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A Magnificent Chinoiserie George II Swing Handled Basket Hallmarked London 1757 by Samuel Herbert and Co

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA635957****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 30 cm (11.8")

Width = 30.5 cm (12.0")

Depth = 39 cm (15.4")

Description

A magnificent Chinoiserie George II swing handled oval basket with applied and cast border. This heavy weight basket is a lovely example. The basket stands on four cast feet with the head and shoulders of a Chinese gentleman on the terminal of each foot. The rim of the basket has a scroll design with a repeat design of a Chinese gentleman's head at each end of the basket. The substantial shaped swing handle again incorporates the Chinese motif and has a central vacant cartouche at the middle of the handle. The sides of the basket have a pierced pattern. The centre of the interior is engraved with a coat of arms comprising of a right hand grasping a wolf's head crest and the motto 'Virtute et Fortitudine' (By Bravery and Fortitude) which we believe to be the Cooper family coat of arms of Hursely Park Winchester and 26, Grosvenor Square London. The hallmark is also very clear and is positioned underneath the right handle and shows the makers mark for Samuel Herbert & Co with the date letter for 1757 along with the Lion passant and the crowned Leopard's head. Condition: The faces to the Chinese gentlemen at the end of the basket are showing some wear where the h...

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