HESTER BATEMAN. A very rare George III Snuffer TRAY MADE IN lONDON IN 1780 BY hESTER bATEMAN.

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Description

This beautiful Tray, made by Hester Bateman in London in 1780, has an elliptical form, with raised sides which are beautifully pierced with flower heads in roundels below a beaded rim. Each end is also pierced, and engraved, with pretty scroll work below a very rare raying Classical flower head, contained within a beaded frame. This piece, unusually, stands on four ball feet and the centre is engraved with a contemporary Armorial, surrounded by a crossed branch and blue bell cartouche, tied with ribbons above. This piece is in excellent condition and is very well marked on the reverse. The arms are those of Rashleigh, a prominent Cornish family with the main branch at Menabilly (a house rented by Daphne Du Maurier for twenty five years which featured in "The King's General", as itself, and as the basis for Manderley in "Rebecca") and another in Fowey who gained a baronetcy in 1831. They are most probably those specifically of John Rashleigh (1742-1803), father of the 1st baronetLength: 10.45 inches, 26.13 cm.Width: 4 inches, 10 cm.Height, at the end: 1.75 inches, 4.38 cmWeight: 6oz.

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