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Derby figurines of the Welch Tailor and his Wife, c.1861-1935.

Price

GBP 600

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Item Reference: SA1074335**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Description

Derby figurines of the Welch Tailor and his Wife, c.1820 A pair of very popular satirical figures, from soft paste porcelain, depicting a tailor and his wife on goats. They were copied from figures first modelled in 1740 by the leading Meissen sculptor J.-J. Kaendler. Derby figures, first made by the Derby factory in 1760. The featured figures were made at the new Derby factory at King Street opened in 1848. The marks at the bottom were in use from 1861 to 1935 (Stevenson & Hancock mark). This suggests that these pieces were created within the specified period, according to Blackwood and Head in their book "The Old Crown Derby China Works". The figures are supposedly inspired by a real incident. Count Heinrich von Bruhl (1700-1763) was Prime Minister of Saxony and Director of Meissen (one Dresden porcelain factory) from 1735. A profligate dandy, he offered his tailor a reward of his choosing for meeting a deadline. The tailor chose to attend a court banquet. This request was considered ridiculous, so instead porcelain forms of the tailor and his wife were placed as table decorations on the count's banquet table. "Welsh" in the figure's title results from incorrec...

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