

R.D. Shakespeare's Characters

William Shakespeare was born in Stratford upon Avon in 1564 and he died on 23rd April 1616. The Bard, as he is affectionately known, is quintessentially English, no other intellect has left such a mark on the English language. The great body of his work, some 38 plays and 154 sonnets, were compiled over 24 year period between 1589 and 1613. Shakespeare's literary legacy resounds down through four century's to us today. Undoubtedly the most celebrated must be the quote from Hamlet; "To be or not to be, for that is the question…” Royal Doulton's Shakespearean Characters depicts 12 of Shakespeare's most engaging characters in appropriate settings. For the full story, line and verse, just follow the read more tab….

Royal Doulton Shakespearean Characters in appropriate settings

Shakespearean Characters Ashtray (shape 7710); D3596; polychrome colourway
production era 1912 to 1938- Church or Palace setting

This delightful literary series was introduced in 1912, initially with a polychrome background, but in 1914 a sepia background was introduced. It was in production until the late 1930's, to date the latest production date I have seen on an item is 1938. This was a popular series, so it was made in a large range of shapes and sizes.

Shakespearean Characters Tea Set; D3746; sepia colourway

production era 1914 to 1930 There was never a special back stamp made for this series as there was with Dickens Ware, but in most cases the characters name appears above the Doulton makers mark. In most cases the mark is in maroon ink. There are five earthen ware pattern numbers and one bone china pattern number. The earthen ware pattern numbers dates are :-D3596 was introduced in 1912 D3746 " " 1914D3835 " " 1915 D3882 " 1915D4070 " " 1919 The bone china pattern number is :-E7267 " " 1911 Shakespearean Character

(shape 6886); D3596; polychrome colourway

production era 1912 to 1938- forest setting There are 12 characters in this series, they appear with one of 3 background. These are is a forest, a church or palace, or as is the case with Romeo and Juliet, in an Italian style garden. I will lay these characters out in the same order as Lousie Irvine has on page 51 of Volume 1 of Royal Doulton Series Ware, for no other reason than that her 5 volumes have set a protocols for Royal Doulton series ware. 1. Romeo

2. Juliet

3. Shylock

4. Portia

5. Hamlet

6. Ophelia

7. Anne Page

8. Falstaff

9. Katherine

10. Wolsey

11. Orlando

12. Rosalind