

From the Burdett-Coutts Dinner Service - A very fine & unusual pair of round George III Covered Serving Dishes made in London in 1799 by Robert Sharp.

Sold



Description

The Dishes are, unusually, modelled in a circular form with a gadrooned rim and reeded drop ring handles. The slightly domed pull off covers terminate in a reed and crossed branch finial. The cover is engraved with a contemporary Armorial, flanked by a crossed branch cartouche, tied with ribbons, as well as three Crests. The base is engraved, on one side, with the same triple Crests as seen on the cover and a fourth Crest on the other side of the base. Each piece is very well marked and is engraved with its number in the dinner service and original scratch weight. The quality of design and production is exceptional, as would be expected from this fine maker who enjoyed the patronage of George, Prince of Wales, when he was furnishing Carlton House in London. This is the second time we have offered items from this dinner service, as we sold six dinner plates from this service in 2011.

The contemporary Armorial is that of the Payne family and the Crests are those of Bartlett Burdett-Coutts, for William Lehman Ash Bartlett (later Bartlett-Burdett-Coutts). son of Elias Bartlett of Plymouth, Massachusetts, U.S.A. English society was shocked when, aged 29, he married his employer Angela Georgina Burdett-Coutts. She was 67.

Angela Georgina Burdett-Coutts, 1st Baroness Burdett-Coutts, was a nineteenth century philanthropist. She was the daughter of Sir Francis Burdett, 5th Baronet and the former Sophia Coutts, daughter of the banker Thomas Coutts. In 1837, she became the wealthiest woman in England when she inherited her grandfathers fortune of nearly three million pounds, following the death of his second wife, Harriet Mellon, who had enjoyed a lifelong interest in the estate. Angela joined the surnames of her father and grandfather, by Royal licence, to become Burdett-Coutts. King Edward VII is reported to have described her as, After my mother (Queen Victoria), the most remarkable woman in the Kingdom. She was created the 1st Baroness Burdett-Coutts and is buried in Westminster Abbey.

Height: 5.25 inches, 13.13cm.

Diameter: 8.6 inches, 21.5cm.

Weight: 80oz the pair.