

ROYAL - A very fine pair of George II Serving Dishes made in London in 1744 by John Jacob.

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Description

The Dishes are of shaped oval form, with a raised rim decorated with gadrooning. Each border is engraved with the Royal Arms surrounded by a Garter engraved with the Motto of the Order of the Garter, "Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pense". This is all surmounted by the Crown of the Sovereign and flanked by GR for George Rex. The engraving is as used by King George II, 1683-1760, who reigned as King of Great Britain, 1727-60. A painting of the King in his Coronation Robes is shown. The dishes are in excellent condition, with a fine colour, and are engraved with their original scratch weights and their numbers within what have been a vast dinner service. They were also at some point in the collection of the Earls' of Fauconberg & Conyers and are engraved with F & C, a coronet and the collection inventory number. These are also very desirable as they were made by John Jacob, a scarce, but exceptional silversmith. He entered his first mark on 3rd May, 1734 and had workshops in Heming's Row, near St. Martin's Lane and signed himself as Jean Jacob, denoting his Huguenot descent. By 1739 he had moved to Spur Street, Leicester Fields, where these dishes would have been made. In 1768 he was working in Panton Street, where some of the finest silversmiths were located. In 1738 he married Anne, daughter of Augustine Courtauld of the very fine and famous silversmithing dynasty. A.G. Grimwade describes him as a "Fine Rank" silversmith, whose work is found on Rococo baskets, candlesticks and hollowware for the table. Length: 12.75 inches, 31.88 cm. Width: 9 inches, 2.25 cm. Weight: 49oz, the pair.