

SA936272

Antique Old Sheffield Silver Plated Tray George III C 1780 18th C

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA936272****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 5 cm (2.0")

Width = 62 cm (24.4")

Depth = 36 cm (14.2")

Description

This is a superb antique English Old Sheffield Silver Plate tray Circa 1780 in date. This rectangular Old Sheffield tray features a deep set, decorative gadrooned border with elegant handles decorated with acanthus leaves to each end, superb foliate and floral chased and engraved decoration and a central coat of arms. The quality and craftsmanship throughout the piece are truly second to none. Condition: In excellent condition with no dings, dents or signs of repair. Please see photos for confirmation. Dimensions in cm: Height 5 x Width 62 x Depth 36 Dimensions in inches: Height 2 inches x Width 2 foot x Depth 1 foot, 2 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 res...

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