

SA981228

Antique Masons Ironstone Pitcher & Basin, circa 1840

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA981228****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Description

A set consisting of a pitcher and basin of unique size and quality. The exquisite floral pattern suggests that these were items intended for the well-to-do. Around 1785 Miles Mason (1752-1822) took over his father-in-law's London business selling imported oriental porcelain, launching the family's prestigious association with ceramics. In 1791 the East India Company stopped importing porcelain en masse from the East, forcing Miles to look elsewhere for wares. His first manufacturing venture in 1792 was a partnership with Thomas Wolfe and John Lucock in Liverpool, and he later formed a partnership with George Wolfe to produce pottery in Staffordshire. These partnerships ended in 1800, but Miles retained the Victoria Pottery at Lane Delph (Fenton), where he began to make his own wares. Attempts to replicate the much-coveted and expensive imported porcelain from China had been made in Europe since the 15th century, but its composition was poorly researched and the Chinese guarded it closely. So-called 'soft porcelain' was being produced in Europe as early as the end of the 16th century, but despite its many improvements, it suffered from kiln slump, was uneconomical for...

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