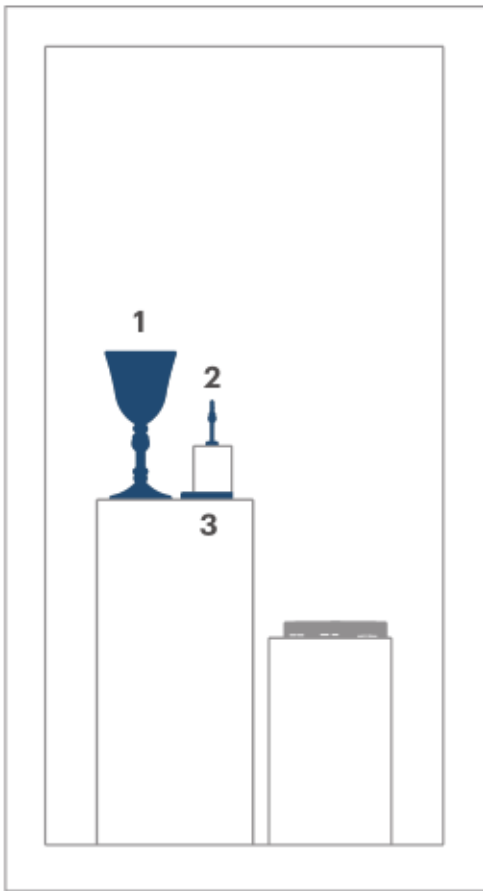


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William Cavendish was closely connected to the royal court of Charles I and was made governor to his son, the Prince of Wales. The King appointed William as a commander of Royalist forces in the north during the English Civil Wars. He was not a great military leader and his errors of judgment partly caused the crushing defeat of the King's army at the Battle of Marston Moor in 1644. Threatened by the Parliamentarians, short of money and embarrassed by his mistakes, William fled England. He sought exile in Antwerp, where he remained until the monarchy was restored in 1660. On his return his loyalty was rewarded by King Charles II and he was created 1st Duke of Newcastle. On his death William was buried at Westminster Abbey where he is commemorated as 'the loyal Duke.'



A Royal Execution

1 Silver cup used by Charles I for his last communion, 1630

Richard Cooke

Silver

Entered The Portland Collection by 1744

This plain silver wine cup was used by King Charles I for his last communion before he was beheaded on 30 January 1649. Thomas Juxon, Bishop of London was called to give the King his last communion and could only find this simple drinking cup from his lodgings. It was the last thing the King kissed before he died.

2 Pearl earring worn by King Charles I on the day of his execution, early 1600s

Unknown maker

Pearl, gold and enamel

Given to the 1st Earl of Portland by Queen Mary II, wife of King William III and granddaughter of King Charles I

The pearl was removed from the King's ear after his execution and given to his daughter Mary, The Princess Royal. King Charles' granddaughter wrote a label accompanying the pearl which reads: 'This pearle was taken out of ye King my grandfather's ear after he was beheaded and given to ye Princess Royall.'

The earring has a freshwater pearl hanging from a gold crown, orb and cross. It can be seen in many portraits of King Charles I, at least as early as 1616 when he was Prince of Wales and only 16 years old.

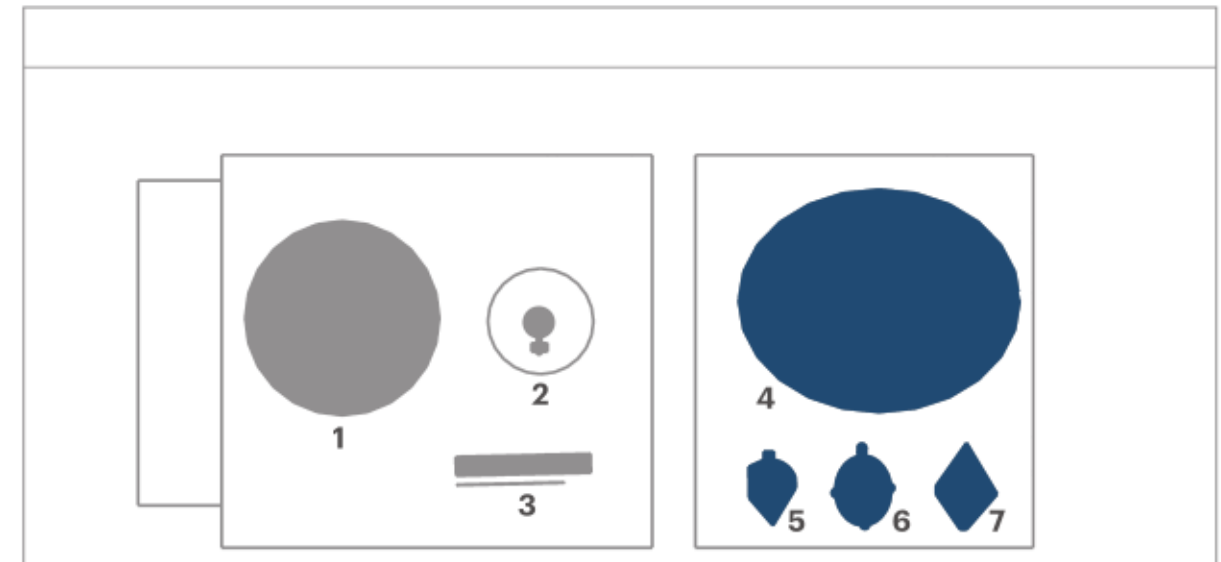
3 Toothpick and case which King Charles I gave to his guard during his imprisonment, early 1600s

Unknown maker

Gold

Purchased by the 6th Duke of Portland in 1925 from descendants of Colonel Thomlinson

During his trial, King Charles was guarded by Colonel Matthew Thomlinson who also later accompanied him to the scaffold. The King gave him his personal toothpick and case in acknowledgement of the courtesy and kindness showed to him during his imprisonment.



4 Box inset with Medallion of Charles I, 1660 medal and 1720 box

Unknown English maker

Tortoiseshell and silver

5 Heart Shaped Pendant Carved with the Head of Charles I, 1648

English

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6 Oval Medal with Bust of Charles I and Royal Arms, about 1649

English

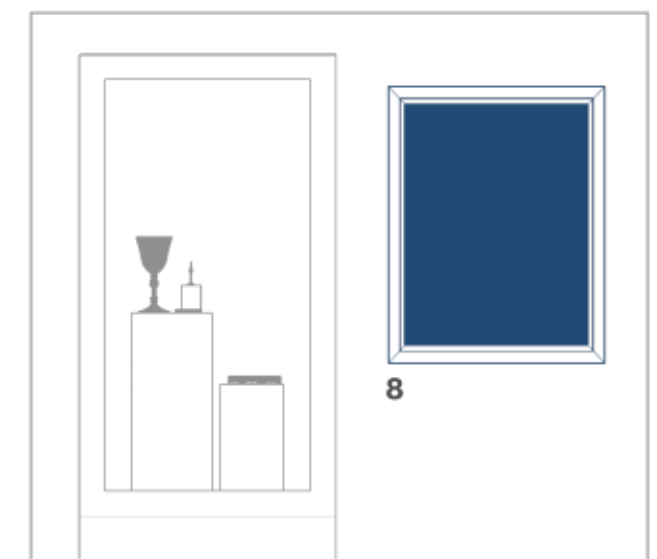
Silver

7 Newark Siege Piece Shilling, 1645

English

Silver

Minted during the third and final siege of Newark during the Civil War



8 King Charles I

Eduard Mandel, after Sir Anthony van Dyck, 1800s

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