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HISTORIC SIGNS**

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in the style of
18th & 19th
century artisans.*

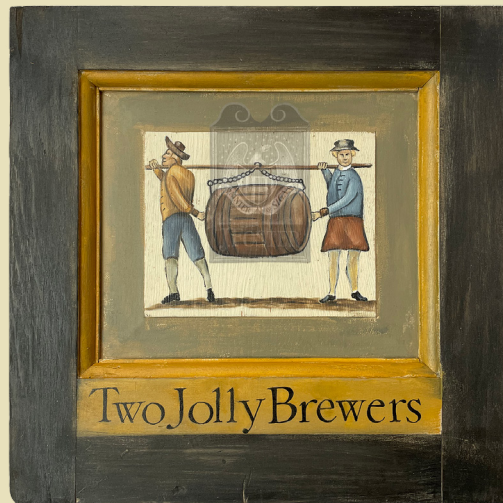
TWO JOLLY BREWERS

The sign represents two stalwart brewer's men carrying a barrel of beer slung between them on a pole. In this instance, the Pub probably obtained its name from the adjacent brewery, which occupied the site of Theobald Square, in the parish of Cheshunt in the English county of Hertfordshire, north of London.

*At each inn on the road I a welcome could find:— At the Fleece I'd my skin full of ale;
The Two Jolly Brewers were just to my mind; At the Dolphin I drank like a whale.*

Signs themselves have come down to us amongst the ruins of Herculaneum and Pompeii. A few were painted; but, as a rule, they appear to have been made of stone, or terra-cotta relievio, and let into the pilasters at the side of the open shopfronts. There have been found a goat, the sign of a dairy; a mule driving a mill, and the sign of a baker. Very similar to our *Two Jolly Brewers*, carrying a tun slung on a long pole, a Pompeian public-house keeper had two slaves represented above his door, carrying an amphora; and another wine-merchant had a painting of Bacchus pressing a bunch of grapes. At a perfumer's shop, in the street of Mercury, were represented various items of that profession—four men carrying a box with vases of perfume, men occupied in laying out and perfuming a corpse.

Often London shop signs contained indiscriminate combinations of names, such as the *Bull & Bedpost*, *Three Nuns and Hare*, or the *Wheatsheaf & Speaking Trumpet*. The best explanation was a tradesman may have taken over a trade different from his own, and being a well known sign and wanting to preserve it, he simply added an image more appropriate to his own calling.



This sign was painted on a reclaimed panel board using water-soluble oils. The reverse side treated with sealing oils. The size is 13-1/2" square. Please message for pricing.

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