

What's on your toilet? - decorating THE shape called Foley.

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Wileman/Shelley produced at least sixteen designs of toilet set, and the earliest one in 1884/5 was very striking. The shape was called Foley, the name for that part of Longton where the works was located, and the name which featured on the backstamp for many years. It also featured in the Shape book as Shape 185 toilet jug, standing at 33cm high. It has a striking range of decorations - mainly flowers and birds - see the accompanying images and extracts from pattern books. Altogether 28 patterns have been found in the available pattern books, dating up to 1913. Interestingly eight of the later patterns are plain.

These jugs are usually to be seen sitting in the bowl. When out of that context they are not to be confused with the Shape 9 large jug, which only stands at 15.3cm high. (the spout is a bit longer, relatively speaking).



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1, See a comprehensive article by Chris Davenport 2003 *The Shape of Things Past*, Shelley Group Newsletter, 70,

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