

## R.D. Gleaners & Gipsies

Royal Doulton's the Gleaners and Gipsies series was designed by a S. Wilson. This very popular series was introduced in 1909 and it was production for a long time and has at least 12 pattern number issued against it. The Gleaners and Gipsies series was extended and evolved until 1937 and it had been withdrawn from production by 1937. This is another one of the series that was obviously supposed to be a romantic, but I am sure there was nothing romantic about the life of an itinerant farm laborer. To date, 26 scenes have been identified that are unique to this series and there are at least three minor colour-way variations.

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Royal Doulton Gleaners & Gipsies 15" charger; D5624; dated September 1937 Royal Doulton created a special back stamp for the Gleaners & Gipsies series, of which there are two variations, the more common says "English Old Scenes, The Gleaners" while the rarer of the two stamps says "English Old Scenes, The Gipsies". I have no idea why they did this so if you have a suggestion we would love to hear it. This series has 14 pattern numbers issued against it -D3191 was issued in 1909D3554 " "1912 D3812 " "1914 D3821 " "1914 D4842 " "1929D4853 " "1929 D4854 " "1929 D4983 " "1930 D4984 " "1930D5003 " "1933 D5624 " "1936 D5810 " "1937 D6123 " "1940 Of the 26 scenes listed below; 24 where Lousie Irvine, see page 89 of Volume 2 and page 50 of Volume 5 of Royal Doulton Series Ware. Scenes 25 and 26 have been named by me. It is not uncommon to find partial scenes in this series so I will include these as they come to hand. The scenes are:-

1: Campfire Scene

2: Man leading donkey with his family

3: Woman & boy pulling sledge, dog in background

4: Woman & girl dragging bale of hay

5: Woman sitting on a rock

6: Standing woman pointing to stooping woman

7: Woman with bundle of corn at hip. Girl with corn on back and boy.

8: Woman with bundle of corn at hip. Girl with corn on back and boy.

9: Woman with bundle of corn at hip. Girl with corn on back and boy.

8: Woman standing with corn and hand on hip, another stooping.

Scene yet to be sourced - can you help?

9: Woman & Child child sitting on grass, man gathering corn.

10: Woman with child clinging to skirts & boy balancing corn on shoulder.

11: Woman tying a bundle bundle of corn on boys back

12: One woman stooping, another kneeling

13: Woman with boy holding her bundle and girl with corn on head

14: One woman standing with bundle, another stooping

15: Man & woman kneeling in fields gathering

16: Boy climbing fence, woman with bundle behind

17: Rear veiw woman with bundle on head and boy with bundle in arms

18: Front veiw woman with bundle on head, more corn in apron, and girl

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19: Woman standing with bundle, man gathering behind

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20: Woman sitting, woman with bundle on back behind

Scene yet to be sourced - can you help?

21: Woman sitting with corn in lap, man with bundle in arms, rear view

Scene yet to be sourced - can you help?

22: Rear view woman holding boy's hand, girl with bundle on head

23: Woman with bundle in arms, girl with bundle on head

Scene yet to be sourced - can you help?

24: Old woman & a boy

Scene yet to be sourced - can you help?

25: "Two chooks"

26: "Lone cock"