MARY COOKE ANTIQUES LTD Fine Antique Silver

A highly important and extremely rare set of six William III Britannia Standard Trefid Spoons made in London in 1697 by Joyce Issod.





Description

The Spoons are modelled in the Trefid style and display a reeded rat tail on the back of the bowl. The top of the stem is engraved with a beautifully designed mirror cipher, which was typical of this date. The spoons are in excellent condition, being of a good thick gauge and having good bowls and a fine colour. The marks are not worn away, as there is no wear to the spoons, they were just originally lightly struck on the stems. To find a set of Trefid Spoons at this date is extremely rare. The most important aspect, however, is that they were made by a Lady spoon maker. These are the earliest spoons we have ever seen being made by a Lady silversmith, as the profession was male dominated at this date. This makes them highly desirable to a spoon collector. Joyce Issod, was the widow of Thomas Issod, a specialist in the field of spoon making. She had workshops in Fleet Street when this set were made.

Length: 7.9 inches, 19.75cm. Weight: 12oz.