

SA936168

Antique Pair Old Sheffield Oval Sauce Tureens & Covers C1820 19th Century

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA936168****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 13.5 cm (5.3")

Width = 29.5 cm (11.6")

Depth = 22.5 cm (8.9")

Description

This is an exquisite and rare antique pair of English Old Sheffield Plate, silver plated sauce tureens and covers, Circa 1820 in date. A truly exquisite pair that would make a fine addition to any antique collection. Condition: In excellent condition, please see photos for confirmation. Dimensions in cm: Height 13.5 x Width 29.5 x Depth 22.5 Dimensions in inches: Height 5 inches x Width 1 foot x Depth 9 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, funded by Strelley Pegge of Beauchief, and carried out further experiments in which he put a thin sheet of silver on a thick in...

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