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EDWIN MEGARGEE SIGNED DOG ILLUSTRATION

Featuring a black-and-white illustration of an English Springer Spaniel puppy with signature of Edwin Megargee, in the center of the well on an 8 1/2" diameter bowl. Scammell Lamberton Ivory (S-I-27).

Why this piece was produced and how it was used is unknown. It may have been produced for retail sale through department of speciality stores during the 1930s when Scammell was branching out into fields other than food service.

Edwin Megargee was born Sylvester Edwin Megargee, Jr. in Mt Airy, Pennsylvania, in 1883. He began drawing animals and studying their anatomy as a child. After attending several art schools he began his career as an illustrator and painter of animals. His speciality was thoroughbred dogs. His work appeared on magazine covers and many book illustrations. He also designed the famous Greyhound Bus Co. logo.

Megargee died in 1958.

Information sources: 8 1/2" dish on eBay, 3/27/15. Biography: www.artnet.com.