An extremely fine George III Two Handled Tray made in London in 1809 by John Crouch II.

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Description

The Tray is oval in form with a raised, stepped, rim decoarted with gadrooning. The side handles are also decorated with gadrooning and are attached to the main body with acanthus leaf mouldings. The centre of the Tray is very finely engraved with a contemporary Armorial, with Crest above, all surrounded by a bold linear plume cartouche. The Tray is of a size ideal for serving drinks and is of a very good gauge and weight. It is fully marked on the reverse with a crisp set of hallmarks. John Crouch II was the son of John Crouch I, a specialist Tray and Salver maker. The work of John I, is relatively scarce and the quality far exceeds that of his father who was a very fine silversmith in his own right.
The Arms are those of the family of Dickenson of Claypole, County Lincs and County Yorks with inescutcheon of pretense for Wood of County Largo Scotland, impaling those of the Bradley family. The armorial bearings undoubtedly commemorate the marriage of a gentleman of the Dickenson family who appears to have married, firstly, an heiress of the Scottish family of Wood. Unusually he had kept the escutcheon of pretence on his subsequent marriage to second wife, a member of the Bradley family of the City of London.

Length: 21.4 inches, 53.50 cm.

Width: 13 inches, 32.5 cm.

Weight: 64oz.

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