

HESTER BATEMAN. An exceptional George III Teapot made in London in 1784 by Hester Bateman

Sold



Description

The Teapot is of the oval straight sided form, favoured by Hester, with an applied beaded band at the base. The shaped cover also displays a beaded band and terminates in a fruitwood and silver finial. The sides and cover are engraved with an eclectic mix of bright cut and prick dot bands, including stylised foliate motifs. The front of the Teapot is engraved with an oval bright cut cartouche, with tied ribbons above, containing a contemporary double eagle Crest. The reverse is also engraved with the same cartouche, however this one is engraved with a set of contemporary script initials. The teapot has its original fruitwood scroll handle and a straight spout. The handle is attached to the main body with tubular ribbed sockets.

The Teapot is in quite excellent condition and is fully marked on the base and with the maker's mark and sterling mark on the cover. Our heraldic advisor has concluded that the Crest and initials are those as used by the Wrentmore family. The family first appear in Somerset circa 1190, centring on Leight-upon-Mendip and Coleford. The initials are almost certainly those of Robert Wrentmore who married Susannah Newton at Carhampton on 28th April, 1786. This Robert was born in 1760 and died in 1822. The hinge is very well marked and the base displays a good assay slither, which is a desirable, original, feature to see.

Length, handle to spout: 11 inches, 27.5 cm. Width: 4 inches, 10cm. Height: 6 inches, 15cm. Weight: 16oz.