

BERKELEY CASTLE. An extremely rare George II Spoon Tray made in London in 1740 by John Robinson II.

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Description

The Spoon Tray is shaped oval in form with a raised panelled rim, with scrolls at each end for carrying. The centre of the Tray is finely engraved with a contemporary Armorial surrounded by a beautiful cartouche of foliate garlands, bluebells and strapwork. The Tray has an excellent colour, is very well marked on the reverse and is also engraved with its original scratch weight. Spoon Trays are extremely rare and would have been used on the tea table as part of the tea equipage, to rest tea spoons and mote spoons on when not in use. This piece also has an important provenance attached to it, as the Arms are those of one of Englands most ancient noble families, Berkeley of Berkeley, recorded as living at Berkeley Castle since 1068. This version of the Arms were used by the Lords Berkeley of Stratton, specifically for The Honourable Charles Berkeley. In 1745 he married Frances daughter of Colonel Charles West. Charles Berkeley died in 1765, leaving a sole daughter and heiress, Sophia. She married Sir John Wodehouse, Baronet, of Kimberley, County Norfolk, subsequently created Lord Wodehouse. A very rare and unusual item of George II Silver.

Length: 7 inches, 17.5cm

Width: 3.45 inches, 8.63cm.

Weight: 3.75 oz.