

The Strelley Hall Vases. An extremely rare pair of George III Tea Vases, together with their original Sugar Vase made in London in 1785 by Robert Hennell.

Sold



## Description

Each piece is vase shaped in form and stands on a square pedestal foot decorated with circular bands of reeding. The reeded scroll handles are attached to the sides of the main bodies with acanthus leaf mouldings and the rim is also decorated with reeding. The pull-off covers are finely shaped, and are decorated with a fourth reeded band, and terminate in a ball finial. The front of each vase is engraved with a contemporary Armorial surrounded by an oval bead and tie cartouche. The cover is engraved with the family Crest. The Arms and Crest are those of Edge quartering Webb impaling Hurt, for Thomas Webb-Edge Esq of Strelley Hall, County Nottingham and his wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Francis Hurt, of Alderwasley, Co. Derby. Thomas died in 1819, aged 63, and Elizabeth in 1803, aged 43. A marble wall monument, above their vault in Strelley Church, commemorates their lives.

The vases are in excellent condition and are fully marked in the foot and with the makers mark and sterling mark on the covers. At this date, tea was extremely expensive and tea vases would have been an important status symbol. It would have been the grandest family, who would have had a set of this nature made. Sets of Classical vases, of this design are extremely rare, as very few were made originally, and even fewer have remained together over the years, without being split up. An image of Strelly Hall is shown.

Sugar Vase: 8.25 inches.

Length, handle to handle: 5.45 inches.

Tea Vases:

Height: 7.25 inches.

Length, handle to handle: 4.6 inches.

Total Weight: 37oz.