

Connection to Aynsley China

During Joseph's lifetime (1862–1951), Aynsley China reached the height of its international reputation. The company was renowned for:

Royal Patronage: The brand held a **Royal Warrant** granted by Queen Victoria, making it a preferred supplier for luxury tableware to the Royal family.

Technological Innovation: The family is credited with perfecting the use of calcified bone ash to create "bone china," which was thinner and stronger than traditional porcelain.

Artistic Design: Joseph lived through the period when the company produced some of its most iconic floral and gilt designs, which are still highly valued by collectors today.

Kenneth Aynsley 1893 - 1975



When Kenneth Aynsley was born on 19 September 1893, in Caverswall, Staffordshire, England, United Kingdom, his father, John Gerrard Aynsley, was 38 and his mother, Ann Walker, was 36. He married Daisy Poole in September 1922, in Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire, England, United Kingdom. He immigrated to Quebec, Hardin, Iowa, United States in 1952 and lived in Stone, Staffordshire, England, United Kingdom in 1939. He died on 27 July 1975, in Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire, England, United Kingdom, at the age of 81.

Kenneth Aynsley (1894–1975) was a prominent figure in the British ceramics industry, primarily known as a director and member of the founding family of **John Aynsley & Sons**, one of the most prestigious bone china manufacturers in Stoke-on-Trent.

Key Biographical Details

Birth & Early Life: Born in 1894 into the famous Aynsley potting dynasty of Longton, Staffordshire.

Career: He served as a director of the family firm, John Aynsley & Sons (Longton) Ltd., overseeing operations during the mid-20th century, a period of transition for the British pottery industry.

Family Connection: He was the son of John Gerrard Aynsley (1855–1924) and the grandson of John Aynsley (II), a former Mayor of Longton who built the iconic Portland Works.

Death: He passed away in 1975, marking the end of an era for the direct family management of the business.

Legacy in the Aynsley Pottery Firm

Under Kenneth Aynsley's tenure and that of his relatives, the company maintained its reputation for high-quality fine bone china, often favoured by the British Royal Family. Notable historical highlights include:

Queen Victoria: The company provided tableware for Queen Victoria, establishing its royal prestige early on.

Modern Era: In 1970, during Kenneth's later years, the company was acquired by Waterford Glass (now part of Waterford Wedgwood). It continued to produce popular patterns like "Pembroke" and "Wild Tudor".

Succession: His son-in-law, J. Michael Gillow, joined the company in 1959, and his son, John Michael Aynsley, continued the family tradition into the 1960s.