

BELL FAMILY REPRODUCTION FOR 2008



The Nicodemus Center will be offering the ninth piece in its annual series of Bell family reproductions this fall. The series features one reproduction per year in a limited edition of 150. This year's reproduction is being created by the

center's executive director and ceramist James Smith of Fayetteville. Orders may be placed by using the form below or by e-mailing the center at jms48@psu.edu. The cost is \$65 per set plus \$3.90 sales tax for center members and \$70 plus \$4.20 sales tax for nonmembers.

For 2008, the reproduction is a miniature earthenware wash basin and pitcher set. The basin measures 1.50 inches in height and 5.00 inches in diameter at the rim. The pitcher measures 4.38 inches in height at the handle and 2.12 inches in diameter at the base. The original lead-glazed earthenwares are stamped JOHN BELL on the



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 on the underside of the basin and pitcher. Both pieces were made in Bell's Waynesboro shop during the mid 1860s. The S and S stamp is difficult to read and most likely represents the itinerant potters Stauffer and Shenk, who on occasion

worked at Bell's shop when he was short-handed. Little is known of Stauffer and Shenk other than a Daniel Shenk apprenticed under potter Henry Adam, Hagerstown, in 1812 (Comstock, H.E. 1994 *THE POTTERY OF THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY REGION*: 464. The Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts, Winston-Salem, NC).

The wash basin and pitcher set is the first time miniatures have been offered in the annual reproduction series by the center.

PREVIOUS BELL FAMILY REPRODUCTIONS

2000 – C. F. Bell small jug	\$45	2004 – John Bell vase	\$45
2001 – John Bell butter tub	(sold out)	2005 – John Bell pitcher	\$45
2002 – Snow Hill bowl	(sold out)	2006 – John Bell mug	\$50
2003 – I. Bell jug	(sold out)	2007 – I. Bell pie plate	\$50

JOHN BELL MINIATURE BASIN & PITCHER – REPRODUCTION ORDER FORM 2008

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Number of Basin/Pitcher Sets Ordered _____ @ member's price of \$65 + \$3.90 tax

Number of Basin/Pitcher Sets Ordered _____ @ nonmember's price of \$70 + \$4.20 tax

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If you wish to prepay your order, check payable to NCCS, please mark the box and we will send you an invoice and/or receipt. The basin/pitcher set will be available for pickup on Thursday, Dec. 4 from 5 to 8 PM, Friday, Dec. 5, 11 AM to 4 PM, and Saturday, Dec. 6, 11 AM to 4 PM at our pottery studio, Room 008, General Studies building, Penn State Mont Alto. If requested, shipping can be arranged at an additional cost of \$20.00 per set. Thank you for your order.