ABOVE: Louis Rodier’s personal traveling display case with two bench planes and two block planes that were prototype models for his April 21, 1885 Patent. Also shown is Rodier’s drafting set patterns, vintage photograph of his plane and the original patent certificate for his 1885 patent.


Jones Shoot Board Plane: Possibly the patent model, patented by Joseph Jones. Brass name plate stamped “Jones Patent Feb 20, 1866”.

Knowles Jointer Plane: This rare plane is painted a dark plum and enhanced with pin striping and patriotic shields on each side. Only known specimen with mostly all of its original paint decoration.
The D’Elia Antique Tool Museum is located in Scotland, Connecticut, and has on display Andrew D’Elia’s Collection of Antique Woodworking Hand Planes.

Andy’s extensive collection has many examples of patented transitional planes from 1820 to 1940 featuring inventors such as Knowles, Holly, Loughborough, L. Bailey, Rodier, Worral, and many other rare inventors. All of the antique planes were acquired by Andrew D’Elia over the last 35 years. The collection consists of rare Stanley, Sargent, Connecticut plane makers, and a number of Dutch and English planes.

Also on display is a collection of rare 18th century wooden planemakers such as F. Nicholson, Chelor, I. Nicholson, I. Jones, Jo. Fuller, Jn. Tower, and others.

The museum is approximately 1,000 square feet and is located in the Scotland Public Library building. Over each of the museum’s five windows are unique stained glass panels depicting a number of rare woodworking planes.

The collection of patented planes is probably the most ever assembled in one place. A number of the patented planes are represented in great depth.

A visit to the D’Elia Antique Tool Museum gives one the opportunity to study a large number of woodworking planes all in one location.

Over 1,000 planes are neatly exhibited in over 20 oak cases with glass doors and shelves. Planes are accompanied by captions providing basic information and many are displayed with a copy of their patent.

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Directions From Worcester:
Take I-395 to Exit 91 (Rte 6). Take Rte 6 West toward Danielson to Rte 97. Rte 97 is a left off of Rte 6. Continue until you reach a stop sign at the intersection of Rte 14 and Rte 97. Turn right onto Rte 14w to Scotland.

Directions from New Haven:
Take I-95 to I-395. Take exit 83 off of 395 (Rte 97 North). Turn left onto Rte 97 and proceed to Scotland.

Directions from Hartford:
Take I-84 to I-384 split. Take I-384 East to Rte 6. Follow Rte 6 to the Rte 6 Expressway. Turn right at the end of the Expressway and continue to Rte 203. Turn right onto Rte 203. Turn left at the stoplight. At the 3-way stop intersection, take the slight left onto Rte 14. Take Rte 14 into Scotland, turn left onto Brook Rd.

Once You Reach Scotland:
Brook Road is the first right off of Rte 14w, just past the Scotland General Store and opposite the town green between the two churches.