

SA330377

Grand 20" Meat or Food Dome by Wm Gibson & Coy of Belfast c.1880 - Ferns

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA330377****Date of manufacture: 1880**

Description

A very grand and impressive meat or food dome, silver plated and exquisitely engraved both sides with a plethora of Ferns, very Victorian. I am a great fan of these domes as decorative items in the dining rooms, they make an impressive statement on a table or sideboard. The underside of the handle is marked by the silversmith "Wm Gibson & Coy, Belfast" (Northern Ireland). William Gibson was born in 1838, the son of a small farmer in Drombroneth, Dromore. As a small boy he was apprenticed to his brother-in-law, James Crozier, who had an establishment in North Street, Belfast. At age 27 he set up his own business, first in North Street and then in Castle Junction at Gibson's Corner. His range widened to include silver and gold objects of very high quality. He exhibited in the U.S.A. and Paris, where he won prizes. He had his own registered assay mark. He presented elaborate silver cups to the Royal Ulster Agricultural Society and the new mace for Belfast Corporation, first used in 1913 for the tercentenary of the granting of the its Charter by James 1. He also presented Queens University with a gold mace in 1909 to commemorate its new status as a University. Both maces ar...

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