

# WORCESTER PORCELAIN FACTORY OWNERSHIP 1751 - 2001

- 1751      **Original Partnership** Dr.John Wall and William Davis being 2 of the 15 partners in the Warmstry factory.
- 1776      Dr.Wall died, other partners continued to own company.
- 1783      **Flight** - Warmstry Factory sold outright for £3000 to Thomas Flight.
- 1792      **Flight & Barr** - Martin Barr buys into partnership with Thomas Flight
- 1804      **Barr, Flight & Barr** - Warmstry factory owned by Martin Barr Senior, Joseph Flight & Martin Barr Junior.
- 1813      **Flight, Barr & Barr** - owned by Joseph Flight, Martin Barr Jnr. & George Barr.
- 1840      **Chamberlain & Co.** - Flight,Barr & Barr merger with Chamberlain company (formed independently in 1788.) The Barr family only retained a minor share.
- 1852      **Kerr & Binns** new partnership established and all manufacture moved to the Chamberlain factory in Severn Street.
- 1862      **Worcester Royal Porcelain Company** formed with Edward Phillips as major shareholder in a joint stock company. (From 1862 the company was known as Royal Worcester.)
- 1889      The Worcester Royal Porcelain Co.bought **Grainger & Co.**
- 1905      The Worcester Royal Porcelain Co bought **Hadley & Sons**
- 1930      Harrison, Robinson & Col.Clive bought The Worcester Royal Porcelain Co from the receivers.
- 1934      C.W.Dyson Perrins bought The Worcester Royal Porcelain Co.
- 1954      **The Worcester Royal Porcelain Co.** became a public company
- 1958      **Royal Worcester Ltd.** a holding company was formed (Owning Palissy Pottery Ltd. & Worcester Royal Porcelain Co.Ltd., Worcester Royal Porcelain Co.Canada & Royal Worcester Porcelain Inc.USA)
- 1976      Royal Worcester Ltd merged with Carborundum Co. of Niagara Falls to become **Royal Worcester Spode Ltd.** (the group now included Spode Inc.,Spode Canada Ltd, Hammersley China Ltd & Barthmann Cristall GmbH)
- 1978      Royal Worcester fully owned by **Royal Worcester Ltd.**
- 1983      Royal Worcester bought by **Crystalate Ltd.**
- 1984      Royal Worcester owned by **London International**
- 1988      Royal Worcester owned by **Derby International**
- 1993      Royal Worcester owned by **Exeter International** (subsidiary of Derby International)
- 2000      Royal Worcester owned by **Royal Worcester and Spode**

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