

SA943937

Antique Old Sheffield Silver Plated Salver by Smith, Tate, Nicholson C1810 19th C

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA943937****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 20 cm (7.9")

Width = 4 cm (1.6")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

This is an exquisite English antique old Sheffield Plate salver bearing the makers mark (a hand) for Smith, Tate, Nicholson and Holult, circa 1810 in date. The elegant raised pie crust border shaped salver features hand chased foliate engraving and sits on three cast reticulated acanthus feet. Add an elegant touch to your next dining experience with this lovely salver. Condition: In excellent original condition with clear marks. Please see photos for confirmation. Dimensions in cm: Height 20 x Width 4 x Depth 4 Dimensions in inches: Height 8 inches x Width 2 inches x Depth 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 reshape them, even though he could clearly see two different...

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