

An important early George II Miniature fire grate, with fire irons, made in London circa 1720 by David Clayton.

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Description

The fire grate, with its irons, is one of the rarest items which can be found in miniature by David Clayton. As you will see from the images, the grate has an openwork front and base with two conical side supports. The removable back plate has an arched top and is decorated with a central oval and an outer border decorated with linear designs. The grate comes with three fire irons, consisting of a shovel, poker and pair of coal tongs. In addition, the set includes a beautifully modelled trivet, probably for a kettle to stand on. The set is in quite excellent condition and is marked three times on the grate and with the maker's mark on the poker, shovel and trivet. The Tongs are unmarked, however we have no doubt that they are contemporary with the other pieces. As we have intimated, a fire grate, with irons, is extremely rare and one is illustrated on page 94 of "Starting to Collect Silver" by John Luddington. Length of Grate: 4.6 inches. Height of Grate: 4.2 inches. Length of Trivet: 3.5 inches. Length of Tongs: 4.2 inches. Length of Shovel: 3.75 inches. Length of Poker: 3 inches.