

SA1148056

Antique Pair George IV Old Sheffield Telescopic Candlesticks C1825 19th C

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1148056****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 21 cm (8.3")

Width = 12 cm (4.7")

Depth = 12 cm (4.7")

Description

This is a superb pair of antique George IV Old Sheffield silver plate on copper telescopic candlesticks, Circa 1825 in date. They are set on round bases with lovely crisp foliate decoration. Condition: In good condition. As an antique item, the pair show signs of use commensurate with age, these minor condition issues are mentioned for accuracy and, as seen in the accompanying photographs, it displays beautifully. Dimensions in cm: Height 21 cm x Width 12 cm x Depth 12 cm Dimensions in inches: Height 8 inches x Width 5 inches x Depth 5 inches

Old Sheffield Plate - or 'fused plate' as it is sometimes known, was the first commercially viable method of plating metal. The material was accidentally invented by Thomas Boulsover, of Sheffield's Cutlers Company, in 1743. While trying to repair the handle of a customer's decorative knife, he heated it too much and the silver started to melt. When he examined the damaged handle, he noticed that the silver and copper had fused together very strongly. Experiments showed that the two metals behaved as one when he tried to reshape them, even though he could clearly see two different layers. Boulsover set up in business,...

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