

SA248912

Grandest Pair Antique English Old Sheffield Plate Meat or Food Domes c.1840

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA248912****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Description

About as good as they get, so if like me, you have been waiting over a year for a great looking meat dome to come along, here we have a graduated pair. Both "hand beaten", not cast but hand beaten from a flat sheet of copper into these magnificent domes with a cast "skirt" running around both and the most spectacular cast Pumpkin handles. It is under each of these handles (removed by unscrewing the bolt) that the makers mark is present (crossed keys into a shield) for the Sheffield silversmith, Henry Wilkinson & Co. and dating to the very early Victorian era, around 1840, making this pair nearly 170 years old. The traditional way of incorporating a family or armorial crest into an Old Sheffield Plate piece is by sinking a solid sterling silver ingot into the area to be engraved, this way no base metal (copper) would show through the engraving. You can see a rectangular shadow to each dome where this was undertaken. Each has their original engraved Crest with the motto "Manus Justa Nardus". Wonderful condition, a few minor spots of copper showing as it should do, mentioned purely for accuracy. You won't top these! The larger dome measures 18" x 13 1/2" and stands 11" tall.

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