

A fine George I Sparrow Beak Jug made in London in 1723 by William Fawdery.

Sold



Description

The Jug stands on a ring foot and has an attractive bellied body, which rises to an everted rim. This piece has a plain scroll handle, with oval moulding where it is attached to the body, and a cast "Sparrow Beak" pouring spout, with pendant drop below. The side is engraved with a family Crest. The Jug is in excellent condition and is of a good thick gauge of silver. It is very well marked in the foot and is also engraved with a set of Betrothal initials and its original scratch weight. With regard to William Fawdery, he has a very unusual maker's mark of a single letter "F", whereas most silversmiths used their two initials. He had a long working life as he was apprentice to Robert Cooper and free by April 1697, when his first mark was registered. He had workshops in Gold Street when this piece was made and was a respected member of the trade, as he was elected "Renter Warden" on 4th October 1721. He was presumably dead by 28th September, 1727, when his widow, Hester, entered her maker's mark and started to run the workshops. Height: 3 inches, Length, handle to spout: 3.1 inches. Weight: 5oz.