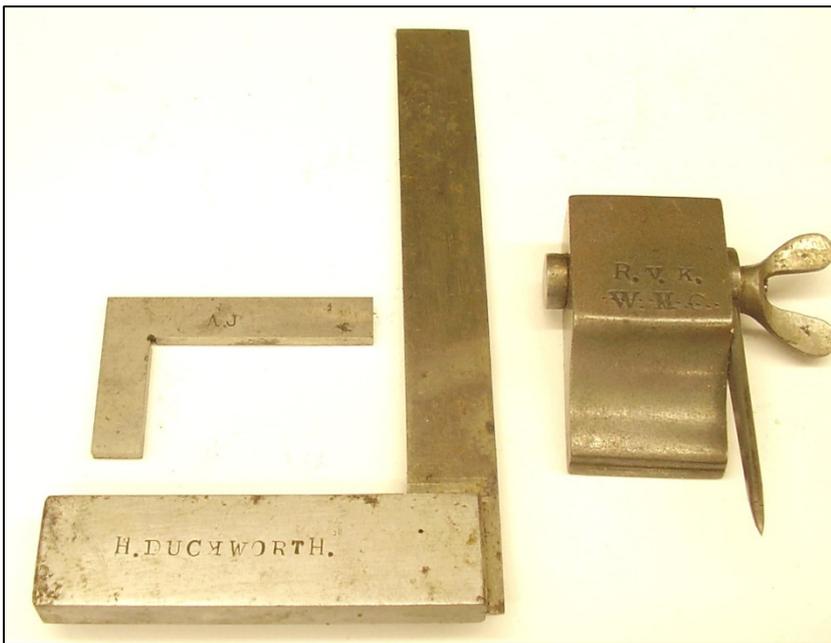


## Tool Ownership – owner’s marks on tools

This is the second of the two articles and my personal feeling is that even though I never knew the previous owners of these tools, I would like to think that they would be happy that I treasure them and sometimes use them – usually without their skill...

The marks are either the initials and surname, surname or just initials. There are (in my collection anyway) no tools with what might be called an ‘illiterates mark’ simply because these were skilled men and could not have done the job otherwise.

The marks vary between, at the basic level, scratched on marks to solidly punched names. Some have full stops, others not and some only partially. I don’t think that any have been done on an engraving machine.



A.J on the small square.  
H. DUCKWORTH on the large square with the K reversed (or upside down).  
R.V.K and W.M.C. on the scribing block



Photo 2 & 2a:

GEJB on the locking pliers  
A W York in script hand engraved or scratched into the surface.

Photo 3:

A KINDER on the upper jaw and  
A K on the lower jaw



Photo 4:

A WATTS on the jaw with a bit of bounce on  
the first 'T'.

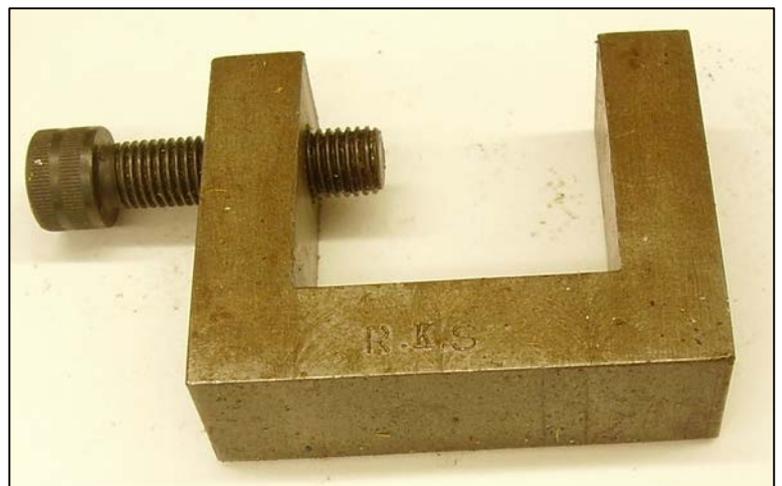


Photo 5:

R.K.S on the body of the clamp.

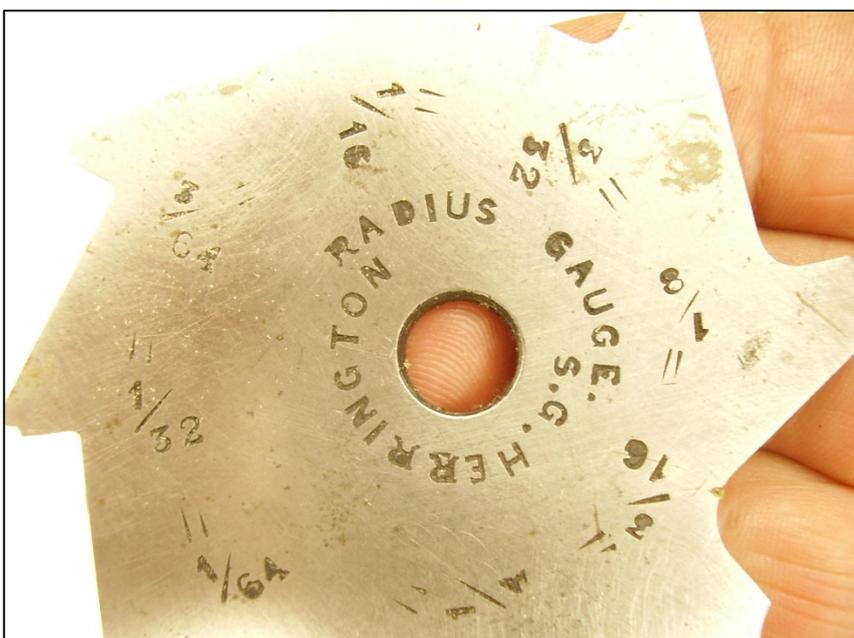
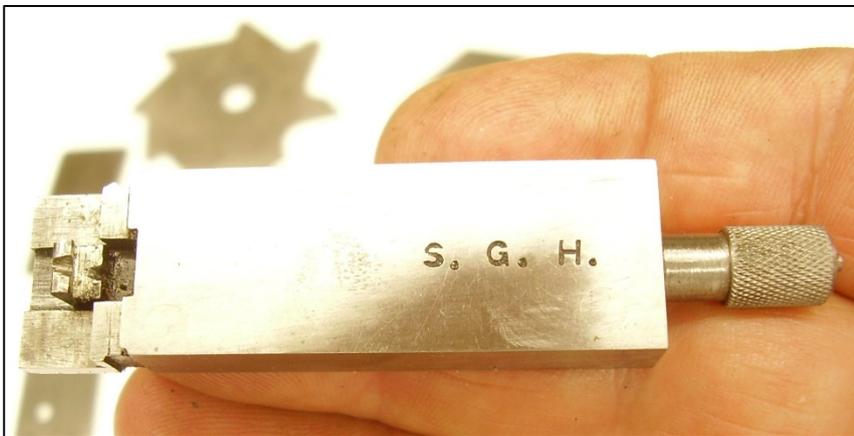


Photo 6, 6a and 6b:

A remarkable collection of gauges all stamped with S.G.HERRINGTON or S.G.H. Also there is a small tool, the purpose of which I am unsure of except that it looks as though it was designed to grip something – the finish is excellent as are all the gauges.



Photo 7, 7a, 7b and 7c:

And finally to let you know what is special about this combination square. I had not spotted what made it a little extra special because the 45deg piece was stuck in the box. I only managed to remove it a few days ago (after having possessed it for over 20 years!). Engraved in script on the combination square's rule (7a) is 'H J Fox'. So far, so normal but in the later photos, on the underside of the 45deg angle piece, (7b) is 'H J Fox' again and below it it was the surprise '1917' (7c).

I can only surmise that this was part of the war effort because few consumer goods were being manufactured at that point in the war and it has survived intact in what I believe is the owner's own box.

A very special tool.