

An extremely rare early George III Cream Piggin made in London in 1768 by William Plummer.

Sold



Description

This very rare piece is of drum form, with a wavy corded rim. The sides are beautifully pierced with pluming scrolls and geometric designs. The main body unusually stands on three applied shaped and pierced bracket feet. This piece has an unusual curved handle, pierced with ovals and scrolls. This piece is in excellent condition, is fully marked on the base and has a blue glass liner, also with a wavy rim. Piggins were early containers for serving cream, which were first made in Ireland. A pierced example is illustrated in "Irish Georgian Silver" by Douglas Bennett, however examples are extremely rare, especially from the Georgian period. William Plummer was an exceptional silversmith who had workshops at 47, Gutter Lane when this piece was made. He was a specialist pierced worker and his work is almost entirely confined to pierced saw cut pieces such as cake baskets, sugar and cream baskets and strainers. He must have had a reasonably sized establishment since piercing is of a necessity a slow process and from their survival rate his output of such pieces was high. This piece bears his distinctive maker's mark in a shaped punch. Height to the top of the handle: 3.7 inches. Height to the rim: 3 inches. Base Diameter: 2.5 inches.