

Lodewyk Willem Christiaan Beck

Likely active period:

1847-1867

Born/baptised : unknown

Died : unknown

Tablespoons, table forks and teaspoons in the Fiddle pattern are found bearing his mark.

Serving pieces including konfynt forks, mustard spoons and salt spoons are generally in the Fiddle pattern but occasionally Old-English pattern. A small salt or condiment spoon with a twisted stem, pointed terminal and engraved decoration, stated by a respected auction house to be by Beck but more in the style of Johannes Beyleveld, is very different in style to all other flatware I have seen by him, and I find myself wondering whether the auction house did not perhaps mis-attribute the piece due to a poorly struck maker's mark.

Flatware is often found marked with only the pseudo-hallmarks used by Beck, and without the maker's initials.

Snuff boxes are rectangular or oval, with engraved borders and moulded or cast thumbpieces. A circular box with a pull-off lid also bears his mark.

Other pieces by this maker include a beaker, book clasp and meat skewer.

Fiddle pattern spoons and forks



Serving flatware

Mustard spoon



Konfynt fork



Condiment spoon
(potentially mis-attributed to Beck)



Boxes



Other pieces

Beaker



Meat skewer



Marks



Rarity indicator

Flatware	Scarce	Snuff boxes	Available	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.

Sale date	Item category	Item description	Price realised	Price type *
1998/05/26	Snuff boxes	Snuff box by Lodewyk Beck, rectangular, the lid with a vacant cartouche within scrolling and wrigglework borders with floral thumbpiece, the base with similar borders engraved with flowerheads and acorns, 7,5cm wide, 75g	ZAR7150	2
1999/10/11	Book clasp	Book clasp by Lodewyk Beck, with simple geometric and wrigglework borders, the inside engraved "M.G.C.G.", applied to a small leather-bound Dutch New Testament, Haarlem and Amsterdam, 1855	ZAR5500	2
2014/03/17	Beakers	Beaker, Lodewyk Willem Christiaan Beck, the tapering cylindrical body engraved with the initials 'PRJ', with reeded rims, the base inset with a Victoria half crown, 1844, gilt interior, 115g, 7cm high	ZAR29557	3
2016/10/25	Snuff boxes	Snuff box, by L. Willem Beck, rectangular form, engraved borders, the hinged cover initialled, plain thumb-piece, silver-gilt interior, length 7.1cm, approx. weight 2.5oz.	GBP380	1

* Price types:

1 - Auction result hammer price

2 - Auction result including buyer's commission

3 - Auction result including buyer's commission and VAT