

SA1077497

**George III Rebecca Emes
sterling silver coffee pot biggin
on burner stand, 1815**

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1077497

Date of manufacture: Georgian

Dimensions

Height = 21.5 cm (8.5")

Width = 18 cm (7.1")

Depth = 12 cm (4.7")

Description

Very impressive and large George III sterling silver coffee biggin with a matching lampstand and burner. Rare historical artifact as the set is hallmarked for a female silversmith, of which there were only a handful - please see below for full details. Coffee biggins, invented by George Biggin, were originally designed to 'drip brew' coffee rather than merely boiling coffee and water in a saucepan and decanting straight into a cup. Engraved armorial family crest to the front shows that this coffeepot was commissioned by an aristocratic family. The crest depicts a bird holding a tree branch. The coffee pot has a round baluster body resting on a stepped spreading foot and a domed hinged lid with a reeded knob finial. The spout has an attractive fluted shape and a covered design to prevent spillage. The top of the pot is trimmed with a gadrooned border; the same gadrooned design decorates the stand which has a tri-foot shape. Highly ornate decoration to the stand legs in the form of lion paw feet with applied acanthi leaves just above and elegant flowerheads at the top. The feet are cast with wonderful attention to detail with well-defined claws and sinewy toes. Each ...

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