

An exceptional George III Covered Poultry Dish made in London in 1805 by Richard Cooke.

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Description

The Dish has a deep cushion shaped base, with pleated corners, which rises to an everted rim decorated with gadrooning and a foliate motif in each corner. The stepped, rectangular, cover is plain in design with a domed top which terminates in a cast Crest finial standing on an oval platform base with corded rim. The front and reverse of the main body is engraved with a contemporary Shield shaped Armorial with pluming scrolls above and the motto "Deus Pascit Corvos" engraved on a banner below. The base is also engraved with the Crest. The Arms are those of William (Tudway) Williams who married Elizabeth Felton at St. Martin in the Fields, London on 30th April 1804. This dish was, therefore commissioned to celebrate their marriage. William Tudway Williams was the son of William Williams and Elizabeth Tudway who married in Bristol in 1775. In the early 19th century this family were very wealthy, hence them having their Crest cast as the finial on their silver. The Dish is in excellent condition and is of an outstanding weight. It is well marked on the base, cover and finial. Richard Cooke worked in the circle of Paul Storr and his work is exceptional in terms of both design and production. He had workshops at 3, Carey Street when this piece was made and he was, by then, supplying the leading Royal Retailers of the day, such as Rundell and Co, as well as Jeffery's, Jones and Gilbert. Height: 8.6 inches, 21.5 cm. Length: 10.5 inches, 26.25 cm. Width: 9 inches, 22.5 cm. Weight: 86 oz.