An extremely fine George II Serving Slice made in London circa 1745 by Edward Aldridge I

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Description

This very fine Server is one of the first designs which can be found of such pieces and is right at the beginning of their production. The blade is triangular in form with a rounded end and wavy top edge. The blade is finely pierced with interlocking foliate scrolls, as well as stylised pineapples and clover motifs. The tubular silver handle has a turned fruitwood end and displays a raying shell moulding where it is attached to the blade. The reverse of the blade is engraved with a contemporary Crest, with a Motto above.The Crest and Motto are those of the Conner family. The Connor family are listed as being of Manch House, County Cork, Ireland. The Conners are a recorded Cork family in the 18th century. Daniel Connor of Bandon was the agent of the Duke of Devonshire on his Cork estates in the mid 18th century. The Connors of Ballybricken were descended from the Conners of Bandon Bridge (a branch founded by a merchant who purchased estates in 1702).The Slice is in excellent condition and is marked on the back of the blade. Considering the maker, Edward Aldridge I, he entered his first maker's mark on 5th February, 1724. He was a specialist pierced worker of fine quality and had workshops in Foster Lane, when this piece was made. These pieces are marked when they are solid and then they are pierced afterwards, as stamping hallmarks on a pierced object would damage it. Very often parts of the marks are lost in piercing, however there are enough for us to firmly date it and attribute its making to Edward Aldridge.Length: 11.5 inches, 28.75 cm.Width at the top of the blade: 4.8 inches, 12 cm.

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