

# John Syms Willcox

Likely active period:

**1864-1902**

Born :

14 June 1837

Died :

1902

Born at Torquay, Devonshire on 14 June 1837, arrived in Port Elizabeth on 8 July 1861. From 1861 to 1864 he was under contract to the firm Galpin Brothers jewellers. In 1864 he started his own business, J.S. Willcox, silversmith and jeweller.

I have come across only two pieces by this maker, both presentation items – an inkstand with an inscription dated 1877 and a trowel presented in 1884. Welz illustrates another inkstand with a presentation inscription dated 1878, and mentions numerous medals bearing the mark of Willcox that all appear to have been made in Europe.

## Items

Inkstand



Presentation Trowel



## Rarity indicator

Flatware	None	Snuff boxes	None	Other items	Scarce
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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.

<b>Sale date</b>	<b>Item category</b>	<b>Item description</b>	<b>Price realised</b>	<b>Price type *</b>
2013/02/04	Trowel	Presentation trowel, John Syms Willcox, the blade engraved, 'PRESENTED TO MRS BAMBERGER wife of the CC and RM of Bedford. ON THE Occasion of her laying THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE TOWN HALL AND PUBLIC LIBRARY June 10th 1884', engraved with foliate decoration, with turned ivory handle, cased, 23,5cm long	ZAR13368	3

\* Price types:

1 - Auction result hammer price

2 - Auction result including buyer's commission

3 - Auction result including buyer's commission and VAT