An exceptionally fine early James I Lion Sejant Spoon made in London in 1609 by William Caldwell.

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Description

This very fine example has a fig shaped bowl, of good guage, rising to a hexagonal stem terminating in a cast "Lion Sejant" finial, retaining most of its original gilding. The sitting lion is in very fine condition, retaining much of its detail. This piece is very well marked on the stem and in the bowl and has a good colour. The maker's mark of a C enclosing a W is attributed to William Caldwell. He was apprentice to Patrick Brue, a major specialist spoonmaker. By 1599 Cawdell's business had developed to an extraordinary extent and he was sending large parcels to the Assay Office to be marked. Cawdell achieved prosperity in his craft and was probably the major trade supplier of his day. Perhaps Cawdell's finest and most important work is demonstrated by the Tichborne Celebrities of 1592.Length: 6.75 inches, 16.88 cm.Width of bowl: 2 inches, 5cm.Weight: 4 oz.

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