A very fine George III Sweetmeat Basket made in London in 1790 by Henry Chawner.

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Description

The Sweetmeat Basket stands on an oval spreading foot decorated with reeding. The main body has a navette form with reeded rim and arched swing handle and is pierced and engraved with an outer band of ovals and feathery scroll motifs. The bowl of the basket also displays a band of engraved foliate designs on a scratch engraved ground. The centre of the base is engraved with a lozenge shaped contemporary Armorial which are those of a Lady of the Blencowe family of Thoby Priory, co Essex. The Blencowes acquired Thoby Priory in 1750 by marriage to an heiress from the Prescott family. Thoby Priory, was originally a monastic foundation of the 13th century.

The basket is of an unusual design, however the quality of the piercing and engraving is typical of that seen coming from the workshops of Henry Chawner. This piece is very well marked and is in excellent condition.

Length: 7 inches, 17.5cm.

Width: 4.75 inches, 11.88cm.

Height: 5.3 inches, 13.25cm.

Weight: 5oz.

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