

A very fine pair of George II Tea Caddies made in London in 1752
by Samuel Taylor

£4,500



Description

The Caddies stand on a circular foot decorated with raying flower heads and foliate motifs on a matted ground. The main body has a baluster form and is also chased with flower heads and leaves, in a similar manner to the foot. The front of each piece is engraved with a lozenge shaped Armorial, with a Rococo scroll surround. The covers are decorated with foliate designs and terminate in a floral sprig finial. Each piece is in excellent condition and are fully marked in the foot. The Arms are those of a Lady or Widow of the Browne family of Brinsop Hall, County Lancashire. Samuel Taylor was apprentice to the Caddy maker, John Newton, 3rd March, 1737. His first mark was entered on 3rd May, 1744. He had workshops in Maiden Lane, Wood Street, when these were made. Like his Master, whose business he probably succeeded to, Taylor was a specialist in tea caddies and sugar bowls and his mark is rarely, if ever, found on pieces outside of this category. Height: 5.5 inches, 13.75 cm. Diameter at the widest point: 3.5 inches, 8.75 cm. Weight: 16 oz, the pair.