

NORWICH. A very rare & outstanding Charles II Trefid Spoon made in Norwich circa 1683.

Sold



## Description

The Spoon is modelled in the Trefid style, with a wide end which certainly has a Provincial feel to the design. The wide bowl is decorated, on the reverse, with a reeded rat tail and the top of the stem is engraved with a set of contemporary prick dot initials, above the date 1683. The gauge of the silver is very good, as is the colour and the marks. Norfolk silver is exceptionally rare and this specific spoon has been in a number of important collections.

Length: 7.6 inches.

## Provenance:

- The Ellis Collection , Lieutenant-Colonel J. Bennett-Stanford, Pythouse, Tisbury, Wiltshire. Sold at Sothebys London, 13th November, 1935, lot 7. Bought by Mrs How.
- The Griffin Collection of Spoons, sold in the sale of the third part of the collection, New Bond Street, July, 2000.
- The David Constable Collection.

## EXHIBITED

Norwich Cathedral Treasury, 2nd September-17th October, 2004.

## LITERATURE

- The Silver Spoons of Britain, D. Constable, Volume II Page 576, fig 7.21.
- East Anglian Silver 1550-1750, Christopher Hartop, page 78, ref 53.