

THE L. E. SMITH GLASS CO.  
Mount Pleasant, Penna.

The Smith Glass Co. was founded in 1907 by Lou Smith and Charles Wible.

It began operation early in the 20th century with the production of "Smith's German Mustard". Jars were produced and mustard was mixed, ground and canned all at one location. Before long sherbet glasses, salt and pepper shakers and other small items were added to the glassware line.

In the spring of 1913, two fires caused major damage to the facilities. Mount Pleasant citizens, not wanting to lose the industry because of inadequate fire protection, raised money to install a water supply line and two fire hydrants for the factory.

After rebuilding, the plant produced a new line of goods. Vault lights (commonly known as glass blocks or bricks) were a major item. The glass dome for coffee percolators was developed at Smith Glass Company, as were the first glass mixing bowls, and, it was they who developed and produced the first automotive headlight lens for Ford Motor Company.

Today, Smith Glass Company is one of the largest factories in the United States producing hand-made glass. Products are marketed throughout the United States as well as in many foreign countries.

Smith Glass Company first experimented with carnival glass in the early 1960's, but never went into production until 1971.

The first two items produced were the J. F. Kennedy and Abraham Lincoln plates, limited to 2500 pieces of each in amethyst carnival. They were introduced in January 1971. Each item is numbered on the base.

The following July, a beautiful assortment of eleven items were introduced. One item in this list, the number 3403 vase, has turned out to be a very sought after item, since approximately 75 were produced and due to production difficulties, it was dropped from the Smith line.

In my opinion, the carnival glass produced by Smith Glass Company compares to the Northwood glass of the turn of this century, and is much sought after by collectors of old and new carnival glass.

Smith Glass Company list:

Plates: 1971 (Jan.)	John F. Kennedy	2500 made
1971 (Jan.)	Abraham Lincoln	2500 made
1971 (July)	Christmas (Resembles Abe, Mary and Tod Lincoln)	Approx. 1000 made
1972	Christmas (Angel)	Approx. 1000 made
1972	Robert E. Lee	Approx. 2000 made
1972	Jefferson Davis	Approx. 2000 made
1972	Morgan Dollar	5000 made

The above are all limited editions. Amethyst only.

Introduced in July 1971:                      Our pattern in parenthesis.                      Amethyst

207 Large Turkey

4624 Candy Covered Jar (Daisy and Button)

3403 Vase (Sandwich early pattern) Approx. 75 made.

409 Vase (Known as Ohio Star) McKee mould.

346 Bowl (Hobstar and Daisy)

80 Slipper (Daisy and Button)

4500 Ash Tray (U. S. Eagle)

4621 Bowl (Daisy and Button)

310 Butter and Cover (Pinwheel and Hobstar) McKee Mould.

4611 Toothpick Holder (Daisy and Button)

316 Handled Nappy (Hobstar) McKee Mould.

1972:

308L Covered Sugar and Creamer (tall) (Hobstar) Lustre only. Made 6 months only.

307L Tall covered Jar (Hobstar) Lustre only. Limited production

5204L Compote (Moon and Star)                      "                      "                      Made one year

5163L Bowl (Mitre Diamond)                      "                      "                      Limited production

6661L Large Angel Candleholder                      "                      "                      Made 6 months only.

660L Small Angel Candleholder                      "                      "                      Made 6 months only.

321 Cream and Open Sugar set (Pinwheel and Hobstar)

366 Candleholder, handled (Hobstar)

722 Tumbler (Hobstar, variant)

727 Water Pitcher (Hobstar, variant)

8 Oval footed bowl (Hobstar, variant)

808C 10 pc. Punch Set (Inverted Feather and Hobstar) flared or cupped

8089C 11 pc. "                      "                      "                      "                      " Gold metal base, flared or cupped

8103C 15 pc. Grape and Vine (Matched stand) Cupped only.