

A very important pair of William & Mary Footed Salvers made in London in 1690, Maker's mark of TA with a pellet between

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Description

These exceptionally fine pieces are of an early date for such a piece and represent rare survivors from this period. Footed Salvers are usually found singly, so to find a pair from the Seventeenth century is very unusual and important. Each stand on a trumpet shaped foot, with original hammer marks from when they were raised and fashioned in 1690. The foot also displays a chased gadrooned rim. The flat tops have a raised border, which is also chased with a similar gadrooned band to that as seen on the foot. The centre displays some of the finest engraved Armorials we have seen of the late seventeenth century, with Crest above, all surrounded by a cartouche of strap work, scrolls, blue bell garlands and ribbons. Each piece also has a centre point, which is also a sign of fine production, used by the silversmith so that they were made perfectly circular. The Salvers are very well marked on the top and each with the sterling mark on the rim of the foot. Both pieces are of the finest quality, are in excellent condition, and have a very fine colour. We offered a footed salver of 1691, however this pair now become the earliest examples we have ever offered over the years. The maker's mark is shown on page 143 of Jackson's "Gold & Silver Marks". Silver from the reign of William & Mary is scarce, as it only lasted six years before Queen Mary died and King William went on to reign alone as William III, until his death in 1702.

The Footed Salvers have an important provenance, as the Armorials are those of Montague, quartering Monthermer. They are, of course, the Arms as borne by the still extant Dukes of Manchester and Earls of Sandwich.

Height: 2.5 inches, 6.25cm.

Diameter: 8.5 inches, 21.25cm.

Weight: 29oz, the pair.