

An exceptionally fine pair of George III Silver Gilt Ice Spades made in London in 1819 by William Eley, William Fearn & William Chawner.

Sold



Description

The Spades are modelled in the "Hourglass" pattern, which is double struck, the pattern being on the front, as well as the reverse. Both are of a very good gauge of silver and each is engraved at the top of the stem with a contemporary Armorial, with Crest above and Motto below, engraved on a banner. The Arms are those of Corbet impaling Taylor, with an augmentation of the red hand of Ulster for a Baronet. They are, therefore, those of Sir Andrew Corbet (1766-1835), 1st Baronet of Moreton Corbet, who married Mary Taylor of Lymm Hall, Cheshire, in 1790. Sir Andrew and Lady Corbet lived at Acton Reynald Hall, not far from the spectacular ruins of the ancestral seat of Moreton Corbet Castle, an Elizabethan manor house of remarkably sophisticated and ambitious design - now an English Heritage property. We have attached images of the house, and the ruin today.

The Spades are one of the finest pairs we have offered over the years, such are their quality, gauge and condition. These would have been used to serve ice cream, during the dessert course, hence them being silver gilt. It was the grandest families who used silver gilt for dessert, following on from the tradition of the French Court. They would be used, today, for the same purpose, as well as serving a variety of items on the dining table.

Length: 10 inches, 25 cm.

Width of the bowl: 2.55 inches, 6.38 cm.

Weight: 14oz, the pair.