

## Manufacturers' Marks - Overseas

A great deal of UK-manufactured corrugated iron was exported to Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. It was transported as valuable ballast in ships that would return with local produce.

### Australia

This **Best** mark was found on a roof in Adelaide, South Australia. The house in Adelaide was built in around 1902 although the iron may have been added in a subsequent re-roofing. Other iron on the same roof was made by another UK company - [John Lysaght & Co.](#)



This beautifully preserved **Merino** mark was also found in Australia. Jenny Sayer says that they had been re-roofing their house in Murwillumbah, New South Wales and, when their very rusty (only on the weather side & still not leaking) steel was removed, the makers mark of *British Make Merino* was found on several sheets. There were also some rolled up newspapers in the roof - to keep the weather out of the corrugations - and the papers were dated December 1949. Jenny thinks that the house was originally a fisherman's two room shack on the Tweed River and wonders if the materials were second hand even when it was built in 1949?



And farm owner Carly Noble of Arnold, Victoria reports that her house, built in around the 1880s, has around 300 sheets of metal in its roof and veranda, all carrying this British **Merino** mark.



This **Raven** mark was found by Ken Hooper in Mareeba, North Queensland.



The following are several marks found on some iron in these pre 1900 shearing sheds in southern New South Wales between Gol Gol and Euston.



The first is clearly a **paddle steamer**, and has no accompanying text.





The second one is a **hexagram**- maybe a Star of David?



The third - **Target**- has also been found in the UK.



The fourth one looks like '**Trademark Redcliffe**' and may have a crown in the middle.



And I can't work out this fifth one at all!



The hexagram/Star of David was also found by Alan Davis in a milking shed in Scrubland, Victoria.



The **paddle steamer** has also been found in Toongabbie, Victoria 3856.



## New Zealand

Here is another gorgeous **Raven**, found by Caleb Davis.



## South Africa



This is a photo of a **Swallow** mark found on a family farm near Jeffreys Bay. The manufacturer (from 1900) was Burnell & Co of Ellesmere Port. The company was nationalised in 1951 and closed in 1963.



The remainder of the images in this document were sent to me by Nigel Amschwand.

**Target Brand**  
Rodegat, Northern Cape

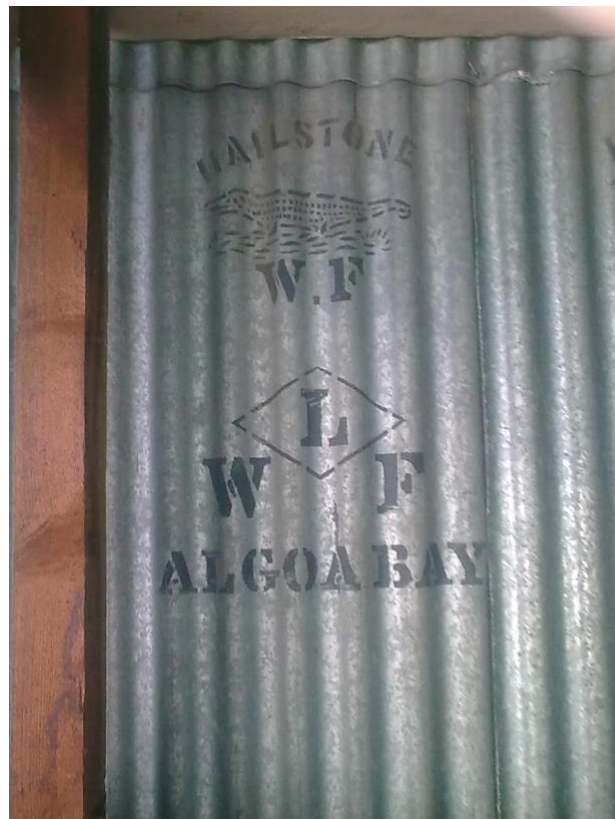


**Phoenix**  
Gran Bin, Baldwins, Grootfontein, Northern Cape

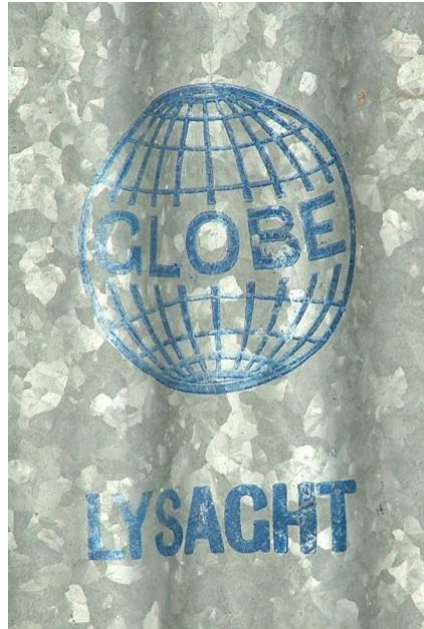




**Crocodile - Hailstone Brand**  
Masonic Lodge, Carnarvon



**Globe Brand - John Lysaght of Bristol**  
Barn, Berg River



**Lighthouse Brand - John Summers**  
18th Century Barn, Maastricht, near Durbanville



**(A different) Lighthouse Brand - John Summers**  
La Cotte, Franschhoek



**Emu Brand - Wolverhampton Corrugated Iron Co**  
La Cotte, Franschhoek



**Sun Brand**  
Moolkelder, Paarl, Western Cape



**Staley Crown**  
Pastorie at Elands Kloof

