A very fine George III Muffin Dish made in London in 1795 by John Edwardes III

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Description

The Dish has a deep circular stepped base which is decorated with reeding. The border is engraved with a contemporary Crest. The high domed cover also has a reeded base and rises to a ball finial. The front of the cover is engraved with a shield shaped Armorial, with Motto beneath. The dish is in excellent condition and is very well marked on the base and cover. The muffin dish also has a Victorian silver plated warming stand, which can be filled with hot water to ensure that the muffins are kept hot. The Arms, Crest and motto are those of Lawson (probably the Lawsons of Brayton, Cumberland). The Lawson family of Brayton (established in the time of Henry III and granted a baronetcy by James II) died out in 1806 leaving their estates to the Wyburgh family who took the name and arms of Lawson. The second of these was Wilfrid Lawson (1795-1867) who inherited the estates in 1813 and was himself created a Baronet in 1831. This title died out in 1959. Their seats were at Brayton Hall and Isell (both in Cumberland). Brayton suffered a serious fire in 1918 and Isell Hall has descended within the family and remains in private hands.John Edwardes III was apprenticed to Paul Storr's partner, William Frisbee, in 1789. He entered his first mark on 24th November 1788 and he occupied workshops at 4, Jewin Street, when this dish was made. A.G. Grimwade in "London Silversmiths 1697-1837 – Their Marks and Lives" emphasises that Edwardes's surviving work shows a high standard of design and execution. He seems to have produced a number of fine silver gilt tea services and other domestic plate. Being apprentice to William Frisbee he must have been in the circle which included the young Paul Storr.Diameter of the base: 7.45 inches, 18.63 cm.Height: 4 inches, 10 cm.Weight: 18oz.

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