



An Early English Wine Cup

Charles I

London, 1637

Unscribed maker's mark, possibly 'IB' above a bell

Height: 12 cm, 7 3/4 in.

Weight: 100 g, 3 oz 4 dwt

The tapering bowl with a knopped baluster stem, on a spreading base, crested.

This type of wine cup, quite plain apart from the engraving of the crest or the initials, began to be produced during the Seventeenth- Century, although a few examples are known from the previous century. The simple lines design was in stark contrast to highly decorated and less modestly shaped Elizabethan cup models. Despite their simplicity, this design persisted for about another half-century and underwent not considerable design variations. The abandonment of this type of wine cup was gradual starting from the end of the Seventeenth Century, and it is possible to say that it is a consequence of the development of the English glass industry.