
applied metal stars
patterned rim
gilt lined
1890s

Genova Piazza-Corvetto

Italy



enamelled silver

Georgia

USA



sterling
TOM EDWARDS
gold nugget on apex

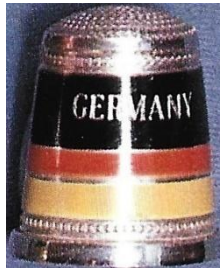
GEORGIA

USA



sterling silver

GERMANY



enamelled sterling silver
JAMES SWANN & SON
Birmingham 1990

GERMANY



gold-plated with enamelled apex
SIEGFRIED FLITSCH

GOLDEN GATE SAN FRANCISCO CA

USA



silver
Netherlands

GOLDSTADT PFORZHEIM

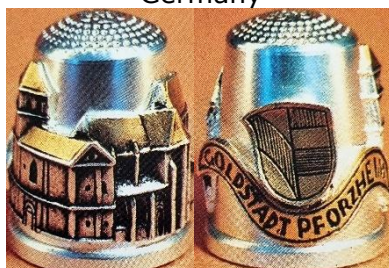
Germany



925 silver
JULIUS WENGERT

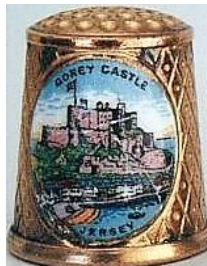
GOLDSTADT PFORZHEIM

Germany



925 silver
THORVAL GREIF

GOREY CASTLE JERSEY



gold-plated with enamelled plaques
SIEGFRIED FLITSCH

Goteborg 1923

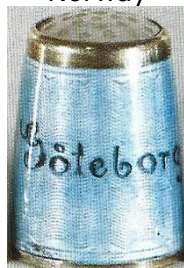
Norway



enamelled 925S
MARIUS HAMMER

Goteborg 1923

Norway



enamelled 925S
moonstone apex

GRANADA

Spain



enamelled 935 silver
blue stone apex

GRANADA

Spain



19th century sterling silver
lettering upside down

GRANADA

Spain



brass
Toledo damascene

GRANADA RECUERDO DE ...

Spain



tombac
SETTMACHER

GRAND CANYON ARIZONA

USA



brass
AMISH CRAFTS Grabill IN

GRINDELWALD

Switzerland



silverplated with enamelled apex
SIEGFRIED FLITSCH

GRUSS AUS ... see town or city

GUATEMALA



alpaca silver
flat apex

GUERNSEY

UK



925 silver

GUERNSEY

UK



gold-plated with enameled plaques
SIEGFRIED FLITSCH

HAMBURG

Germany



800 silver
GABLER
patterned rim

HARARE

Zimbabwe



ivory

HAWAII

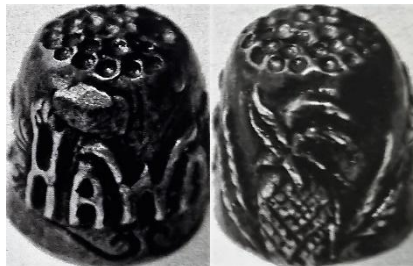
USA



metal
two examples

HAWAII

USA



sterling
TOM EDWARDS
pineapple

HEIDELBERG

Germany



enamelled band on silver
GABLER
patterned rim

HÉVÍZ

Hungary



glass

HOLLAND



silverplated with enameled apex
SIEGFRIED FLITSCH

HOLLAND



silverplated with applied enameled shield

HONG KONG



applied enamelling on brass

HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

UK



enameled sterling silver
JAMES SWANN & SONS

HUNGARY



enameled sterling silver
JAMES SWANN & SON
Birmingham 1990

Hungary



glass

I ♥ LOVE ... see town or city

IDAHO

USA



sterling

TOM EDWARDS

gold nugget on apex

ILHA TERCEIRO

Portugal



silver-plated with enameled badge

TOPAZIO

Innsbruck

Switzerland



silver

France

red stone apex

patterned rim

IOWA
USA



carved wood
Max Halverson
1990

IRAN



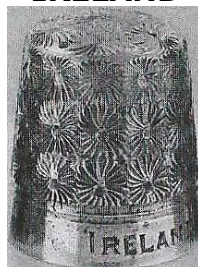
silver
Marsh Arab niello
'SYLVIA'

IRAQ



silver
Marsh Arab niello
'TO MOTHER'
'1944'
flat apex

IRELAND



CHARLES HORNER

IRELAND



enameled sterling silver
JAMES SWANN & SONS

IRELAND



silverplated with enameled plaques
SIEGFRIED FLITSCH
'Claddagh'

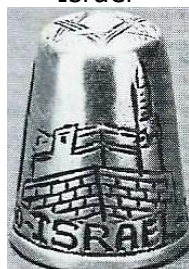
IRELAND



silverplated with enameled plaques
SIEGFRIED FLITSCH
St Patrick

ISRAEL – THE PROMISED LAND

Israel



Sterling
JAMES (HAGOP) DEMIRJIAN

ISTANBUL TÜRKİYE



camel bone

ISTANBUL TÜRKİYE



camel bone

ISTANBUL TÜRKİYE



camel bone

ISTANBUL TÜRKİYE



camel bone

JAMAICA



935 sterling
brown stone apex

JERSEY

UK



brass

JERUSALEM

Israel



pyrographed olivewood

JERUSALEM

Israel



Sterling

JAMES (HAGOP) DEMIRJIAN

JERUSALEM

Israel



pyrographed olivewood

JERUSALEM

Israel



silver
flat apex

JERUSALEM

Israel



olivewood

JERUSALEM – THE OLD CITY

Israel



Sterling

JAMES (HAGOP) DEMIRJIAN

JORDAN



silver

KANSAS

USA



brass

AMISH CRAFTS Grabill IN

KA3KAB KAVKAZ

Russia



silver niello

KA3KAB KAVKAZ

Russia



silver niello

KA3KAB KAVKAZ

Russia



silver niello

KA3KAB KAVKAZ

Russia



silver niello

KA3KAB KAVKAZ

Russia



silver niello

Kenton

USA



unmarked Ketcham & McDougall
1880s

Kentucky
USA



sterling
TOM EDWARDS
gold nugget on apex

KHEV KIEV
Ukraine



Russian enamelled 916 silver
1927-1958 mark

KILLARNEY
Ireland



bog oak
19th century

KILLARNEY
Ireland



bog oak
lettered upside down with shamrocks

KISSINGEN

Germany



800 silver
GABLER
patterned rim

KL CC MALAYSIA Kuala Lumpur City Centre



copper

Knott's BERRY FARM

USA



silver
Netherlands

KØBENHAVN DANMARK

Denmark



silverplated with enameled plaques
SIEGFRIED FLITSCH

KRAKOW

Poland



bronze

KRAKOW

Poland



silver
stone apex

Kronstadt

Rumania



silver

KUSADASI

Türkiye



camel bone
flat apex

La Catedral y Palacio de Mallorca

Majorca



enamelled band on silver
Germany

LA COUVERTOIRADE

France



brass
two Maltese crosses

La Lonja Palma de Mallorca

Majorca



enamelled band on silver
GABLER

LA TOUR EIFFEL

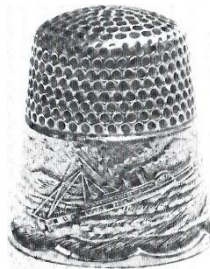
France



silver
patterned rim

LACHINE RAPIDS MONTREAL

Canada



sterling
KETCHAM & MCDUGALL
1880s

LANZEROTE

Canary Islands



silver

LANZEROTE

Canary Islands



silver

LANZEROTE CANARIAS

Canary Islands



enameled disc on 835 silver

GC

LAS VEGAS

USA



sterling silver

LAS VEGAS NEVADA

USA



silver
Netherlands

LAUSANNE

Switzerland



enamelled 935 silver
Germany
golden stone or red stone apex

LAUSANNE

Switzerland



enamelled 935 silver
gilt lined

LAUSANNE

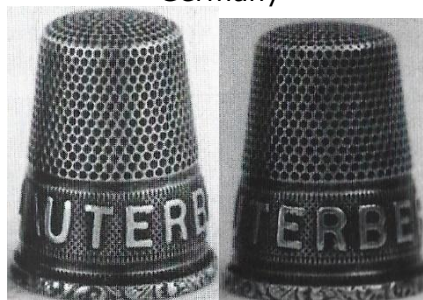
Switzerland



silverplated with enamelled plaques
SIEGFRIED FLITSCH

LAUTERBERG

Germany



800 silver
GABLER
patterned rim

LEBANON



sterling

JAMES (HAGOP) DEMIRJIAN

LEBANON



sterling

LEMBRANCA

Portugal



925

TOPAZIO

LIBERTY NEW YORK



metal

JAY JONSON INC

LIECHTENSTEIN



enamelled 800 silver

Germany

green stone apex

LIECHTENSTEIN



silverplated with enameled plaques
SIEGFRIED FLITSCH

LLANIDLOES

UK



wood
STELLA & CHARLES GRATIX

LLYNNUN

UK



wood

LONDON

UK



enameled sterling silver
JAMES SWANN & SONS
1982

LONDON THE CITY OF UK



brass

LONDON BIG BEN

UK



enamelled sterling silver

JAMES SWANN & SONS

1976

LONDON HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

UK



enamelled sterling silver

JAMES SWANN & SONS

1976

LONDON ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

UK



enamelled sterling silver

JAMES SWANN & SONS

1976

LONDON TOWER BRIDGE

UK



enamelled sterling silver

JAMES SWANN & SONS

1976

LONDON WESTMINSTER ABBEY

UK



enamelled sterling silver

JAMES SWANN & SONS

1976

LOURDES

France



brass

RUMP

LOURDES

France



silver

PLUMONT LORILLON (PL)

LOURDES

France



silver

patterned rim

gilt lined

1890s

LOURDES

France



silver

LOURDES

France



silver

LOURENCO MARQUES

Mozambique



enamelled silver-plate

LOURENCO MARQUES

Mozambique



enamelled silver-plate

LUCCA

Italy



enamelled silver-plate

LUCERN
Switzerland



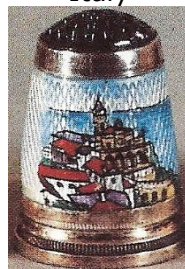
enamelled 800 silver
Germany
turquoise stone apex

LUCERNE
Switzerland



enamelled 800 silver
KARL-HEINZ PRANTL
1930s

LUGANO
Italy



enamelled silver
stone apex

LUGANO
Italy



enamelled silver
turquoise stone apex

LUGANO

Italy



enamelled silver
gold stone apex

LUZERN GRUSS AUS ...

Switzerland



800 silver
GABLER
patterned rim
gilt lined

LUZERN

Switzerland



enamelled band on 800 silver
GABLER

LUZERN

Switzerland



enamelled 800 silver
LOTTHAMMER
turquoise or red stone apex

LUZERN

Switzerland



800 silver

GABLER

red stone apex
patterned rim

LUZERN

Switzerland



enameled 925 silver

JULIUS WENGERT

LYNCHBURG

USA

no photo

MACCHU PICHU

Peru



925 silver

lettering upside down

MACCHU PICHU

Peru



925 silver
rope-like rim

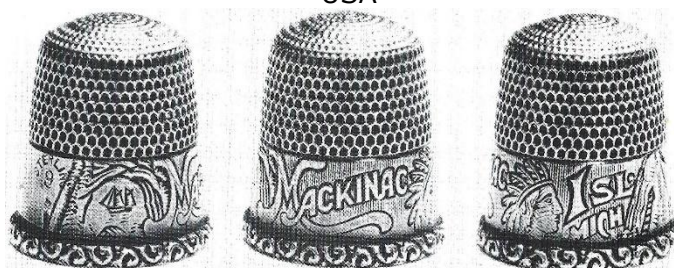
MACCHU PICHU PERU



925 silver

MACKINAC ISL. MICH

USA



sterling
SIMONS
patterned rim

MADEIRA

Spain



silver-plated
TOPAZIO

MADRID RECUERDO DE ...
Spain



tombac
SETTMACHER
patterned rim
1900s

Madrid
Spain



enamelled silver
Germany

Madrid
Spain



enamelled silver
Germany
blue stone apex

Madurodam
Netherlands



silver metal

MALLORCA

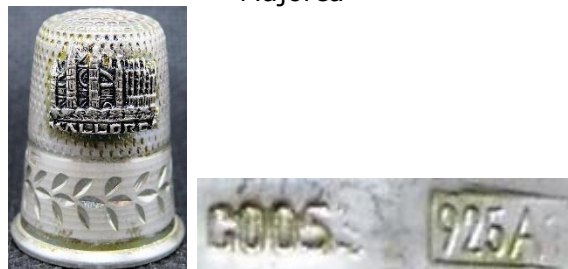
Majorca



silver
reeded rim
Germany

MALLORCA

Majorca



925 silver

MALLORCA

Majorca



silver

Malta



sterling silver
JAMES SWANN & SONS
Birmingham – 1984
engraved Maltese Cross

Manitou

Canada



sterling

KETCHAM & MCDUGALL

Mansfield OH

USA



sterling

KETCHAM & MCDUGALL

1880s

MAR DEL PLATA ... RDO de

Argentina



silver

GABLER

Germany

stone apex

MARIENBAD

Germany



800 silver

GABLER

patterned rim

MAROC



metal

MAROC



enamelling on metal
flat apex

Martinique

France



metal
applied brass shamrocks

MENAGGIO

Italy



silver
black stone apex
patterned rim

MERAN

Italy



enamelled band on silver

GABLER

MERAN

Italy



silver

red stone apex

patterned rim

MEROK

Norway



enamelled 925S

NIELS ELVIK

MEXICO



copper

MEXICO



alpaca with shell

MEXICO



alpacca with panels of shell

MEXICO



alpacca with shell

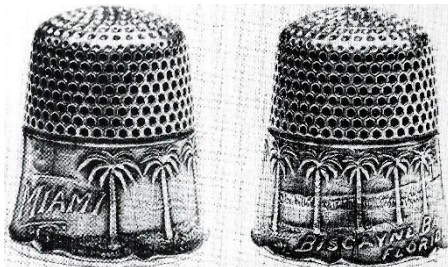
MEXICO



alpacca with abalone

MIAMI BISCAYNE BAY FLORIDA

USA



sterling
KETCHAM & MCDUGALL
1880s

MICHIGAN GRAND HOTEL AUTO CAPITAL

USA



sterling
SIMONS

MILWAUKEE

USA



.800 silver
red stone in apex
patterned rim
lettering is in a zigzag script

Minneapolis

USA



unmarked Ketcham & McDougall
1880s

MONACO



enameled
gifts by Princess Grace for her guests

Montana

USA



sterling silver
TOM EDWARDS
gold nugget on apex

MONTEREY CALIFORNIA

USA



silverplated
depicts Lone Cypress

MORENU KYRENIA PARHOS NICOSIA FAM LARNACA LIMOSOL

Cyprus



silver

MOCKBA MOSCOW

Russia



handpainted wood

MOCKBA MOSCOW

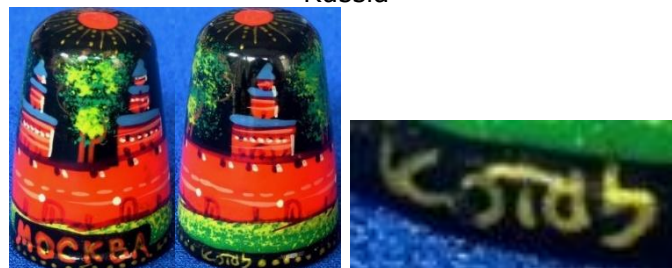
Russia



enameled 916 silver
1927-1958 mark

MOCKBA MOSCOW

Russia



handpainted wood

MOUNT VERNON

USA



sterling
SIMONS

MUNICH

Germany



enamelled 800 silver
KARL-HEINZ PRANTL
1930s

MURBACH

France



silver

N.D. DE HAL (Notre Dame)

Belgium



metal
brass lettering

N.D.DE LA GARDE (N.D = Notre Dame)

France



brass

N.D. DE LOURDES SOUVENIR

France



L: silver – R: silver gilt

NAPOLI

Italy



enamelled band on silver

GABLER
patterned rim

NAPOLI

Italy



enamelled band on silver

NASSAU N.P. BAHAMAS



sterling silver

H.J COOPER LTD (HJC)

Chester – 1900

N.P. lettering is for New Providence, the island on which Nassau is situated

NATURAL BRIDGE DOUGLAS WYO

USA

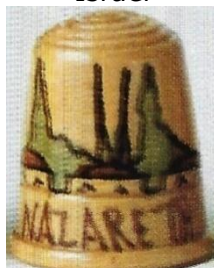


Sterling

PAYE & BARKER

NAZARETH

Israel



Dutch handpainted olivewood

NAZARETH

Israel



silverplated with enamelled apex

SIEGFRIED FLITSCH

NEPAL



silver
beaded rim

Neuschwanstein Castle

Germany



14ct gold
MARTIN MAYER
engraving Keith A Raes

NEW JERSEY

USA



sterling silver

NEW YORK

USA



sterling silver

NEW YORK

USA



sterling

SIMONS

2020

engraved by Keith A Rais

NEW YORK BROOKLYN

USA



sterling

KETCHAM & MCDUGALL

'PAT. SEP.21.81'

NEW YORK I ♥ NY USA



brass

JAY JOSHUA INC

NEWARK NJ

USA



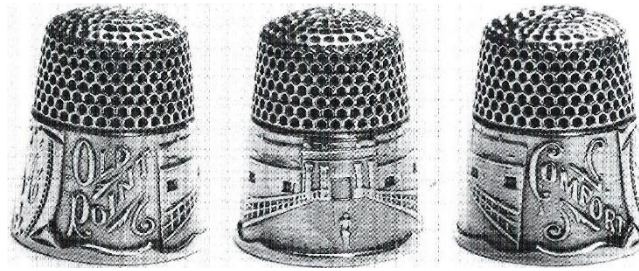
black enamelled raised lettering on sterling

KETCHAM & MCDUGALL

1880s

NIAGARA FALLS

USA



sterling

KETCHAM & MCDUGALL

'PAT. SEP. 21. 81'

Niagara Falls

USA



sterling

TOM EDWARDS

gold nugget on apex

Niagara Falls

USA



sterling

SIMONS

engraving by Keith Raes_
TCI 2016 convention auction

NICE SOUVENIR DE ...

France



silver enamelled band
patterned rim

OLD CITY GATE ST AUGUSTINE FLA

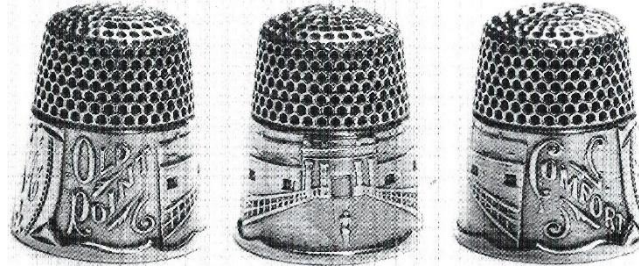
USA



sterling
PAYE & BAKER

OLD POINT COMFORT

USA



sterling
KETCHAM & MCDUGALL
'PAT. SEP.21.81'

OMAN



silver
gilt finishing

Oregon

USA



sterling
TOM EDWARDS
gold nugget on apex

OSTENDE

Belgium



silver
patterned rim

Paducah KY

USA



sterling
TOM EDWARDS
gold nugget on apex

PALAIS DE DAM

Netherlands



enamelled silver
b&w photo

Palatka Fla.

USA



unmarked Ketcham & McDougall
1880s

Palau Reial de l'Almudaina

Majorca



enamelled band on silver

PALM BEACH FLORIDA

USA



sterling

KETCHAM & MCDUGALL

1900s

PALMA DE MALLORCA

Majorca



enamelled badge on silver

Germany

patterned rim

Palma De Mallorca

Majorca



enamelled 935 silver

GABLER

PANAMA



enamelled narrow band on silver

GABLER

PARAY-LE-MONDIAL

France



silver

GONEAU

PARDUBICE

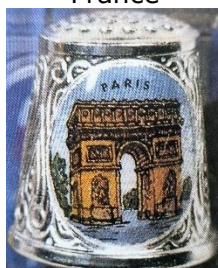
Czechia



glass

PARIS

France



silverplated with enamelled plaques

SIEGFRIED FLITSCH

Patchogue NY

USA



sterling

KETCHAM & MCDOUGALL

1880s

PENNSYLVANIA

USA



sterling silver

Pennsylvania

USA



handpainted wood

PENNSYLVANIA MONUMENT GETTYSBURG PA

USA



silver

Peterboro CAL

USA



unmarked Ketcham & McDougall
1880s

Petersfield

UK



sterling silver

TREVOR TURNER

1991

PETRA JERASH

Jordan



Sterling

JAMES (HAGOP) DEMIRJIAN

1979

PHILADELPHIA 1682-1982

USA



sterling silver

Simons Philadelphia

Indian Chief – William Penn

Pikes Peak 14147^{Ft}

USA



sterling

KETCHAM & MCDUGALL

1880s

Pittsburg (sic)

USA



sterling

GOLDSMITH STERN & CO

1890s

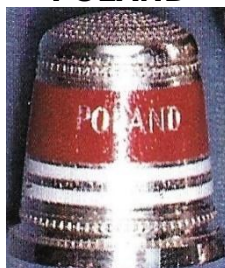
POBLET

Spain



glass

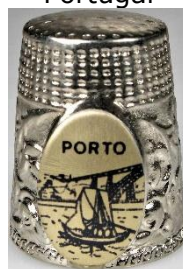
POLAND



enamelled sterling silver
JAMES SWANN & SON
Birmingham 1990

PORTO

Portugal



silver-plate
TOPAZIO
gilt finishing

PORTUGAL



silver filigree with enamelling
TOPAZIO

PORTUGAL SOUVENIR OF PORTUGAL



silver-plated with enamelled badge
TOPAZIO

PRAHA PRAGUE

Czechia



glass

Queen Elizabeth COUNTRY

UK



silverplated with enameled plaques
SIEGFRIED FLITSCH

QUEENSLAND

Australia



sterling silver
JAMES FENTON
Birmingham 1904

RAPALLO

Italy



enameled silver

Pto. Rico.



enamelling on copper

RECORDAÇÃO ... see town or city

RECUERDO DE (RDO DE) ... see town or city

Reims

France



plated metal

USINES DE NAVARRE

RHODE ISLAND

USA



sterling silver

РИГА RIGA

Latvia



enamelling on silver

RIVA DEL GARDA

Italy



enamelled silver-plate

ROMA

Italy



enamelled 835 silver

GABLER

red stone apex

ROMA

Italy



enamelled 835 silver

GABLER

red stone or golden apex

handpainted

ROMA

Italy



brass

Toledo damascene

ROMA

Italy



enamelled silver-plate

ROMANIA



enameled sterling silver
JAMES SWANN & SON
Birmingham 1990

ROSWELL MUSEUM

USA



enameled inset silver

РУССКИЙ RUSSIA



silver niello
mirror image

SACRAMENTO CAL STATE CAPITOL

USA



sterling
KETCHAM & MCDUGALL
'PAT. SEP.21.81'

САНКТ-ПЕТЕРБУРГ Saint Petersburg

Russia



bronze

SAINT PETERSBURG

Russia



filigree silver
handpainted porcelain

САНКТ-ПЕТЕРБУРГ РОССИЯ Saint Petersburg Russia



metal
2015

SAINTONGE

France



silver

SALEM 1692

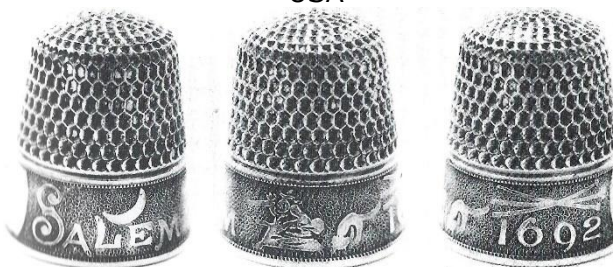
USA



sterling
KETCHAM & MCDUGALL

SALEM 1692

USA



sterling
WEBSTER COMPANY

Salo
Italy



enamelled band on silver
GABLER
stone apex

Salt Lake City
USA



sterling
KETCHAM & MCDUGALL

SALT LAKE CITY



sterling

SALZBURG
Austria



silverplated with enameled apex
SIEGFRIED FLITSCH

SALZBURG

Austria



silverplated with enamelled plaques
SIEGFRIED FLITSCH

SANDIEGO CALIFORNIA

USA



silver
Netherlands

SANREMO

USA



enamelled silver
stone apex

Santa Barbara

USA



sterling
KETCHAM & MCDOUGALL

SANTA BARBARA MISSION CALIFORNIA

USA



sterling
SIMONS

SANTA MARIA DE MONSERRAT

El Salvador



sterling silver
Spain

SANTIAGO

Spain



enamelled silver
stone apex

SCHMUCKMUSEUM PFORZHEIM

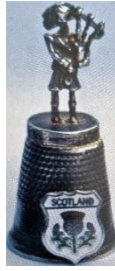
Germany



silver

SCOTLAND

UK



metal with enameled badge

Scotland

UK



wood

JULIE MENZIES
handpainted

SEMMERING

Austria



800 silver

GABLER
applied stars on band
patterned rim

SEVILLA

Spain



enameled silver
LOTTHAMMER
stone apex

S'GRAVENHAGE

Netherlands



enamelled 835 silver

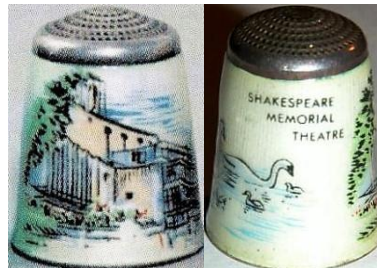
Germany

blue- or moonstone apex

1900s

SHAKESPEARE MEMORIAL THEATRE

UK



enamelled sterling silver

JAMES SWANN & SONS

SHAKESPEARE'S HOUSE

UK



enamelled sterling silver

JAMES SWANN & SONS

1979

SHAIBAH IRAQ



silver

Marsh Arab niello

'1946'

СОЧИ SOCHI
Russia



enamelled silver

SORRENTO
Italy



brass
turquoise stones

SORRENTO
Italy



brass
coral stones with wirework and black coating

SOUTH DAKOTA
USA



sterling
Mt Rushmore

SOUVENIR DE/FROM ... see town or city

SPRING LAKE N.J.

USA



sterling

ST AUGUSTINE

USA



sterling

ST AUGUSTINE FLA.

USA



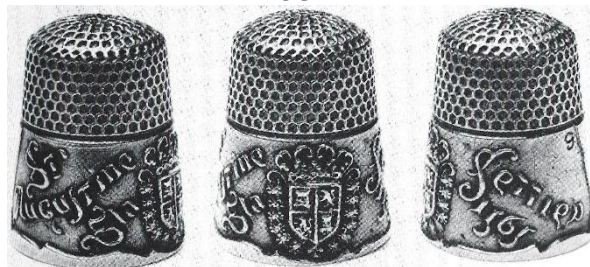
sterling

KETCHAM & MCDUGALL

1880s

ST AUGUSTINE FLA. SETTLED 1565

USA



sterling

KETCHAM & MCDUGALL

1880s

**ST AUGUSTINE FLORIDA SOUVENIR ...
FORT MARION OLD CATHEDRAL OLD CITY GATE
USA**



sterling
KETCHAM & MCDUGALL
'PAT. SEP.21.81'

ST HUBERT
France



metal
top of an etui
applied stars

St LOUIS
France



silver
blue stone apex
scalloped rim

St MAISON

France



metal
applied brass metal ermine tails

St. Petersburg

Russia



enamelling on silver

St. VALERY SURSOMME SOUVENIR DE ...

France



brass plaque on silver

STATUE OF LIBERTY NEW YORK

USA



gilt and silver metal

JAY JONSON INC

STE BAUME

France



metal

USINES DE NAVARRE

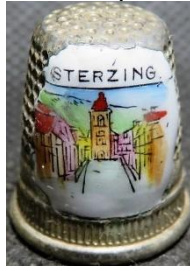
hand-applied copper lettering

applied copper stars 1890s

b&w photo

STERZING

Italy



enamelled silver-plate

STOCKHOLM

Sweden

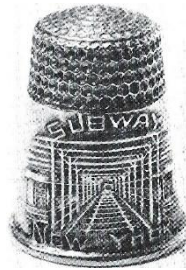


silver with steel apex

G A DAHLGREN

SUBWAY NEW YORK

USA



sterling

PAYE & BAKER

1900s

Swakopmund

Namibia



Pyrophyllite

1980s

SYDNEY

Australia



enamelled band on 'Sterling'

GABLER

patterned rim

handpainted

1930s

TALLINN

Estonia



enamelled band on silver

Germany

1900s

TALLINN ESTONIA



metal

TENN DOGWOOD

USA



copper

TEXAS

USA



sterling

TOM EDWARDS

gold nugget on apex on some

THE ALNWICK GARDEN

UK



wood

THE BOLSHOI BALLET THEATRE MOSCOW

Russia



silverplated with enamelled apex

SIEGFRIED FLITSCH

THE HOMESTEAD HOT SPRINGS VA.

USA



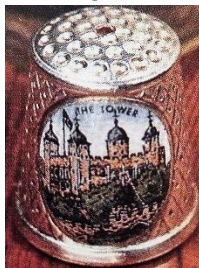
sterling

KETCHAM & MCDOUGALL

'PAT. SEP.21.81'

THE TOWER

UK



silverplated with enameled plaques
SIEGFRIED FLITSCH

TOLEDO

Spain



brass
Toledo damascene
two examples of many

TORREMOLINAS

Spain



silver
lettering upside down

TOWER LONDON

UK



silverplated with enameled plaques
SIEGFRIED FLITSCH

'To commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Yeoman Warders 1485-1985'

TOWER OF LONDON TOWER BRIDGE

UK



enamelled sterling silver

JAMES SWANN & SONS

1989

TREVI FOUNTAIN ROMA

Italy



enamelled silver

blue stone apex

TUNISIA



enamelling on silver with wirework

TÜRKKEY



meerschaum

TÜRKIYE



camel bone

TÜRKIYE



camel bone

TÜRKIYE TURKEY



silver with blue enamelling

TYNE BRIDGES NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE

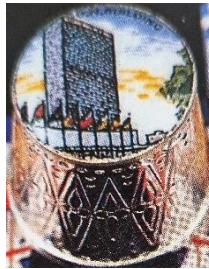
UK



silverplated with enamelled plaques
SIEGFRIED FLITSCH

UNITED NATIONS

USA



silverplated with enamelled apex
SIEGFRIED FLITSCH

Valtice

Czechia



glass

from Jablonec and Nisou in northern Bohemia
souvenir of the castle

VANCOUVER B.C.

Canada



brass with enamelling

VELILLA ... see town or city

VENEZIA.

Italy



enamelled band on 935 silver

GABLER

green stone apex

gilt lined

VENEZIA

Italy



enamelled band on 800 silver

GABLER

patterned rim

handpainted

Venezia

Italy



enamelled silver

Germany

red or green stone apex

VENEZIA

Italy



enamelled band on silver

GABLER

patterned rim

VENEZIA

Italy



800 silver

VENEZIA

Italy



enamelled silver-plate

VENEZIA

Italy



handpainted Murano glass

VERDUN

France



metal

two applied Crosses of Lorraine on band

VERMONT

USA



brass

AMISH CRAFTS Grabill IN

VERONA

Italy



silver

VEVEY

Switzerland



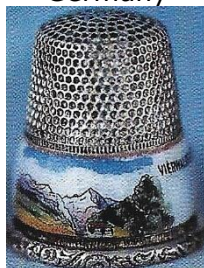
silver

patterned rim

stone apex

VIERWALDSTATTERSEE

Germany



enameled band on Silver

GABLER

patterned rim

WACO TEXAS

USA



brass
AMISH CRAFT

WARSZAWA

Poland



pewter

WARWICK

UK



sterling silver
JAMES SWANN & SONS
1992

WASHINGTON

USA



sterling
TOM EDWARDS
gold nugget on apex

WASHINGTON D.C.

USA



sterling

KETCHAM & MCDUGALL

'PAT. SEP.21.81'

1895

WASHINGTON D.C

USA



sterling

SIMONS

engraving Keith Raes

WASHINGTON D.C

USA



enamelled disc on silver

WEBSTER

Westfield Mass

USA



sterling

KETCHAM & MCDUGALL

1880s

White Plains N.Y.

USA



unmarked Ketcham & McDougall
1880s

WIEN

Austria



enamelled band on 800 silver
GABLER
patterned band

WIEN

Austria



enamelled band on silver
lilac stone in apex
patterned band

WIEN

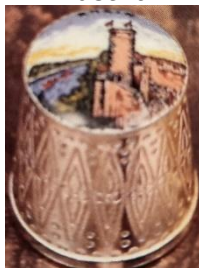
Austria



enamelled disc on metal
SETTMACHER

WIEN

Austria



silverplated with enameled apex
SIEGFRIED FLITSCH

WILDBAD

Germany



enameled band on silver
GABLER
black stone apex

WINCHESTER

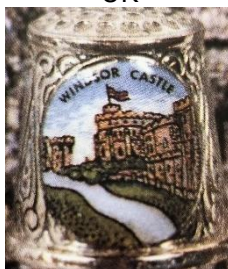
UK



silverplated with enameled plaques
SIEGFRIED FLITSCH

WINDSOR CASTLE

UK



silverplated with enameled plaques
SIEGFRIED FLITSCH

WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

UK



enamelled sterling silver
JAMES SWANN & SONS

ЯЛТА YALTA

Ukraine



900 silver
patterned rim
these stones are not original

YELLOWSTONE PARK

USA



silver
WAITE, THRESHER

Yonkers NY

USA



unmarked Ketcham & McDougall
1880s

YORK MINSTER

UK



enamelled sterling silver
JAMES SWANN & SONS

YYPES

France



metal
USINES DE NAVARRE
hand-applied copper lettering
applied copper stars

ZAKYNTHOS

Greece



glass

ZANZIBAR



silver

ZARAGOZA VELILLA ...

Spain



tombac

SETTMACHER

various coloured painted bands

ZEELAND

Netherlands



enamelling on silver

PAKO

ZIMBABWE



carved ivory with Great Zimbabwe Bird (Hungwe)

ZURICH

Switzerland



enamelled 925 silver

KARL-HEINZ PRANTL

1930s

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