

An important pair of early George II Trencher Salts made in Edinburgh
by Patrick Graeme, Assay Master Archibald Ure.

Sold



Description

The Trenchers have the typical rectangular form with cut corners and incuse sides. The sides are decorated with horizontal reeded bands and are engraved with the contemporary initial S, in typical Scottish script. The Salts have an oval sunken well where the salt would have been placed. These rare pieces are of an exceptional weight and are very well marked in the base. These shallow salt receptacles were referred to as trencher salts since they were placed adjacent to each diners trencher or plate. They were popular from the end of the seventeenth century and through the first three decades of the eighteenth century. To find trencher salts from London at this date is not uncommon, however to find examples coming from Scotland is particularly rare. Any form of salt receptacle is rare from Scotland, at this early date, and we have not been able to find any examples in our library or in the Shaw or David Morris Collection catalogues. These are particularly rare items, of museum importance, made by a very rare maker. The quality of production and colour are exceptional.

Length: 2.9 inches, 7.25cm.

Width: 2.2 inches, 5.5cm.

Height: 1 inch, 2.5cm.

Weight: 7oz, the pair.