An exceptional George III Soup Tureen made in London in 1802 by William Stroud.

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Description

This exceptional piece stands on a circular, stepped, spreading foot decorated with a gadrooned band. The main body is also of a circular form and rises to an everted gadrooned rim. Each side displays an angular side handle, attached to the main body with acanthus foliate mouldings. The domed cover terminates in a cast leaf capped, crossed branch, finial which sits on a circular platform base, with corded edge. The Tureen is in excellent condition and is fully marked on the foot and on the edge of the cover. The front is very finely engraved with a full Armorial, surrounded by a finely executed cartouche of tied drapery mantling.The Armorial is that of Hervey impaling Arkwright specifically for George Henry William Hervey, the son of the Rt Reverend Lord Arthur Charles Hervey, Bishop of Bath and Wells, and one of the grandsons of the 1st Marquess of Bristol. He married Emma Arkwright, daughter of William Arkwright of Sutton Scarsdale, Derbyshire. An image of a print of Sutton Scarsdale is shown, in addition to a photograph of the entrance hall circa 1900, from the Country Life archives.The tree in the impalement on the Armorial is actually a cotton tree with a bee in the chief for industry, and are the arms granted to Sir Richard Arkwright, the great entrepreneur, inventor and pioneer of industrialisation of cotton spinning.Height: 13 inches, 32.5 cm.Length, handle to handle: 16.5 inches, 41.25 cm.

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