An extremely fine George III Neo Classical English Provincial Bread Basket made in Sheffield in 1777 by Richard Morton.

£4,250



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Description

This beautiful example stands on a flared beaded foot pierced with arched vertical pails. The main body is decorated with beaded bands and pierced with wave motifs, flower heads in ovals and plain vertical pails. The main body is also engraved with laurel leaf garlands. The arched, beaded, swing handle is pierced with oblong motifs, stylised quatrefoils and roundels. The centre of the bowl is engraved with a contemporary Armorials, with tied ribbons above and crossed branches below. The Arms are those of Westby of Thornhill, Co. Clare and High Park, Co. Wicklow, quartering those of Neville. William Westby Esq., of High Park, married Mary, daughter and sole heiress of Richard Neville Esq., of Furnace, Co. Kildare in 1743.

The Sheffield Asay Office was established in 1773, therefore this represents an early exmple from this centre of silver production. Sheffield was well known for the beautiful Classical designs which were produced during thsi period.

Height, to the rim: 3.1 inches, 7.75cm.
Length: 14 inches, 35cm.
Width: 10.1 inches, 25.25cm.
Height, to the top of the handle: 9.75 inches, 24.38cm.
Weight: 24oz.

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