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Antique Solid Silver Georgian Asparagus Tongs, Leveson-Gower/Sutherland Crest - 1820

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA813315****Date of manufacture: Georgian**

Dimensions

Height = 25 cm (9.8")

Width = 1.7 cm (0.7")

Description

We are delighted to have acquired and be able to offer this pair of solid silver Georgian asparagus tongs made by William Eley & William Fearn in London, 1820. The tongs feature a wonderful classical style with the terminals of the handles presenting a scalloped design and the entire edge accented by a contrasting border formed by two fine lines. A noteworthy crest is present on the end of the handle with it bearing the crest of Leveson-Gower ('wolf statant collared and chained') and the other crest for the Sutherland Clan, described as a 'cat-a-mountain salient'. The tongs were eventually discovered at Dunrobin Castle which is situated in Sutherland (Highland area of Scotland), and was/is a very ornate and extravagant castle that is still standing today. During the period this piece was made, the 1st Duke of Sutherland, George Granville Leveson-Gower owned extensive land which eventually resulted in him being one of the wealthiest individuals in Britain to such an extent that titles and speculation such as "The Leviathan of Wealth" and "the richest man that ever died" came about to be associated with him. Leveson-Gower (1st Duke) and his wife spent a great de...

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