

John Schofield. A very unusual pair of George III Cast Candesticks made in London in 1797 by John Schofield.

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Description

These exceptional Candlesticks are cast and stand on a circular base decorated with gadrooning. The tapering central shafts are decorated with gadrooning and unusual linear bands. The base of the candle socket is decorated with unusual spear head motifs and the detachable nozzles display a gadrooned rim.

Both the base of the candlestick, and the nozzle, are engraved with a contemporary Crest. The Candlesticks are in excellent condition, are of a very good weight and display crisp marks on the bases and on the nozzles. John Schofield was a quite exceptional silversmith who made very fine candlesticks, however these are modelled in a very unusual design. They are also of a smaller size and would be ideal for an informal dinner party. Schofield was patronised by George III, and his son The Prince of Wales, later George IV, when he was furnishing his Carlton House residence on the Mall in London. A.G. Grimwade in "London Goldsmiths 1697-1837, Their Marks & Lives" states that "In his candlesticks and candelabra Schofield displays a high degree of elegant design executed with impeccable craftsmanship, which rivals at best the contemporary French goldsmith Henri Auguste ". It seems likely that he worked for Jefferys, Jones and Gilbert, the then Royal goldsmiths. These candlesticks certainly illustrate elegant design and impeccable craftsmanship. Schofield had workshops at 29 Bell Yard, Temple Bar, when these pieces were made. Height: 8.6 inches, 21.5 cm. Base Diameter: 4.8 inches, 12 cm. Weight: 36 oz the pair.