A very rare and fine early George I Jug, formerly in the Albert Collection, made in Edinburgh in 1722 by William Aytoun, Assay Master Edward Penman.

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Description

The Jug stands on a cast stepped circular foot decorated with a reeded band. The foot rises to a bold baluster body with ogee moulded rim. This piece has a wide, heavy, cast harp shaped handle and cast "sparrow beak" pouring spout, with pendant drop below and very unusual heart shaped motif at the top. The Jug is in excellent condition, with a fine colour, and is very well marked in the foot. This piece is unusual because of its size and early date for such an object. The Jug is larger than a jug which would have been part of a tea set, however is smaller than a beer jug. We thought that it may have been a special order, however a similar piece was exhibited at the "Silver Made in Scotland" exhibition held in Edinburgh in 2008. The Jug in question was made in Edinburgh in 1714 by Mungo Yorstoun and is of a near identical form and size and is labelled as being the oldest known example of a Scottish Cream Jug. They also make the point that its use may have been interchangeable and that it may have been used when taking tea for milk and also during dessert for cream. With this in mind, the piece we offer also represents a very rare early example of such a vessel. The Jug we offer is illustrated in the catalogue of the Albert Collection on page 214. The Albert Collection, now dispersed, was one of the most important collections of silver assembled in Britain during the last thirty years of the 20th century. Height, to the top of the handle: 5.1 inches.Length, handle to spout: 4.5 inches.Weight: 9oz 18dwt.

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