

R.D. New Cavaliers

Royal Doulton's New Cavaliers series is a romantic portrayal of the Royalist who supported King Charles against Cromwell and the Parliamentarians in the English Civil War. King Charles chaplain, Edward Simmons described a Cavalier as "a Child of Honour, a Gentleman well borne and bred that loves his king for conscience sake, of a clearer countenance, and bolder look than other men, because of a more loyal heart". I must acknowledge Mary of "The Marjorie Jones Memorial Collection" for her assistance in the creation of this fact file.

Royal Doulton New Cavaliers Teapot A - D3051 Royal Doulton New Cavaliers Series Royal Doulton New Cavaliers Rack Plate; D2875 production era 1907 to 1932

Royal Doulton introduced the New Cavaliers series in 1907 and it was in production until circa 1940. I have seen examples of this series with Charles Noke signature to the base of the item, not beneath the scene as is generally the case on scenes that were drawn by Noke, I am not sure why this is the case. Seven pattern numbers were issued against this series.

The pattern numbers are:-D2875 introduced 1907D2966" "1908D3051" "1908D4006" "1918D4749
"1928D5105" "1932 D5497" "1934 Royal Doulton New Cavaliers Rack Plate; D3051date coded 1934 New
Cavaliers appears in three distinct variations. The rack plate D2875, at the top of the page, is an interesting variation It appears as if a photo of hessian has been put on to the plate and then the transfer has been laid over the top. I have only seen the one example of this and I have not seen this style of production on any other series to date. The plate D3051 directly above is the more common colour-way. It is very similar to the Stein D4749 below. All the transfers dating from the 1907 introduction through to the 1932 introduction of pattern D5105 appear to be of the same pallet. Royal Doulton New Cavaliers Stein (shape 7119A); D3739production era 1932 ?? New Cavaliers Steins (shape 7119A) is a common enough shape which regularly appears on eBay. Every example of these Stein that appears to have the pattern number D4749.

Royal Doulton New Cavaliers Baron & Clent Jugs; D5105 production era on both 1932 to 1940 The New Cavaliers Jugs above are both pattern D5105. The transfers are obviously of a different pallet to the earlier versions. The colours are much brighter. The Vase below is the only example of D5497 that I have seen. The transfers colours are very similar to the jugs. Royal Doulton New Cavaliers Vase (shape7018); D5497production era 1934 to 1940 New Cavaliers BordersFoliate Shell and Scroll The Foliate Shell & Scroll border is generally used on the pattern number D2875 & D2966. It appears to have only been used between 1907 and 1912. I must add that this information is gleaned from observation. If you can add to this discussion please contact me. Lion & Shield The Lion & Shield border is the more common; it is used on D3051, D4006 & D4749 and appears to have been in use from 1908 until 1932. Hunting Silhouette

The Hunting Silhouette and Scroll border appear to have been introduced with pattern D5497 in 1932. To date I have not seen either of these borders used on items produced before this date. Scroll The New Cavaliers characters often appear in conjunction with these mottos.A: "Ever drink, ever dry"

B: "Better so than worse"

C: "Better do it than wish it done The Characters As Defined by Louise Irvine 1:Three-quarter view cavalier, sword in left hand, glass in right

2: Front view cavalier, left hand on hip, right hand holding glass

3: Two cavaliers playing dice 4: Cavalier with elbow on table

5: Cavalier with arms outstretched

6: Cavalier leaning on chair 7: Three-quarter view cavalier, maltese cross on cape 8: Front view cavalier, left hand on hip with sword, right hand holding glass

9: Cavalier standing with arms behind back

10: Cavalier leaning in doorway

Previously Unamed CharactersAs identified and named by Nicholnack 11: Cavalier sitting in high back chair
12: Cavalier in high back chair with glass in hand 13: Seated Cavalier with Base
14: Cavalier drinking from large tankard