

The Mount Edgcumbe Saucepan. A very rare and large George III
Saucepan made in London in 1782 by Wakelin & Taylor

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Description

The Saucepan has a large baluster body, with slightly everted rim and "sparrow beak" pouring spout. The turned fruitwood handle is attached to the main body with a silver tubular section and heart shaped moulding. The front of the main body is engraved with a contemporary Crest, below the coronet of a Viscount. The Saucepan is very well marked and in excellent condition. It shows the interior hammer marks from when it was originally raised which is always a very desirable, original, feature. It would appear that this was a design which was peculiar to the workshops of Wakelin and Taylor, as we have not seen it by any other silversmith. The Crest and Coronet are those as used by Admiral George Edgcumbe (1720-1795). Edgcumbe inherited the Barony of Mount Edgcumbe in 1761 and was raised in the peerage to Viscount Mount Edgcumbe and Valletort in 1781. He was further elevated in the Peerage as the 1st Earl of Mount Edgcumbe in 1789. His portrait by Sir Joshua Reynolds is shown, together with Mount Edgcumbe House in Cornwall. According to the index of the surviving ledgers for Wakelin and Taylor, Viscount Valletort only made one order, which must have been this saucepan. Edgcumbe had a successful naval career and was promoted to Rear Admiral in October 1762 and Admiral in 1778. He inherited his brother's Barony in May 1761, in addition to Mount Edgcumbe House. In 1747, he was appointed Clerk of the Council of the Duchy of Lancaster, an office he retained until 1762. He was appointed Tresurer of the Household in 1765, serving until 1766, and made Privy Councillor on 26th July. In 1761 he married Emma Gilbert, the only daughter of John Gilbert, Archbishop of York. Lord Mount Edgcumbe died on 4th February, 1795 and was succeeded in his titles and estates by his only son Richard. Diameter: 6.25 inches, 15.63 cm. Height: 4 inches, 10cm. Weight: 21oz.