

F. NICHOLSON
LIVING IN
WRENTHAM

F. NICHOLSON
1728-1752
Wrentham, MA
Believed to be the earliest documented American planemaker

I. NICHOLSON
1733-1766
Wrentham, MA
Son of Francis Nicholson. His planes are rarer than those of his father and CE. Chelor.

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CE. CHELOR
1754-1784
Wrentham, MA
One of the most famous names in early New England plane-making. He was the black slave of Francis Nicholson.

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A. HIDE
ca 1770
Norwich, CT
Possibly the earliest Connecticut planemaker.

A: Hide

O. SPICER
ca 1760-1780
North Groton, CT
Joiner, carpenter, and plane-maker.

O: SPICER

S. DEAN
1737-1747
Dedham, MA
Joiner, carpenter, and planemaker.

S* DEAN
DEDHAM



ABOVE: Louis Rodier's personal traveling display case with two bench planes and two block planes that were prototype models for his April 21, 1885 Patent. Also shown is Rodier's drafting set patterns, vintage photograph of his plane and the original patent certificate for his 1885 patent.



LEFT: Gunmetal Plow Plane: Patented in 1872 by Charles Miller. Gun metal handle integral with the frame. Rosewood knob attached to the front arm. RIGHT: Bundy's Patent Combination Match & Plow Plane: Patented on November 15, 1870. Hand stamped brass name plate. One of only two Bundy planes presently known.



Knowles Jointer Plane: This rare plane is painted a dark plum and enhanced with pin striping and patriotic shields on each side. Only known specimen with mostly all of its original paint decoration.



Jones Shoot Board Plane: Possibly the patent model, patented by Joseph Jones. Brass name plate stamped "Jones Patent Feb 20, 1866".



Leonard Bailey
1825-1905



John P. Gage
1846-1932



Henry B. Beach
1831-1908



William S. Loughborough
1827-1907

The D'Elia Antique Tool Museum is located in Scotland, Connecticut, and has on display Andrew D'Elia's Collection of Antique Woodworking Hand Planes.

Andy's extensive collection has many examples of patented transitional planes from 1820 to 1940 featuring inventors such as Knowles, Holly, Loughborough, L. Bailey, Rodier, Worrall, and many other rare inventors. All of the antique planes were acquired by Andrew D'Elia over the last 35 years. The collection consists of rare Stanley, Sargent, Connecticut plane makers, and a number of Dutch and English planes.

Also on display is a collection of rare 18th century wooden planemakers such as F. Nicholson, Chelor, I. Nicholson, I. Jones, Jo. Fuller, Jn. Tower, and others.

The museum is approximately 1,000 square feet and is located in the Scotland Public Library building. Over each of the museum's five windows are unique stained glass panels depicting a number of rare woodworking planes.



The collection of patented planes is probably the most ever assembled in one place. A number of the patented planes are represented in great depth.

A visit to the D'Elia Antique Tool Museum gives one the opportunity to study a large number of woodworking planes all in one location.



Over 1,000 planes are neatly exhibited in over 20 oak cases with glass doors and shelves. Planes are accompanied by captions providing basic information and many are displayed with a copy of their patent.



D'Elia Antique Tool Museum
21 Brook Road
Scotland, CT
Web: <http://www.deliatoolmuseum.com>

We are open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10:00AM - 4:00 PM, the first Saturday in May through the first Saturday in September. (Please check our website for any changes in dates and times.)

Directions From Worcester:

Take I-395 to Exit 91 (Rte 6). Take Rte 6 West toward Danielson to Rte 97. Rte 97 is a left off of Rte 6. Continue until you reach a stop sign at the intersection of Rte 14 and Rte 97. Turn right onto Rte 14w to Scotland.

Directions from New Haven:

Take I-95 to I-395. Take exit 83 off of 395 (Rte 97 North). Turn left onto Rte 97 and proceed to Scotland.

Directions from Hartford:

Take I-84 to I-384 split. Take I-384 East to Rte 6. Follow Rte 6 to the Rte 6 Expressway. Turn right at the end of the Expressway and continue to Rte 203. Turn right onto Rte 203. Turn left at the stoplight. At the 3-way stop intersection, take the slight left onto Rte 14. Take Rte 14 into Scotland, turn left onto Brook Rd.

Once You Reach Scotland...

Brook Road is the first right off of Rte 14w, just past the Scotland General Store and opposite the town green between the two churches.



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ANTIQUE TOOL MUSEUM

Scotland, Connecticut

