

SA974573

Antique Old George III Sheffield Silver Plated Butter Dish 19th C

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA974573****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 13 cm (5.1")

Width = 21 cm (8.3")

Depth = 12 cm (4.7")

Description

This is a superb antique George III Old Sheffield silver plated butter dish, circa 1820 in date. The dish is modelled as a miniature entree dish, with gadrooned borders, reeded handles and four paw feet. It has a decorative engraved crest to lid and the base. Add an elegant touch to your next dining experience. Condition: In excellent condition. As an antique item, the piece shows signs of use commensurate with age, these minor condition issues are mentioned for accuracy and, as seen in the accompanying photographs, the dish displays beautifully. Dimensions in cm: Height 13 x Width 21 x Depth 12. Dimensions in inches: Height 5 inches x Width 8 inches x Depth 5 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 Cutlery 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...

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