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Antique & Contemporary Silver

George III silver chamberstick

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Sold



REF: 5627

Height: 85 mm (3.35")

Diameter: 140 mm (5.51")

Weight: 387 g

Description

A simple and elegant chamberstick with round base, campana capital and moulded rims. This piece has its original, hallmarked, conical snuffer and nozzle and each piece is engraved with the family crest of crossed arrows surmounted by a crown.

As the name suggests, a silver chamberstick was designed to be carried and was used for to light the way when moving around chambers or rooms at night. Chambersticks were typically kept near the entrance so they could be used by family or guests looking to retire for the night. In the morning, chambermaids collected the chambersticks, cleaned them, and returned them for use again.

Specific features of a silver chamberstick include a central candle socket that was shorter than a regular candlestick, fitted to a flat, circular base to collect any dripping wax, plus a side handle with thumbpiece. Many, like this example had a removable scone - also for collecting wax - and a cone-shaped snuffer or extinguisher.