

LANGFORDS

Antique & Contemporary Silver

George III silver half-pint mug

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Sold



REF: 5635

Height: 95 mm (3.74")

Diameter: 70 mm (2.76")

Weight: 238 g

Description

This good quality George III silver half-pint mug is an unusual model for its time. There are applied bands around the cylindrical body and the handle has an acanthus leaf thumbpiece.

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In the mid-18th century, mugs with a tulip shape or a U-shaped body were introduced. Although many local or regional varieties of mug were made in the 19th century, a popular shape emerged and was variously known as the pear, belly or bulbous form and more mugs of this shape were made than of any other.