

A very rare Queen Anne/Early George I Strawberry Dish made in Dublin in 1714 by Edward Workman.

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Description

The Dish is of typical plain design, with raised fluted sides and a scalloped rim. The centre is very finely engraved with a contemporary Armorial surrounded by a finely executed cartouche of strapwork, scrolls and shells. The main body is marked on the exterior side just under the rim and this piece is of a very good gauge and colour. The Armorial is that of the Thompson family of Morpeth, County Northumberland, and St Carole, County Cornwall. Although termed strawberry dishes, they were undoubtedly used for a variety of purposes. Some old inventories refer to dishes of this type as "salad dishes." Edward Workman was apprentice to James Welding in 1693 and was Freeman of the Goldsmiths company 1702-25. Queen Anne died in 1714 and was succeeded by George I, so we have to term this a Queen Anne/George I piece. As you will also appreciate Irish Strawberry Dishes rarely appear on the market from this early date. Height: 1.5 inches, 3.75 cm. Diameter: 8.6 inches, 21.5 cm Weight: 12oz.