

ATTIC TREASURES...

by Rob Reid

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone. I welcome inquiries about any objects that you may have and look forward to seeing and perhaps writing about them. Please forward a

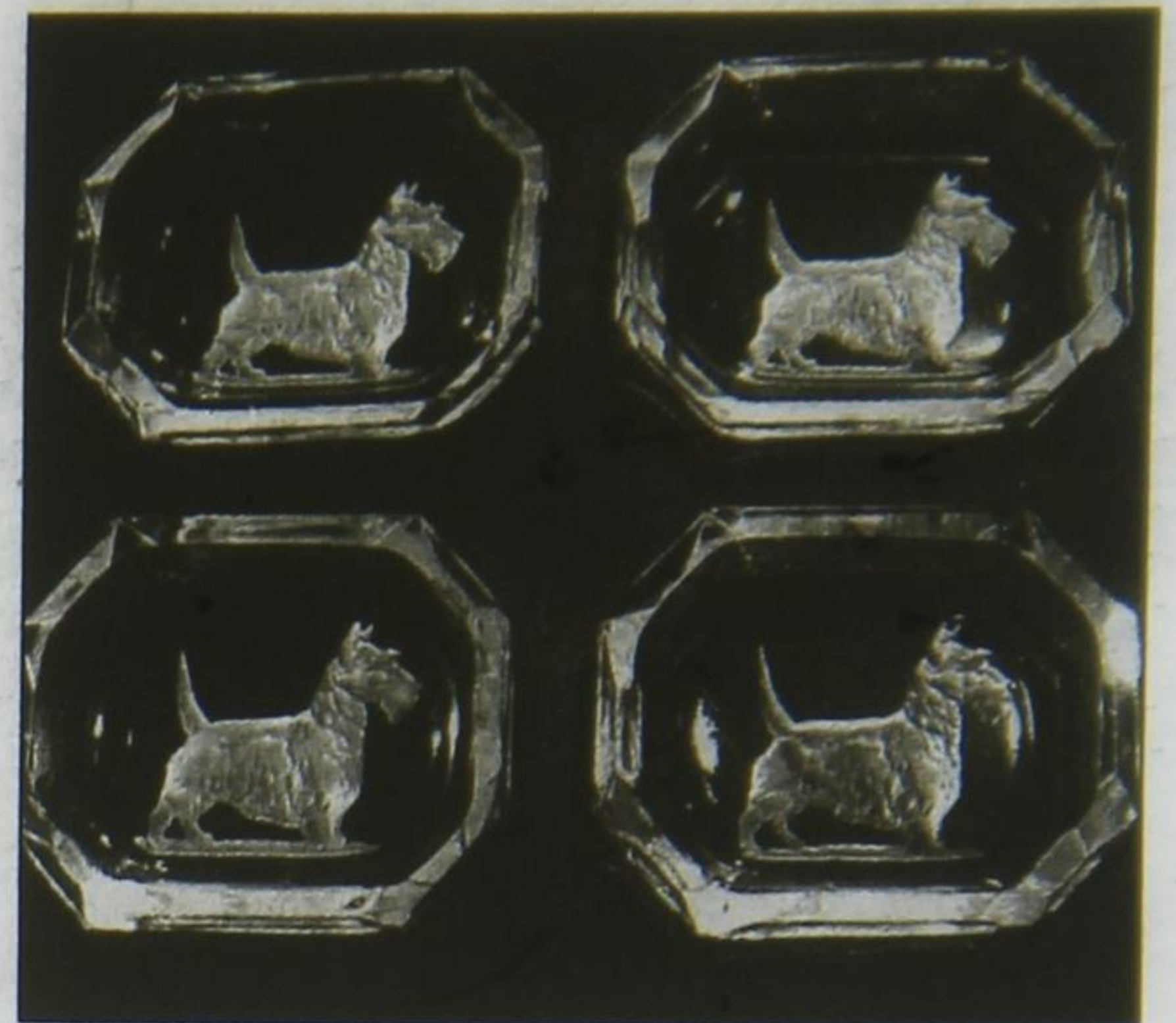
photo and a description to me through *Whitchurch Stouffville this Month* or drop it off at Reid's Antiques, 6397 Main St. Stouffville during regular business hours.

Dear Attic Treasures: I have collected these over the last ten years or so and would like to know something about them. J.T.

Dear J.T. You have some interesting bits of jewellery. The silver Heart and Crown is a brooch with the hallmarks that tell me that it was made in Edinburgh in 1956 and is sterling silver. The Crown most likely represents honour and the heart would be for love. This was possibly even a

Valentine gift and is the newest of the pieces.

The second item is a heart-shaped piece of agate on a short chain and t-bar. The chain and bar are not of the same metal as the ring in the stone and I believe that they were added at a later date. I would suggest that it is intended to be a watch fob and should be attached to a gentleman's watch chain at the point where it tucks into a vest button hole.



cherub heads on the back with a small loop that would have been used to attach it to a chain or cord. Given its diminutive size, this piece was likely intended to fit into a lady's evening bag along with a handkerchief, calling card, a pencil for her dance card, and perhaps even some mad money.

Alternatively it may have been attached to a chain and incorporated into a decorative chate-laine. This piece too has strong sentimental overtones. Due to the way the mirror appears to be assembled, there might be a love note tucked in behind. You might want to take a look sometime if it proves easy to loosen the bevel.

All of these lovely sentimental pieces are of interest to today's collectors and the items would likely sell for \$250-\$300 for the set.

Dear Attic Treasures: I got these for my birthday and don't know exactly what they are for, maybe mints? I have four of them. Can you tell me about them? Thanks, F.N.

Dear F.N. These crystal dishes have a lovely little

Scottie dog deeply etched into the underside and are only two inches wide and three inches long. They were made around the late 1920's and have a strong modern influence that can be seen in the angular shape, cut corners and bevelled edges. Due to the subject, I would suspect that these are likely Scottish or possibly English crystal. They are not marked, which is typical of crystal manufactured prior to WWII. Each dog is slightly different from the others which confirms that these are hand cut and engraved.

These tiny dishes are used for salt and would be placed along the table with one for every two guests. Some sets included tiny spoons to serve the salt, but as often as not guests simply lifted a pinch from these open flat dishes as needed. Salters have long been a collectable item. These little dogs are good examples of a less common design and would sell for \$20 each or \$100 for the set of four.

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Another sentimental piece, this was likely a token presented by a lady to the man in her life. Completely unmarked, the heart likely dates to late 1910s or early 1920s.

The last item is the oldest and perhaps most interesting of the three. It is a small mirror with Birmingham hallmarks of 1909. This makes it a late Edwardian piece of sterling silver. It has five little

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