

SA972837

Antique George III Old Sheffield Silver on Copper Basket Circa 1780 18th C

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA972837****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 29 cm (11.4")

Width = 34.5 cm (13.6")

Depth = 26 cm (10.2")

Description

This is a fabulous antique Neo-classical George III Old Sheffield plate silver on copper bread basket / fruit dish, circa 1780 in date. The oval swing handled dish features a pierced and engraved body in the Neo-Classical taste with a band of urns, leaf and swags. This item is of the highest quality with fabulous decorations ready to grace your dining table. Condition: In excellent condition, please see photos for confirmation. Dimensions in cm: Height 29 x Width 34.5 x Depth 26 Dimensions in inches: Height 11 inches x Width 1 foot, 2 inches x Depth 10 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 se...

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