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Antique & Contemporary Silver

George III antique sterling silver teapot by Hester Bateman

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Sold



REF: 7850

Height: 140 mm (5.51")

Width: 255 mm (10.04")

Depth: 95 mm (3.74")

Weight: 463 g

Description

Classic late George III period antique silver teapot made by acclaimed female silversmith, Hester Bateman. The teapot features her signature bead pattern border around the rim and the teapot's body is engraved with lattice and strapwork patterns which are possibly a later addition. The handle is made from fruitwood, probably apple or pear and the teapot will serve approximately four cups of tea.

A highly skilled craftswoman, Hester Bateman was renowned for her high quality flatware and ornamental silverware, and was the most famous 18th century English female silversmith. She was part of the prominent Bateman family of silversmiths that included her sons, daughter-in-law, grandson and great-grandson.

A silver teapot pours like no other. Sterling silver is the perfect material for making teapots:

- No other material can be fashioned into such elegant and detailed forms, reflect light as beautifully, and a perfectly formed silver teapot spout will never drip.
- Second only to diamonds, silver has the highest thermal conductivity of any material, meaning that tea leaves can be brewed at a higher temperature than in any other teapot, allowing the tea leaves to fully release their flavours.
- That same high thermal conductivity means a silver teapot will retain heat and keep tea hot for much longer.
- Unlike porcelain and ceramic teapots, silver is sturdy and long-lasting, does not shatter and the occasional dent can be debruised.

Estimated weight given excludes the wooden handle and finial.