

An important early George II Salad/Fruit Dish made in London in 1730
by Anne Tanqueray.

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Description

This important piece stands on four very unusual cast, shaped, bracket feet. The main body is oval in form, has a deep bowl and rises to a stepped rim. The centre is engraved with a contemporary Armorial with Coronet above, all surrounded by a very unusual linear and scroll cartouche. The Dish is marked on the reverse in addition to being engraved with its original scratch weight. The Arms are those of Palffy of Erdod Hungary. The Arms of this family appear on a number of London made pieces of silver dating from the eighteenth century, many in museum collections. The family descended from Paul Palffy III of Dereszika who married Calire, daughter of Nicholas Bakacs of Erdod, at the end of the fifteenth century. An important cast basket by John Pero, with the same arms, is illustrated in "The Huguenot Legacy English Silver 1680-1760" from the Alan & Simone Hartman Collection by Christopher Hartop. This Dish was last on the market in 1991 and was sold by the prestigious London dealers Partridge of New Bond Street and is illustrated in "Silver at Partridge, London" October 1991 by Timothy Shroder. Anne Tanqueray is considered one of the most important Huguenot Lady Silversmiths and her work is highly sought after, being in nearly all of the important public and private silver collections around the World. She was the elder daughter and first child of the prominent silversmith David Willaume and married David Tanqueray, her father's apprentice, in 1717. On his death in 1724 she entered two marks from workshops in prestigious Pall Mall. She was dead by 1733, so had a relatively short working life, however her output was exceptionally fine, resulting in her becoming subordinate goldsmith to King George II in 1729. This dish is of a very unusual design and was most probably used for fruit or salad. It is in excellent condition, with a quite outstanding colour. A piece of museum rarity. Length: 9.75 inches, 24.38 cm. Width: 8 inches, 20cm. Height: 1 inch, 2.5 inches. Weight: 23.75 oz.