

Auger Stove Door

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What is the “Advance Australia” Coat of Arms?

In the 19th Century Australia existed and was governed as separate colonies; however, a sense of joint national identity was developing well before the gold rush era, and this can be seen in the development of an unofficial ‘Australiana’ coat of arms, known as the Advance Australia Coat of Arms. We see slightly different versions occurring throughout the 19th Century, though most contained a shield flanked on the viewer’s left by an emu and on the right by a kangaroo, with the rising sun located directly above. The shield was divided into 4 parts; showing sheep (particularly a golden fleece), a sailing ship, a sheath of wheat, and either an anchor or mining equipment (a shovel and pick). The text “Advance Australia” was normally written on scroll-work at the base of the shield. After Federation the Advance Australia emblem gradually ceased to be used, making way for the official Australian Coat of Arms that we see today.



c.1821 example presented to Captain Silk



c.1880s example on a building in Hunter St, Newcastle

Inquiry Question Examples:

- What is the significance of the change from an anchor to mining equipment in the coat of arms?
- What is the significance of this coat of arms appearing on a stove door?