

bATEMAN FAMILY. A very rare George III Eight Division Toast Rack made in London in 1791 by Peter & Ann Bateman.

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Description

Toast Racks made by any member of the Bateman family dynasty are rare and the few examples by Hester, which are known, are often light wirework designs. This piece by Peter & Ann Bateman is of very fine quality and unusually stands on a broad rectangular, cut cornered, stand to catch the crumbs. This is an unusual design feature by any silversmith. The stand has four very unusual feet, with reeded edge, in addition to being decorated with a raying shell, with scroll end. The rim of the stand displays a triple reeded border and the centre is engraved with a set of contemporary initials, surrounded by a cartouche of drapery mantling, tied with tassels. The main body has eight divisions of good gauge and an octagonal carrying handle, with disc below, also engraved with the same initials as shown on the base. This piece is most unusually made, as the divisions are held in place by a beautifully made skewer mechanism on the underside. The Toast Rack is in excellent condition and is fully marked on the underside of the stand and if the divisions are removed, this is also marked on the bottom. The base also displays a good assay slither, which is a desirable original feature to see. Toast Racks from the Eighteenth century are, in fact, rare from any silversmiths workshops, as they gain popularity in the early nineteenth century. A very rare example of Bateman family silver.

Legth: 7.5 inches, 18.75 cm.

Width: 5.9 inches, 14.75 cm.

Height: 7 inches, 17.5 cm.

Weight: A very good 16oz.