

An extremely rare George III Irish Snuffer Tray & Scissors made in Dublin in 1794, the Scissors by John Stoyte and the tray bearing the incuse maker's mark of WC.

Sold



Description

The Snuffer Tray is modelled in a very unusual elongated, rectangular, form, with incuse corners and a raised rim decorated with reeding. The main body is decorated with a herring bone band, flanked by a double beaded frame and the centre displays a cartouche of drapery mantling, containing a contemporary Crest. Each end is beautifully pierced with engraved flowerheads in roundels. The Tray is in excellent condition and is very well marked at each end. The Snuffer Scissors are beautifully modelled with unusual arms pierced with wavy designs and octagonal finger grips. The snuffing box displays an unusual bat wing shape and is engraved with bright cut flower heads and prick dot designs. The box is also engraved with the same Crest, which is seen on the tray. The interior of the box displays two crisp sets of hallmarks. It is not unusual to see the tray and scissors by different silversmiths, as the scissors were usually made by specialist sprung tong makers. This is the first time we have seen an Irish Snuffer Tray with its, original, scissors such are their rarity and very few are known. The images, do not fully capture their special nature and the engraving is in original, crisp, condition.

Length of Tray: 11 inches, 27.5 cm.

Width of the Tray: 3.75 inches, 9.38 cm.

Length of Scissors: 6.9 inches, 17.25 cm.

Total Weight: 10oz.