

Johannes Casparus Lotter

Two silversmiths of the same name.

Johannes Casparus Lotter (snr) was the son of the silversmith Matthias Lotter and Anna Dorothea van den Berg, baptised at the Cape:

Likely active period: 1766-?	Baptised : Died :	25 August 1737 Unknown
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His son, Johannes Casparus Lotter (jnr), was also baptised at the Cape:

Likely active period: 1811-1823	Baptised : Died :	23 October 1768 24 March 1823
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Although Welz distinguishes the marks used by Johannes (snr) and Johannes (jnr), the makers' marks are so similar (in one case identical except for the use of an additional device mark) that they are not very helpful in determining which of them was responsible for the piece. I therefore make no attempt to associate any piece with either one of them.

Table flatware (tablespoons and dessert spoons) are found in all the major patterns – Hanoverian, Old English and Fiddle. The konfyf fork I have come across is in the Old English pattern, and orange spoons with pointed terminals and borders engraved to resemble beading. Welz illustrates a fish slice with tubular handle (possibly originally the handle of a table knife), and simple geometric piercing on the blade.

Some items found exhibit characteristics of the European tastes typical of Welz's "Dutch East India Company period (1652-1795)". These include the footed boxes – oblong with canted corners described either as tea caddies or table snuff boxes, and the more ornate bombé sugar boxes with decorative finials - as well as the cast furniture fittings with their extensive floral and foliate decoration in the rococo style.

Other items fit more comfortably within Welz's "Heterogeneous Period (1795-1830)", such as the coffee pot with pedestal foot and bands of engraved decoration in addition to the applied beaded borders, the book clasps with simple beaded or engraved decoration, and the oval sugar bowls with bands of engraving and simple finials.

Other pieces found include a plain cylindrical beaker with gilded interior and engraved foliate finial, and Welz illustrates an ornate gold cane handle, a circular bowl 11.7cm high with beaded bands, and a wooden cruet frame with silver handle, silver casters in three sizes and a silver mustard pot.

Table flatware

Old English pattern



Fiddle pattern

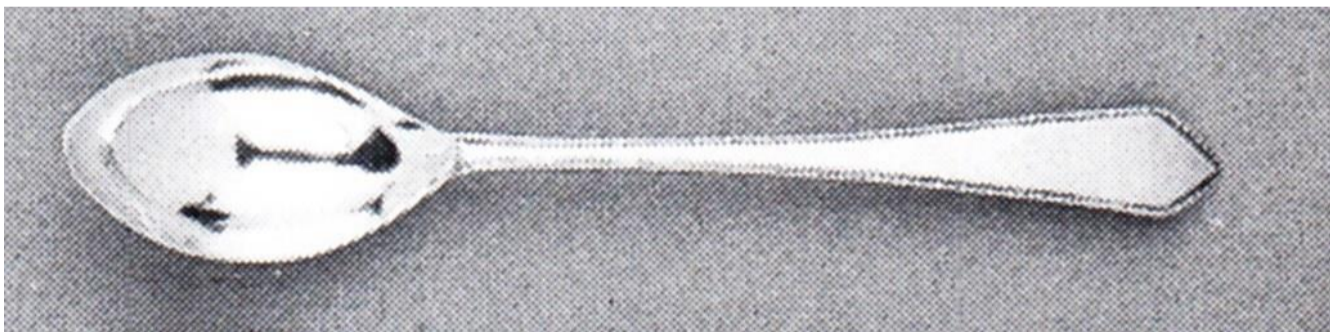


Serving flatware

Konfytt Fork



Orange spoon



Other pieces

Beaker



Furniture Fittings



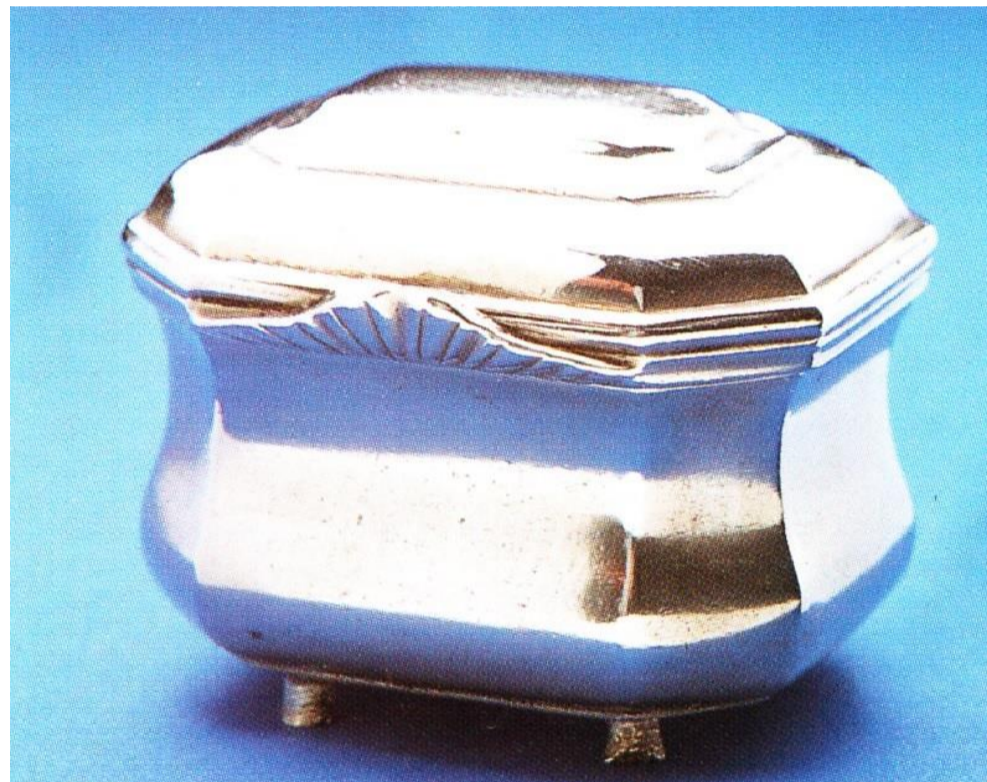
Coffee Pot



Book Clasps



Tea Caddy / Table Snuff Box



Sugar Boxes



Sugar Bowls



Marks



Johannes Casparus Lotter (jnr) is also recorded as having used the figure of hope as a device mark

Rarity indicator

Flatware	Scarce	Snuff boxes	None	Other items	Available
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Note: a set of flatware of the same category and by the same maker is counted as a single item.

Key (relative rarity within each category):

Available	more than 5% of items in our database
Scarce	1 to 5% of items in our database
Rare	fewer than 1% of items in our database
None	No items encountered

Auction price history

Note: only sales of single items by public auction, including online auction platforms, are shown here. Unsold lots and job lots have been excluded. This list does not purport to be complete.

Sale date	Item category	Item description	Price realised	Price type *
1998/05/26	Sugar bowls	Covered sugar bowl by Johannes Casparus Lotter, oval body with gadroon rim above an engraved linear and trailing foliate band, with angular reeded loop handles, the slightly domed lid engraved with a wrigglework border and with an urn finial, the lid and bowl later engraved P.W.L.R., 11cm high, 300g	ZAR16500	2
1999/10/11	Fish slices	Fish slice by Johannes Casparus Lotter, the shaped blade with a band of formal pierced decoration, with associated reeded handle probably originally from a table knife and bearing the marks for Twentyman, 195g	ZAR1610	2
2009/10/08	Furniture fittings	Coromandel and silver-mounted buffet, 18th century, the rectangular top with serpentine front above a pair of fielded panelled doors enclosing a drawer, flanked by four drawers and a deep drawer, each side with a slide and a loper, on leaf-carved scroll feet, the apron carved with foliage, c-scrolls and rocaille, the silver mounts and escutcheon plates fully marked Johannes Casparus Lotter, 78,5cm high, 130cm wide, 63cm deep. NOTES: By family repute, this piece was believed to have been owned by Baron Joachim von Plettenberg, Governor of the Cape 1771-1785, and was presented by him as a wedding gift to Johann Sebastian Leibbrandt, (1747-1817). It has been in the Leibbrandt family for six generations, and was inherited by the current owner in 1968.	ZAR1058300	3
2011/09/26	Book clasp	Pair of silver-gilt Bible clasps, Johannes Casparus Lotter, each with beaded borders, engraved 'ECL' and 'FL Peiser' respectively, 106g	ZAR5855	3
2015/03/16	Coffee pots	Coffee pot, Johannes Casparus Lotter, urn-shaped with beaded and engraved bright-cut swag borders, raised on an oval foot, with a wooden scroll handle, the hinged cover with later ovoid shaped finial, 525g all in, 22,7cm high	ZAR102312	3
2016/03/14	Sugar boxes	Sugar box, Johannes Casparus Lotter, oval, the bombé body moulded with panels of stylised shells, with conforming domed hinged cover and thumbpiece, raised on four flower-headed paw feet, later bud-and-leaf finial, 275g, 11cm high	ZAR96628	3
2016/03/14	Tea caddies	Tea caddy, Johannes Casparus Lotter, rectangular with canted corners, the bombé body with hinged stepped cover with shell thumbpiece, raised on four feet, formerly with pad paws, 210g, 6,8cm high	ZAR34104	3
2017/10/16	Beakers	A beaker, tapering cylindrical, with moulded rim, engraved with the initials 'JMH JJK' within a wreath, gilt interior, 7,8cm high, 150g	ZAR29557	3
2021/10/11	Sugar bowls	Covered sugar bowl by Johannes Casparus Lotter (this is the same bowl that was sold on 1998/05/26)	ZAR45520	3

* Price types:

1 - Auction result hammer price

2 - Auction result including buyer's commission

3 - Auction result including buyer's commission and VAT