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The Dictionary of

Paperweight Signature Canes

Identification and Dating

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When John Parsley initially made paperweights in the early 1980s, he etched his signature on the weight. These early pieces were mostly miniatures. Some could have had a "P" with white background signature cane in them, but Parsley is not certain. His first signature cane he believes came

in 1986 and was a dark green "P" in a white circular field with a green outside ring [65.0]. In the 1986-1987 time frame, Parsley was also using a blue "P" in a white circular field with a blue outside ring [65.1]. Both of these canes continued in use until 1991.



Fig. 65.0

Around 1991 he started using two initials with green "JP" letters in a white field with a green outside ring [65.2]. He has enough of this cane to last a lifetime and expects to continue using it although he may opt to use the blue complex millefiori cane for select future pieces [65.3].

The two "P" canes were made with a crimp, and the "JP" cane was made by hand-fashioned letters.

Parsley and Peter McDougall created a collaborative piece for Perthshire Paperweights in 1994 that was signed with a "JP/PM" cane where the initials form a diamond pattern and reading corner to corner yields "PP" for Perthshire Paperweights [65.4].

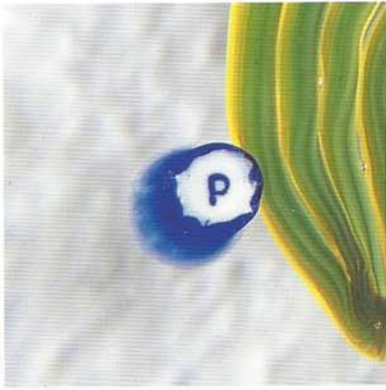


Fig. 65.1



Fig. 65.2



Fig. 65.3



Fig. 65.4

With much love to my #2 Daughter -
 Dad - John Parsley
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