

YORK. An extremely rare George III Wax Jack made in York in 1809 by Robert Cattle & James Barber.

Sold



Description

The Wax Jack stands on a rectangular base which is decorated with reeding. This example has a wirework frame which rises to a rectangular drip pan and a circular nozzle, where the tip of the wax is fed through. The wax coil is wound around a central removable bar and the conical shaped extinguisher is attached to the side with a chain. The thumb piece, of the carrying handle, is engraved with a contemporary Crest. The Wax Jack is in excellent condition and is fully marked on the base and with the makers mark, sterling mark and duty mark on the extinguisher. The makers mark shown is the Incuse mark of Cattle and Barber, which is where the silversmiths engraved their mark, rather than have it stamped on with a punch. Wax Jacks were used on a desk for sealing wax, or as a slow burning taper to light other candles in the house from. Wax Jacks from York are extremely rare and this is one of only a handful known to exist. This specific piece was included in the York silver exhibition, organised in 2000.

Height: 5 inches, 12.5cm.

Length of the base: 3.5 inches, 8.75cm.

Weight: 6.5oz

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