

MARY COOKE ANTIQUES LTD
Fine Antique Silver

An exceptional & very rare pair of george ii cast creamboats made in London in 1744 vy isaac Duke.

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Description

It is most unusual to find this style in the smaller cream boat size. Each stands on a shaped oval foot decorated with reeding. The deep main body rises to a shaped scroll lip moulding, with a scroll under the spout. The rear displays a partly hooded section decorated with scrolls and each has a leaf capped scroll handle. The front is engraved with a contemporary Armorial surrounded by a Rococo shell and scroll cartouche. The side is engraved with the associated, contemporary Crest. Both pieces are in excellent condition, have a fine colour, and are very well marked in the foot. These would have been used for creams or condiments on the table, however this size is very seldom seen in pairs from this period. The Arms are those of Stanwix impaling Whelpdale. They are specifically those of Joseph Stanwix and Mary Whelpdale who married at St. Margarets's Westminster on 15th July, 1714. He died in 1747 leaving a substantial estate including "All (his) furniture and Silver" to his wife for her lifetime as well as £ 400 for immediate support and the interest on all investments. In addition to this he was able to leave £ 1000 and a £ 100 annuity to one of his daughters. Mary died in 1759. The work of Isaac Duke is very sought after and extremely rare. He was apprentice to the exceptionally fine silversmith Edward Feline. His first mark was entered in 1743, therefore this represents an early example of his work and he had workshops in Wych Street, Drury Lane when these boats were made. He died on 11th July, 1789 and in his obituary it states that it was "Suddenly", while at supper with his family". These were contained within the Dr Christine & Jim Chance collection of Sauceboats, the most important collection of its type formed in the last quarter of the 20th century. Part of their collection was bequeathed to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford after their death. Height: 3.45 inches, 8.63 cm. Length: 6.6 inches, 16.5 cm. Width: 2.9 inches, 7.25 cm. Weight: 22oz, the pair.