

The Holmewood House Dinner Plates. A very fine set of eight early George III Dinner Plates made in London in 1767 by Sebastian & James Crespel.

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Description

The Dinner Plates are of shaped circular form and display a raised rim which is decorated with an applied gadrooned band. The border of each plate is finely engraved with a contemporary Crest. The reverse is also engraved with a set of contemporary initials. The plates are in excellent condition, are of a thick gauge, and have a fine colour. Each plate is very well marked on the reverse and is, in addition, engraved with its number within the dinner service and its original scratch weight. The Crest is that as used by James Haffenden of Holmewood House, Kent. James Haffenden died in 1783 aged 76 and is buried in Tenterden Church. A picture of Holmewood House and the Holmewood Memorial is also shown. Sebastian & James Crespel were of Huguenot descent and worked closely with the partnerships of Wakelin & Taylor. Their mark is often to be found on meat dishes and dinner plates of the finest quality. They had workshops in Whitcomb Street, Leicester Fields, when these plates were made. An exceptional set. Diameter: 9.5 inches, 23.8 cm. Weight: 144oz, the set.