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Front Cover Photo  Top row, from left to right: Francis Gardner Opivalo Toby jug, English Ordinary Toby jug, Kornilov Brothers Opivalo Toby jug
Middle row, from left to right: Poskochin Night Watchman Toby jug, Miklashevsky Opivalo Toby jug, English Night Watchman Toby jug
Bottom row, from left to right: Auerbach Hearty Good Fellow Toby jug, Francis Gardner Turk Toby jug, Auerbach Hearty Good Fellow Toby jug
Origin & Development of the Figural Character Pitcher

The figural character pitcher is descended from a long line of anthropomorphic vessels from ancient times. Long before recorded history, images of living things were being made from clay. Archeologists have found evidence of pottery figures dating back to the Stone Age, and some think such figures were being made even before utilitarian earthenware pots and pitchers.

Pottery figures over 6,000 years old have been found in Egypt and figural pitchers over 4,000 years old have been discovered in Crete, home of the Ancient Minoan civilization. Numerous examples of ancient jugs, cups, pots and other vessels made in the likeness of humans, animals and mythical beings have been unearthed in Greece, Italy, and throughout the Roman Empire, including Great Britain. Over the same period, ancient Peruvian and other South American civilizations produced a wide range of hand molded figural jugs and vessels. In North America as well, many examples of jugs and bottles made in human likeness have been discovered.

By the mid-1500s, small faïence pitchers in the form of a seated man or woman, called Jacquot and Jacqueline, became popular in France. These human shaped pitchers recall the romantic story of Jacqueline de Bavière, a courageous countess who escaped imprisonment by her cousin and arch rival to lead her troops and successfully preserve her heritable lands.

The next major development in figural pitchers was the first appearance of the ubiquitous 18th century English Toby jug. The first Toby creator is not conclusively known. Some date Toby's creation to around 1750, but most believe it to be slightly later, somewhere between 1760 and 1770. Various historians have bestowed the honor of being Toby's creator on one of several well known potters of the period, including John Astbury, Thomas Whieldon, Ralph and Aaron Wood, as well as John Voyez, an apprentice of both Josiah Wedgwood and Ralph Wood.

Virtually overnight the Toby Jug became a popular figure in homes and taverns throughout Staffordshire and all of England. With a tricorn hat that was perfect for pouring, the primary purpose of the Toby jug was as a beverage vessel, as was that of the Pots Jacqueline before him.

Production of the figural Toby Jug grew through the late 18th and early 19th century with the creation of a wide variety of characters and derivative forms, including being produced in the beautiful Victorian majolica finish that swept the world after the 1851 Crystal Palace Great Exhibition in London.

Although not strictly Toby or character jugs per the British vernacular, the production of figural character pitchers by German manufacturers, both prominent and lesser, in the early 20th century are a highly sought after collecting field in and of itself.

The production of Russian porcelain was established around the middle of the 18th century, although pottery had been made in the surrounding regions for hundreds of years. During Peter the Great's reign, a large volume of Delft and porcelain china was imported into Russia. Empress Elizabeth, Peter the Great's daughter, conceived of the idea of creating an Imperial state porcelain factory that would rival the production of Dresden and other top quality manufacturers.

Francis Gardner, born in England and a Staffordshire merchant, emigrated to Russia in the early 1800s, set up a factory near Moscow, and began producing traditional English designs in high quality porcelain for the Russian market. Gardner was a pioneer in Russian porcelain production and led the way in producing Toby jugs modeled after those produced in Staffordshire, as well as those of his own designs.

Toby jugs were brought back to Russia in the early 1800s by noble and rich Russians who travelled across Europe. As in England, they quickly became popular and Russian factories began copying English and continental Toby jug designs, as well as creating their own designs. Russian factories named the typical Ordinary Toby Opivalo, meaning heavy drinker, and redesigned the popular Martha Gunn Toby jug into Obyedalo, meaning heavy eater, thus depicting her eating a bowl of kasha, or porridge.

In general, Russian Toby jugs of the 19th century exhibit a high level of quality in production as well as detailed and beautiful decoration. This is likely due to the fact that most factories produced decorative ware only for wealthy consumers. Most Russians during this time period were very poor and could not afford such luxury items. Wealthy clients demanded the highest quality ware.

It is believed that relatively few 19th century Russian toby jugs have survived to this day, perhaps numbering only in the hundreds. Many of these jugs reside in museums where the history of Russian ceramics, porcelain and Toby jugs is preserved. Fortunate are the collectors who can proudly display one or more of these high quality pieces in their collection.
Auerbach Factory
Kousnetsovo, Russia

In 1817 Andrei J. Auerbach, formerly of Lithuania, purchased a ceramics factory that was established in 1809 in the Korchevsk district of the Tver province near Moscow. He soon moved production to the nearby village of Kousnetsovo, where the factory quickly grew becoming a leader in the production of faïence. Auerbach was the first to produce high quality faïence plates approaching the quality of ware produced in England and being sold at highly competitive prices. These plates served as a role model for other Russian factories. Auerbach operated the factory until 1833 and then in 1870 it was taken over by Kuznetsov Factory, a part of the trend toward large modernized factories taking over smaller, less automated ones.

A common mark found on Auerbach porcelain is shown at the right.

Rare Hearty Good Fellow porcelain Toby jug circa 1830

The writing on the small jug reads "Who will take from me is drunk and drunk" in Russian

Hearty Good Fellow porcelain Toby jug

He is holding a pitcher with words in Russian that end with "Nunce".

Hearty Good Fellow porcelain Toby jug circa 1850 - 1860

Close up of small jug at left

Photo courtesy Russian State Historical Museum in Moscow
Rare Hearty Good Fellow porcelain Toby jug in unfinished white colorway, circa 1830 - 1840

Hearty Good Fellow porcelain Toby jug circa 1817 - 1833

The Russian inscription on his jug shown above translates as “If you drink to the bottom, then you will see no good things in your life.”

Hearty Good Fellow porcelain Toby jug circa 1817 - 1833

The Russian inscription on the jug translates loosely as “Drink, but about how good you are at your job – always think.”

Hearty Good Fellow porcelain Toby jug circa 1850 - 1860

He is holding a pitcher that says "March beer" in Russian. Called "Marzenbier" in German, it is a lager that originated in Bavaria and was traditionally served at Oktoberfest.

Hearty Good Fellow porcelain Toby jug circa 1850 - 1870

The small jug he is holding says "Bavarian Beer" in Russian.

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Photo courtesy Samara Museum of Arts
Batenin Factory
St. Petersburg, Russia

The Batenin factory founded on the Viborg side of St. Petersburg after the War of 1812. The factory built a strong reputation on producing affordable products of average quality. It also produced among the most artistic and northernmost toby jugs known.

Batenin managed the factory until his death in 1835 when it came under the management of the Court of Wards. The factory burned down in 1838 and was never rebuilt.

Opivalo porcelain Toby jug circa 1813 - 1838, with his topper removed in photo at left

Note the slight scruff of a beard on this toper's face.

Opivalo's brilliant purple jacket above matches perfectly with Obyedalo's purple dress at the left. It is possible that these two were produced and sold as a pair, making a wonderful Mr. and Mrs. Toby Jug!

Obyedalo porcelain Toby jug circa 1813 - 1838 with topper removed in photo at left
Opivalo porcelain Toby jug circa 1830

Note the gold handle, chair back and highlights on Opivalo’s hat as well as his scruffy face.

Photo courtesy Kevin Stafford

Opivalo porcelain Toby jug circa 1813 - 1838

note the gold highlights indicating high quality and high price

Opivalo porcelain Toby jug circa 1830

Photo courtesy Arkhangelsk Museum

Russian catalogue page showing Batenin Obyedalo and Opivalo Toby jugs circa 1830
Francis Gardner Factory
Verbilki, Russia

An English merchant, Francis Gardner moved to St. Petersburg in the 1740s with his father and cousins to trade timber. Gardner then relocated to Moscow in the 1750s to operate a financial firm in the city's German settlement on a street that is still called Gardner Alley (Gardnerovsky Pereulok) near the Baumanskaya metro station.

Gardner submitted a petition to the Moscow Manufacturing College in 1765 asking permission to start a porcelain factory at his own cost "for the good of the Russian Empire." The authorities granted his petition, insisted the factory be built on a site far from Moscow in the village of Verbilki, deep in the forests north of Moscow. Construction of the factory moved swiftly and in 1770, the memoirist Andrei Bolotov noted that "the factory set up three years ago by the English merchant Gardner now has such repute that the articles made there are truly little inferior to the Saxon and are used all over Russia."

Orders from Empress Catherine the Great at the end of the 1770s set Gardner's factory as a leader in Russian porcelain production. After Gardner's death in 1797, his children and grandchildren continued operating the family factory, maintaining its reputation for excellence. Combining quality with affordability, the factory was consistently successful through the mid-19th century. Ultimately, though, the Gardners lost their niche and sales dropped as mass production better served the demand. The Gardner family sold the factory to monopolist Matvei Kuznetsov in 1892.

Nationalized after 1917, the factory spent seventy years as the Dmitrov Porcelain Factory before reverting to its old name after the dissolution of the Soviet Union. It is now owned by 450 people who banded together to purchase it from the state in 1991. After supplying dinner services for the tables of Catherine the Great, making some of the best Russian ceramics of the 19th century, and supplying the Soviet mass market in the 20th century, the Gardner factory was still going strong in 2001 as Russia's second-largest producer of crockery, second only to the Imperial Porcelain Factory in St. Petersburg.

Hearty Good Fellow porcelain Toby jug circa early 1800s
He is holding a small jug that says "Success to our Wooden Walls."

Photo courtesy Russian Antique Salon

All three of these Hearty Good Fellow Toby jugs, and three Opivalo jugs on the next page, are holding an overflowing pitcher of ale with the words "Success to our Wooden Walls" in a shield on the front. This is an 18th and 19th century toast common among English Naval sailors wishing one another safe sailing on their dangerous missions where they are typically confined within their wooden walls, or ships, for months on end.

Hearty Good Fellow porcelain Toby jug circa early 1800s
He is holding a small jug that says "Success to our Wooden Walls."

Photo courtesy Vadim Orlov Museum
Opivalo porcelain Toby jug circa early 1800s, he is holding a small jug that says "Success to our Wooden Walls" in a shield

He is holding a small jug that says "Success to our Wooden Walls" in a shield, note the misspelling of the inscription on the jug

Hearty Good Fellow porcelain Toby jug circa 1810, sadly his right hand is missing

Photo courtesy Russian State Historical Museum in Moscow

Huntsman porcelain Toby jug circa 1820 - 1830, a unique design by the Francis Gardner factory

He is holding a pheasant in his left hand and a knife is missing from his right hand. Perhaps he is preparing to field dress his prized catch of the day.

Hearty Good Fellow porcelain Toby jug circa 1810, sadly his right hand is missing

Photo courtesy Russian State Historical Museum in Moscow

Opivalo porcelain Toby jug circa early 1800s, this design is highly similar to the Walton Ordinary Toby jug designs from Staffordshire, England

Opivalo porcelain Toby jug circa early 1800s, he is holding a small jug that says "Success to our Wooden Walls" in a shield, also misspelled

Photo courtesy Russian State Historical Museum in Moscow

Francis Gardner Factory
Verbilki, Russia
Standing Maiden porcelain Toby jug with a basket balanced on her head circa late 1700s, note the insect crawling down the front of her dress.

Opivalo porcelain Toby jug circa early 1800s standing 7" tall

This an original Gardner design depicting a dvorianin, or rich nobleman, in his home dress with a decorative cravat and unique hat.

Group of Turk porcelain cups or character jugs circa 1770 - 1790

These Turk character jugs feature a functional handle and decorative lid, although the lids are often missing.
About thirty villages located southeast of Moscow around the village of Gzhel produced pottery for distribution throughout Russia. The name Gzhel became associated with pottery from this region as early as the 14th century. Gzhel pottery was originally created by potters in their homes; however, soon these potters started to organize into workshops to increase production. The workshops eventually became a factory with pieces being formed in moulds and potters being responsible for separate pieces, a specific style, or decoration.

The region is most famous for its Delft style blue and white pottery which was painted solid white with distinctive blue designs. Majolica pottery was also produced using a tin-based white glaze with colored glaze designs in blue, green, yellow, and brown. In the 1830s, Gzhel potters developed a faience of a quality that rivaled the creamware being produced in England. They followed the production of faience with the development of porcelain. Although there have been several periods of disruption in pottery production in Gzhel, pottery is once again being produced in the recognizable blue on white design as well as the more colorful majolica ware. Gzhel pottery tended to be of a lesser quality than other more well known factories as ware from this region was produced for the common people.
Imperial Porcelain Manufactory
St. Petersburg, Russia

Based on ceramic resource research conducted by an expert German potter hired by the Empress of Russia, the Imperial Porcelain Factory was founded in 1744 by the Empress of Russia, Elizabeth. Construction of the factory was completed in 1745 and the first products were available in 1746. It was the first porcelain company in Russia and the third in all of Europe.

The factory was the Russian Tsar’s personal factory and made the highest quality products. It was at the Imperial Factory where the talented Russian scientist Dmitry Vinogradov discovered the secret of making porcelain, or "white gold." He was the first in the history of ceramics to record a scientific description of porcelain production.

Exclusive to the Chinese for thousands of years, the art of porcelain production was not mastered in Europe until the early 18th century, in the town of Meissen in Saxony. Subsequently, many European countries raced to learn the secrets of porcelain-making. By the 1740s, Russian Tsarina Yelizaveta Petrovna was desperate for the technology. Spies were dispatched to Meissen and efforts were made to obtain the secret from China, but it was Russian chemist Dmitry Vinogradov who finally developed a porcelain recipe and launched production at the Imperial Factory around 1750.

The Imperial Porcelain Manufactory continued to operate until 1917 when, with the abolition of the Russian monarchy, it was nationalized and renamed the State Porcelain Factory by the Bolshevik regime.
Lady in Waiting porcelain Toby jug

Photo courtesy of Hermitage-Vyborg Museum

Lady in Waiting porcelain Toby jug unmarked, but likely produced by Imperial Porcelain Factory circa mid 1800s

Snufftaker porcelain Toby jug circa 1830 - 1840 standing 9" tall, note all of the hand painted details, the gilded hat, and other gilding

Photo courtesy of the Hermitage Museum

Imperial Porcelain Manufactory
St. Petersburg, Russia
Khrapunova Novago Factory
Moscow, Russia

Founded by Nikita Hrapunov in 1830, the Khrapunova Novago factory was a successful family factory for several generations. Nikita's grandson, Yakov Hrapunov-Novago, assumed management of the factory in the second half of the 19th century.

Cockatoo earthenware Toby jug circa 1900 standing 12” tall to top of the cover

The impressed mark on the bottom of the jug is shown above right.

Turkish Girl porcelain character jug circa 1850 - 1890 standing 4 1/2” tall

The mark on the bottom of the jug is shown at left

Turkish Girl character jug with lid
Kornilov Brothers porcelain factory began operations in September of 1836. By 1841, five Kornilov brothers were actively working at the factory and the firm was awarded gold medals at the 1841 Manufactory Exhibition in Warsaw. At the 1842 Exhibition of Russian Manufactured Products in Moscow, the company was awarded the honorary title Supplier of the Imperial Court and the right to depict the national Coat of Arms on its factory mark as shown at right. The company experienced much success up to the rise of the Soviet Union and nationalization of the factory in 1917, when its production was redirected to utilitarian ceramic products for the electrical industry.

Kornilov Brothers Factory
St. Petersburg, Russia

Obyedalo porcelain Toby jug circa mid 1800s

Note the crown on her hat, which is rare to find.

Obyedalo porcelain Toby jug circa 1800 - 1850

Obyedalo porcelain Toby jug circa 1840 - 1860

The small jug says "Vivat", common on Kornilov Toby jugs.

Obyedalo porcelain Toby jug circa 1850 - 1900

Photo courtesy Kaluga Museum of Arts

Opivalo porcelain Toby jug circa 1840 - 1860
Kornilov Brothers Factory
St. Petersburg, Russia

Opivalo porcelain Toby jug circa 1850 - 1900, rare to find an unfinished and unmarked Russian jug
Photo courtesy Sergey Uruev

Opivalo porcelain Toby jug circa 1843-1861
Photo from 45th annual Russian Antique Salon at Moscow’s Gostiny Dvor exhibition hall

Opivalo porcelain Toby jug circa 1843-1861

This example is wearing the crown of his hat. The small jug says "Vivat", which is common on Kornilov Toby jugs. Note the gilding on the base, buttons and handle.

Opivalo porcelain Toby jug circa 1850
This example is wearing the crown of his hat. The small jug says "Vivat", which is common on Kornilov Toby jugs. Note the gilding on the base, buttons and handle.

Opivalo porcelain Toby jug in red jacket circa 1850
Note the gilding on the base and handle.
Double faced porcelain tobacco jar circa 1840-1850, with a man on one side and a woman on the other, similar in style to a figural character pitcher.

Snufftaker porcelain Toby jug circa mid 1800s

A unique Russian design element, note how the handle splits and ends in each of his jacket pockets.

Obedalo and Snufftaker porcelain Toby jugs circa 1800 - 1850

Obedalo stands 9" tall and the Snufftaker stands 9 1/2" tall.

Snufftaker porcelain Toby jug circa mid 1800s

Photo courtesy Radischev Museum in Saratov
Kuznetsov Factory
Dulyovo, Russia

The Kuznetsov Factory was founded in the Vladimir Governorate village of Dulyovo in 1832 by merchant Terenty Kuznetsov. The first six kilns were built near Moscow in Dulevo. In 1843, Sidor Kuznetsov founded a factory in Riga for the production of faience crockery, and in 1851 the Kuznetsov Factories began to produce porcelain.

The Kuznetsov company took over the Gardner Verbilki factory in 1891 and in 1889 the company was renamed - M.S. Kuznetsov Company for the Manufacture of Porcelain and Pottery Goods. The scope of the company's products was enormous. Kuznetsov factories produced some 150 different dinner, tea and coffee sets. The factories operated until they were nationalized by the government in 1917.

These two character jugs were part of a series of three character jugs made in two sizes by the factory, presumably the third is also Sarreguemines design.

Kuznetsov mark found on the Toothache character jug

Bridegroom porcelain character jug
This is taken from an original design created by the French factory Sarreguemines.

Toothache porcelain character jug
This is taken from an original design created by the French factory Sarreguemines.

Cockatoo porcelain Toby jug circa 1900 standing 10 1/4" tall

Two Dutch Girl with flowers Toby jugs circa 1900 - 1920, standing 9" tall and modeled after Goebel's Dutch Girl Toby jug, produced in the Riga factory, Latvia, Russian Empire
With the abolition of the Russian monarchy in 1917, the Imperial Porcelain Factory was renamed the State Porcelain Factory by the Bolshevik regime. During the early years of the Soviet Union, the factory produced propaganda wares, ranging from plates to figurines of the Soviet elite.

In 1925, on the occasion of the 200th jubilee of the Russian Academy of Science, it was renamed after the academy’s founder, Mikhail Lomonosov, as the Leningrad Lomonosov Porcelain Factory. The newly christened Lomonosov factory produced a wide range of wares, including collectible animal figurines and dinner sets.

Produced in 1958, Moloko was designed by famed Russian Sculptor Natalia Danko in 1919 and hand painted by artist A.Vorobievskiy.
Miklashevsky Porcelain Factory
Volokitino, Russia

The Miklashevsky factory was founded in 1839 by a wealthy military Cossack in the small village of Volokitino, near Chernigov, in the Russian Empire, which is now a part of the Ukraine.

The factory was well known for its exceptional quality of porcelain ware. Unfortunately, the factory, which used primarily serfs for its workforce, closed in the early 1861 soon after the Emancipation Reform of 1861 was issued which abolished serfdom throughout the Russian Empire.

The factory's common backstamp is shown at the right.

Hearty Good Fellow porcelain Toby jug circa 1839 - 1850, note the decoration on his hat

Opivalo Toby porcelain Toby jug circa mid 1800s

Opivalo Toby porcelain Toby jug circa 1825 - 1850

Lady humidor circa 1840 - 1860

Opivalo Toby jug circa 1840 - 1850

Photo courtesy Samara Museum of Arts

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Photo courtesy Russian State Historical Museum in Moscow
Minsk Porcelain and Faience Pottery
Belarus, USSR

The Minsk factory history started in 1883 at a small pottery near an earthenware deposit founded by an entrepreneur named Polyak. The company began making common ware with ceramic tile production beginning in 1886.

Around 1920 the city authorities took over management of the factory. Then, on March 15, 1951, the factory was reorganized and changed its name to Porcelain and Faience Factory, producing a wide assortment of porcelain decorative ware. In 2009 the factory was closed for good.

The factory's common backstamp is shown at right.

Popov Factory
Gorbunovo, Russia

In 1811 A. G. Popov purchased a porcelain factory in the village of Gorbunovo from K. Milli, a former Francis Gardner employee who had attempted to start his own factory and failed. Popov turned the factory around, making it very profitable and well known with a large range of high quality porcelain ware.

The company is best known for its dinner service sets and figurines. In 1850, A. G. Popov passed away and the factory was inherited by his children, Dimitry and Tatiana, who subsequently passed the factory along to Dimitry's sons Vasily, Ivan and Aleksey.

In the late 1860s the factory was leased to Zhukovl. In 1872 it was sold to R. Schreder, then to Khalatov, and finally to Fomichev. The factory closed in 1875.

The early factory marks were monograms of the Latin letters "AP." Ware was also stamped "AI" underglaze or impressed.
Poskochin Factory
Morye, Russia

The private factory of Sergei Poskochin began production in 1829 in the village of Morye near St. Petersburg. Production grew so quickly that the factory became able to compete with many Russian and Western rivals in both quality and range. The Poskochin factory was known for its colored faîence imitating Jasperware and stoneware, its creamware, lustreware and excellently modelled pitchers, including toby jugs. Ware can be found with an "S. Poskochin" impressed mark.

Modeled after George Whitfield, and English evangelist and one of the founders of Methodism.

Photo courtesy Museum of Vadim Orlov in Yaroslavl
The Terekhovs & Kiselev factory was founded in 1821 in the village of Rechitsa, Moscow Provence, Gzhel region, by two peasants, Ivan and Fedor Terekhovs, who were renown clay workers in the region. Afanasy Kiselyov joined the factory in 1822 as the primary designer, making many improvements to the faience and decorating techniques. The factory quickly built a reputation for producing high quality ware. Kiselev married owner Fedor Terekhov's daughter in 1832 and the factory was renamed Terekhovs & Kiselev.

Hearty Good Fellow porcelain Toby jug circa 1830 - 1850, note that instead of holding a jug in his right hand he is holding a small bag, perhaps containing tobacco or money

Opivalo porcelain Toby jug circa 1830 - 1850, note the flower decorating the small jug he is holding

Some Terekhovs & Kiselev Opivalo tobies have KVASS written on their pitchers. Kvass is a popular nonalcoholic drink made from rye bread.
Unknown Manufacturers

The following Russian jugs were produced by unknown factories. Although similar in style to other identified jugs, these are clearly of Russian manufacture, but cannot be attributed to a specific factory with certainty.

Hussar character jug circa 1910 credited to Plant D. Pump. Russia, very rare

Turk character jug circa 1800 - 1835 with lid

Turk Woman character jug circa 1800 - 1835 missing lid

The Turk and Turk Woman may have been made as a pair.

Gentleman porcelain Toby jug sitting on a chest, similar in style to the Staffordshire Sailor toby jug, but appearing more civilian

This example is of a lesser quality than many Russian jugs.

Lion earthenware Toby jug standing 6 1/4" tall
Unknown Manufacturers

Obyedalo porcelain Toby jug
Photo courtesy of the Hermitage State Museum

Obyedalo porcelain Toby jug
circa 1830 - 1840
Photo courtesy Vadim Orlov Museum in Yaroslavl

Opivalo porcelain Toby jug, possibly Russian
Photos courtesy Bob Moores of Nestegg Antiques

Snufftaker porcelain Toby jug
circa 1800 - 1850, note his paisley waistcoat
Photo courtesy Vadim Orlov Museum in Yaroslavl

Snufftaker porcelain Toby jug, note the beautiful boutonniere he is wearing and the ornate gilding around his jacket
Photo courtesy Vadim Orlov Museum in Yaroslavl

Opivalo porcelain Toby jug
note the gold small jug
Photo courtesy Russian State Historical Museum in Moscow
Unknown Manufacturers

Snufftaker porcelain Toby jug
standing 3 1/2" tall,
circa mid 1800s

Standing Lady porcelain Toby jug
standing 4" tall, circa mid 1800s

Photo courtesy of the State Hermitage Museum

Snufftaker porcelain Toby jug
standing 3 1/2" tall,
circa mid 1800s

Snufftaker porcelain Toby jug
standing 3 1/2" tall,
circa mid 1800s

Photo courtesy of the State Hermitage Museum

Russian Orthodox Monk teapot

Photo courtesy Russian State Historical Museum in Moscow

Russian Orthodox Monk teapot - the monk is reading a well-known prayer from a book written in Russian,
maker(s) unknown circa second half of the 1800s

Photos courtesy of Kevin Stafford

Double faced porcelain tobacco jar circa 1840-1850, unmarked, missing its lid,
similar to one produced by Kornilov Brothers

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The photos on this page were taken in various Russian Museums and show the range of high quality porcelain ware produced by a variety of Russian factories.
Released in 2017, the new Wilkinson World War II Allied Leaders Collection has been inspired by the original World War I Allied Commanders Toby Jug set designed by F. Carruthers Gould and produced by A. J. Wilkinson, Ltd. between 1915 and 1919. This iconic set of eleven jugs featured famous World War I statesmen and military leaders. Today, the pieces in this original series have become some of the most sought after toby jugs ever produced. The Wilkinson company’s plans for a similar WWII collection was cancelled due to the demands of the war effort in Britain and the series was never created.

The American Toby Jug Museum in Evanston, Illinois, has brought this idea to fruition with a special commission of Toby jugs based on the greatest World War II military and political leaders. This collection was modeled by Ray Noble, one of England’s most gifted and renowned modelers. Following the Wilkinson style, each new Toby is eleven inches tall and holds a symbolic artifact. Further iconic details and quotes are incorporated in the handle and base designs. The collection was produced in Staffordshire England by Bairstow Manor Pottery and each Toby jug is handcrafted and hand painted by master craftsmen.

Own a piece of history and add this historic series to your collection! Call 877-TOBYMUSEum to reserve your set or purchase individual jugs.

World War II Allied Leaders Toledo Jugs

Top row from left to right: General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Field Marshall Bernard Montgomery, Admiral Louis Mountbatten, General George S. Patton, General Douglas MacArthur, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz

Bottom row from left to right: Prime Minister Winston Churchill, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, King George VI, Premier Joseph Stalin, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, General Charles De Gaulle
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