

Northwood vs. Coudersport

Over the years I've seen known Northwood pieces being incorrectly attributed to the Coudersport Glass Company, and I always wondered why. I knew there must be a reference book out there somewhere causing this. Several years ago I purchased a book called Coudersport Glass 1901 – 1904, by Tulla Majot. Here's where I found my answer.

In this book the author shows color pictures of Glass items, but does not show any provenance to back up the claims. I for one am a person who does not believe anything, unless I see the proof. In the Coudersport book, the author shows a pattern that they call **Shadow**. So to help clear up another misconception about the maker of a specific pattern, I offer the current provenance for the Northwood **Button Panels** pattern.

In an 1899 Butler Brother's catalog, a "Button Panels" item appears along with other known Northwood patterns. The piece was advertised as either an "Open Sugar Bowl", or a "Flower Vase". It was made in Blue, Yellow, and Flint Opalessent, and made by Northwood not Coudersport.



**"TIFFANY" ASSORTMENT
OPALESCENT ART WARE.**

Most surprising at this price--look to be worth \$1.00 each.

Unusual values have always characterized our glass-ware department, but this ware at such a price is almost exceptional even with us. It is impossible to give an adequate description of the beauty of these general utility pieces. One assortment will convince you that no praise of them can be too enthusiastic.



The "Tiffany" assortment comprises 11-2 doz. each of the following:

High Footed Trays—4½ inches in diameter, handy for many purposes. Assorted blue, yellow and flint.

Deep Bonbon Dish or Open Sugar Bowl—4½ inches, crimped edge. Assorted blue, yellow and flint.

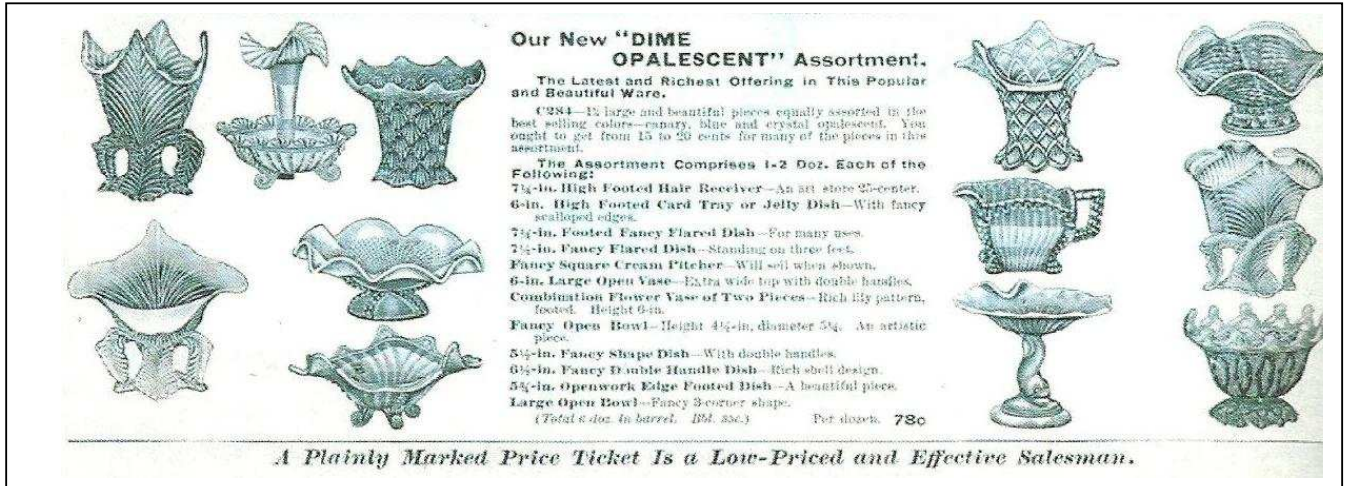
Open Sugar or Flower Bowl—Assorted blue, yellow and flint, each with three feet and cover.

5-inch Covered Jewel or Puff Tray—Assorted blue, yellow and flint, each with three feet.

(Total of 6 doz. to pkg. Sold only by bbl., wt. 92 lbs. Barrel Price per dozen—80c)

Button Panels appeared in Butler Brothers catalog No. 232 (Spring, 1899), along with two pieces of Klondyke and an Intaglio jelly compote.

Again in 1903, this same piece shows up in another Butler Brothers advertisement along with many other known Northwood items. This time the piece is shown opened up to form what was called a "Footed Fancy Flared Dish" and it was made in Canary, Blue, and Crystal Opalescent again by Northwood and not Coudersport.



Our New "DIME OPALESCENT" Assortment.
The Latest and Richest Offering in This Popular and Beautiful Ware.

C284—12 large and beautiful pieces equally assorted in the best selling colors—canary, blue and crystal opalescent. You ought to get from 15 to 25 cents for many of the pieces in this assortment.

The Assortment Comprises 1-2 Doz. Each of the Following:

- 7½-in. High Footed Hair Receiver—An art store 25-center.
- 6-in. High Footed Card Tray or Jelly Dish—With fancy scalloped edges.
- 7½-in. Footed Fancy Flared Dish—For many uses.
- 7½-in. Fancy Flared Dish—Standing on three feet.
- Fancy Square Cream Pitcher—Will sell when shown.
- 6-in. Large Open Vase—Extra wide top with double handles.
- Combination Flower Vase of Two Pieces—Rich Ritz pattern, footed. Height 6-in.
- Fancy Open Bowl—Height 4½-in, diameter 5¼. An artistic piece.
- 5¼-in. Fancy Shape Dish—With double handles.
- 6¼-in. Fancy Double Handle Dish—Rich shell design.
- 5¼-in. Openwork Edge Footed Dish—A beautiful piece.
- Large Open Bowl—Fancy Beehive shape.

(Total a doz. in barrel. 104. 85c.) Per doz. 78c

A Plainly Marked Price Ticket Is a Low-Priced and Effective Salesman.



I hope this clears up the confusing information about the "Button Panels" pattern erroneously shown and called "Shadow" in the Coudersport Glass book .

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