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Mystery Resolved?? Only Time Will Tell

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This creamer and sugar set has been causing some confusion. It was first identified by Hazel Marie Weatherman as being made by Westmoreland. It was further attributed to Westmoreland as their line # 1211 by Chas West Wilson in his book about Westmoreland.

Recent finds of Indiana Glass Company catalogs would tend to challenge the idea that this creamer and sugar set were made by Westmoreland. The first catalog is from the 1930's and shows an example of the set with a figural etch. The second catalog from the 1950's shows the set with a water lily enamel decoration. It is listed as

Indiana's line # 257 in the catalogs.

There are other decorations that have been found on this set. There are several different floral enamel decorations. These floral decorations have been found on pieces from various Indiana lines. There have also been various examples of this set found with Indiana's Moderne Classic line.

Interestingly, the set shown in Chas West Wilson's book had an enamel decoration of ships on it. That decoration has only been seen on pieces of Indiana glass. And the recent discovery of Indiana Glass Company price guide from 1941 shows that this deco-

ration was listed as # 701. Here is the description from that price guide, "white, orange or ivory body; ships and trimmings different colors, platinum edge".

There are some possibilities to explain this confusion.

1. Indiana bought the mold from Westmoreland to go with its # 602 line.
2. Westmoreland sold the blank glass to Indiana who then decorated it.
3. One company copied the other's design.

Only further research will uncover the truth behind this interesting cream and sugar set.

