## **Hilton Pottery Dogwood Pot**



#### N Carolina Pottery Hilton Dogwood Floral POT Catawba

#### **Description:**

This is an adorable miniature pot in the light taupe color with incised flowers; they look like Dogwood, in cream white with dark branches. This is a very nice piece of folk art pottery from one of the premier pottery families of the Catawba Valley, North Carolina.

The pot measures 2-1/4"H x 3"W and is in very good to EXCEL-LENT condition. There are NO chips, cracks or flea bites.



\$294.72

Ended: 12/15/07 History: 11 bids Starting Bid: \$29.99 Winner: NC

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### **Linda's Story** (eBay ID ladylindasloft)

I was walking thought my local Assistance League with I happened to see this cute little pot on the shelf, it measured 2-1/4" H x 3" W. It was a stoneware color with a raised Dogwood Rose on the side and just a generally cute piece. The bottom said AW Hilton and Hickory, NC so I figured since it was only 75 cents, if nothing else I'd keep it for myself.

Once home I researched AW Hilton and nothing came up but when I put in Hilton Pottery there was some information that said it started sometime after the Civil War and was sold off in 1935. I did put this information in my listing and was all set to list it at \$9.99.

Then I decided to look in completed listings and there were at least 10

other listings for Hilton Pottery and all of them had sold in the range of \$50.00 to \$180.00. So I decided to list it at \$29.99. Within about 5 mins. after my auction went up I received an email from someone asking me if I would consider a Buy It Now and I could name the amount but after listening to Lynn I wrote back that I did not do that but if he bid I wished him luck.

Within hours someone had bid on it and by mid week it was at \$86.00, then by Friday it was at \$102.00 and by Saturday morning it was at \$177.00. It sold for \$294.72. I still have a hard time believing it, but Hilton Pottery is definitely at the top of my list of things to look for.

Here is some information that I found on the Internet about HILTON POTTERY that I added to my auction listing:

John Wesley Helton is the first proven potter in the Hilton family tree. Apparently in the early days Hilton and Helton were used interchangeably, the family later kept the "I" in their name. He served in the Civil War from Catawba County. After the war he was a farmer and a potter. Several of John Wesley Helton's sons and descendents became potters. His Brother, Robert Jehu Helton was not a potter but several of his descendents became potters.

John Wesley's pottery was located On Highway 10, near Propst Crossroads. At first the Hiltons made mainly utilitarian pottery. But Ernest Auburn Hilton started making dinnerware and art pottery, perhaps what the Hiltons are best known for today. Ernest Auburn moved his pottery in 1935 to McDowell County, near Marion, North Carolina. The Hiltons made many miniatures, figurines, and even dolls.