

NELSON McCOY POTTERY WALL POCKETS

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Collecting the Wall Pockets that Nelson McCoy Pottery produced has always been one of the popular areas of collecting Nelson McCoy Pottery. With that thought in mind, we thought we might do a regular series of articles on the topic. The chart on the following page is a list of all the production Wall Pockets that Nelson McCoy Pottery made. The list totals 34 Wall Pockets. There are others, of course, that were prototyped but never produced. There were also a few others that were made but we do not have documentation as to who they were made for nor that they were ever production catalog items. At some point, we will address all of these “non-production” Wall Pockets but the first goal will be to do this series of articles on the well-known production pieces. We will utilize at least two but no more than four pages in any given Journal Issue. After the Article is published in a current Journal Issue, a version of the article with all color photos will be put on the web site.

We will begin with the first specific Wall Pocket article with the January Journal Issue for 2018. We will do them in a rough chronological order but that may vary slightly based on the length of each specific article and how it may fit in the limits of the 2-4 pages per Issue. Some will be rather brief, others will have a lot of information. Our Journal articles are obviously in black and white so as noted above, after released in a Journal, the article will be posted on the web site with color photos. We will also add additional color photos to the articles on the web site with information to view that would be hard to include and explain in black and white photos in the Journal article where appropriate.

The individual articles will include the rather well-known information on the specific wall pocket related to year released, catalog image if available, catalog name and number, catalog sizing if available, description of colors and/or decoration options offered in production. But beyond much of this information, that already exists out there, we will try to include some of the less common information where available:

- Variations from the production colors offered
- Have McCoy Collectors “renamed” the piece versus catalog description
- How many years was the Wall Pocket in production
- Variations in the decorative style normally seen
- Has the piece been reproduced
- Photos of reproduction pieces where applicable
- Sizing of reproductions in comparison
- Colors of known reproductions and how they compare to the original colors
- How are the reproductions marked
- Any production piece oddities in color, shape or form to look for
- Is there more than one mold style used in production
- Where is the most likely area one might see damage
- What typical factory flaws may be on an example
- And so on

Wall Pocket Description	Catalog Number	Year Released For Sale
Leaves & Berries Wall Pocket	W7	1940
Small Lily Bud Wall Pocket	WP1	1941
Large Lily Bud Wall Pocket	-	1941
Large Fancy Lily Bud Wall Pocket	WP2	1941
Mexican Wall Pocket	101	1941
Butterfly Wall Pocket	417	1942
Lady with Bonnet Wall Pocket	WP3	1943
Clown Wall Pocket	WP4	1943
Rustic Wall Pocket	WP5	1945
Square Flower Wall Pocket	WP5	1947
Blossomtime Wall Pocket	707	1947
Lily Wall Pocket	709	1948
Flower with Bird Wall Pocket	710	1948
Clock Wall Pocket	718	1949
Birdbath Wall Pocket	724	1949
Leaf Wall Pocket	5W	1949
Mailbox Wall Pocket	729	1951
Apple Wall Pocket	WP6	1952
Pear Wall Pocket	WP7	1952
Grapes Wall Pocket	WP8	1952
Bananas Wall Pocket	WP9	1952
Orange Wall Pocket	WP10	1953
Lovebirds Wall Pocket	WP11	1953
Owls Wall Pocket	WP12	1953
Iron Wall Pocket	WP13	1953
Umbrella Wall Pocket	WP14	1955
Fan Wall Pocket	WP15	1956
Bellows Wall Pocket	WP16	1956
Violin Wall Pocket	WP17	1956
Basket Weave (Cornucopia) Wall Pocket	WP18	1956
Urn Wall Pocket	WP19	1956
Sunburst Fan Wall Pocket	No. 197	1957
Sunburst Umbrella Wall Pocket	No. 198	1957
Tongue Wall Pocket	0146-0000	1980