A very rare George III Spitalfields Silk engraved Tea Caddy made in London in 1790 by John Touiet.

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Height: 5 cm (2")

Width: 4 cm (1.6")

Depth: 2 cm (0.8")

Description

The Caddy is rectangular in form and displays a protruding upper band which is engraved with twisted rope work designs. The rest of the main body is beautifully engraved, to the highest standard, with diamond motifs containing flower heads, all on a scratch engraved ground. It is known that silversmiths during this period copied the designs which were being produced by the Huguenot silk weavers working in Spitalfields, London, whose designs were outstanding. This is why the designs are referred to as Spitalfields Silk engraving. The Tea Caddy is in excellent condition and is fully marked on the base and with the makers mark, sterling mark and duty mark on the cover. This piece also has its original lock.

This form of Tea Caddy, engraved in this manner, is extremely rare and is represented in many of the major museum collections around the World. Examples are contained within the Victoria & Albert Museum in London and the Sterling & Francine Clark Institute in the United States.

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