

Carlton Ware Water Lily WWII Production

"Hello Bruce,

I have an all pale yellow plate - in the Water Lily pattern. I believe it dates from the war. It does not, however, bear any Carlton Ware mark merely says 'MADE IN ENGLAND' in a blue/green rectangle and has the impressed figures 1783/8 (I think that is the number as some are not clear). I am selling this in the near future (have a down-size move pending) - but can I sell it as Carlton Ware without the mark being present? Look forward to hearing from you - great site by the way! Many thanks, Barbara"

Barbara has now supplied me with photos of item. I have no doubt that Barbara's tray is Carlton Ware; it production from during WWII…..

The pattern number 1783/8 is impressed into the back of plate – this is the Carlton Ware shape code for this item. The makers mark is new to me, I cannot remember seeing it before, but I have no doubt that this plate was made by Carlton Ware.

Due to restrictions during WWII the production of pottery was restricted to the utilitarian items. Carlton Ware produced some basic shapes using the moulds of their embossed patterns. To date I have seen examples of Foxglove, Apple Blossom, Buttercup, Flower Basket, Clematis, Wild Rose and Water Lily. This War Time production is always in a single colour (undecorated), the colours are much lighter than where used before and after WWII. This production comes in a light green, a cream and a light pink.

Nicholnack does not offer a valuation service, but I have found in the past that while this production of WWII is saleable, the market value is very low