George I Scottish style silver tankard

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Height: 210 mm (8.27")

Depth: 180 mm (7.09")

Diameter: 110 mm (4.33")

Weight: 1043 g

Description

Very good example of a George I silver tankard in the Scottish style, with a stepped double dome lid surmounted by a bun-shaped finial. The body has a moulded girdle around the lower half and a collet base.

A tankard is a lidded drinking vessel. Unlidded drinking vessels with a handle are called mugs. Although it seems strange now to drink out of a lidded vessel this was the norm until the second half of the 18th century. Perhaps this was because ceilings were not plastered underneath, so without a lid you stood the risk of having dirt, straw and spiders dropping into your ale.

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