

A very fine Water Jug, of unusual size, made in London in 1848 by the Royal Silversmith, and Crown Jeweller, Robert Garrard of Pantons Street.

Sold



Description

The Jug stands on a circular spreading foot decorated with reeding. The main body has an attractive baluster form, decorated on the lower section with wide lobing. The body rises to a slender neck and shaped rim and pouring spout. The scroll handle is attached to the main body with shaped mouldings and the interior is palely gilded. This piece is in quite excellent condition and is fully marked in the foot, the maker's mark with a crown above denoting his Royal status. The base is also marked with the retailer's mark of GARRARDS, Pantons Street, London. The Jug has a very interesting provenance as the front of the main body is engraved with a contemporary Crest surrounded by a Garter cartouche containing the Motto "Hoc Age - Mind what you are about". The Crest is that of John Naylor J.P.D.L. of Leighton Hall, Montgomeryshire and his wife Georgiana. Leighton Hall, a Grade I listed building, was bought from the Corbett family of Shropshire by Christopher Leyland, a Liverpool banker, in 1845. Two years later he gave it to his favourite nephew John Naylor as a wedding present along with a reputed £ 100,000. John Naylor, who was one of the wealthiest men in Victorian England, rebuilt the house and estate at a reputed cost of £ 275,000. The hall and estate buildings were designed by Liverpool architect W.H. Gee, whilst the Hall interior was designed in the Palace of Westminster style, attributed to A.W.N. Pugin. In the same period the gardens were laid out by Edward Kemp, a pupil of Joseph Paxton. Leighton Hall and John Naylor, are shown on the image stream. John and Georgiana Naylor had several issue, the eldest son Christopher John Naylor changed the family name, by Royal Licence, to Leyland on 30th December, 1893 and moved the family to Haggerston Castle, Northumberland. The family fortune was established by John Naylor's great uncle Thomas Leyland, the banker, at the end of the Eighteenth century. Height, to the top of the spout: 6.2 inches, 15.5 cm. Diameter, at the widest part of the main body: 4.25 inches, 10.63 cm. Weight: 13oz.