

## Decoration on post-medieval pottery found in Herefordshire

### Rockingham wares

Earthenware, stoneware and porcelain made at Swinton, Yorkshire on the estate of the Marquis of Rockingham, but the name generally refers to a characteristic type of extravagant Rococo decoration. The pottery started in 1745 but it was not until 1826 that it assumed the name Rockingham. It continued to operate until 1842. The porcelain was light in weight with extravagant Rococo style. A manganese brown glaze called 'Rockingham glaze' was used on stoneware.

The name 'Rockingham' was borrowed by other potteries. For example Watts & Cash founded the Woodville Potteries in south Derbyshire around 1810 which were still operating in the 1880s and made 'Derbyshire "ironstone or "yellow" wares, buff-coloured ware, and Rockingham ware, &c.

Rockingham wares are difficult to source. They were certainly produced at all of those centres which made yellow wares, but they were also a major product in the 19th century in the Staffordshire potteries.

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