Pair of George III pierced sterling silver salt cellars

Robert & David Hennell

£785



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Height: 45 mm (1.77")

Width: 80 mm (3.15")

Depth: 62 mm (2.44")

Weight: 117 g

Description

This wonderful pair of early George III sterling silver salt cellars was made by renowned silversmiths Robert & David Hennell in 1769. Each is mounted on four ball and claw feet, with pierced silver bodies exhibiting beautiful scrolling openwork sides through which the classic blue glass liners can be seen. They have pronounced gadroon pattern borders.

Each bears an unidentified engraved family crest.

Salt was a commodity for all people with a wide number of uses, and has been taxed on and off since ancient times; often as a reliable means to fund wars. At the time these cellars were made, salt was extremely expensive and people would keep it under lock and key to protect their valuable commodity. Those who could afford salt would serve it to their dinner guests in lavish cellars commensurate with the value of the precious commodity.

Antique silver salt spoons are available on request.

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