

NEWCASTLE. A very rare George III antique silver Barrel Mug made in Newcastle in 1814 by Robertson & Walton.

Sold



Description

The Tankard is realistically modelled as a barrel, with horizontal reeding, to simulate the metal bands on the barrel. This example has a plain scroll handle and the interior displays fine original gilding. This piece is in quite excellent condition and is fully marked on the rim. The front of the main body is engraved with a very detailed contemporary Armorial, with three Crests above, all surrounded by a cartouche of pluming scrolls. The Arms and Crests purport to show descents and alliances of the family back to distant times. There was a fashion for this in the earlier parts of the 19th century. Coincidentally, in German speaking lands, sixteen quarterings, as here, were seen as proof of true nobility. The Arms on the Mug are those of Pemberton, descending from John Pemberton of Hilton, Captain in the service of King Charles I. They are specifically those of Stephen Pemberton Esq., of Bainbridge Holme, County Durham, which was part of the ancient manor of Hameldon, which lies to the South-West of Wearmouth and near the Tunstall Hills. He was born in 1742, was JP for co. Durham and Fellow of Oriel College Oxford, from which university he was awarded a doctorate. In 1782, he married Mary, daughter of John Anderson Esq, of Newcastle. He died in 1831 and was succeeded by his eldest son. The mansion house of Bainbridge Holme has since been demolished.

Height: 6.25 inches, 15.63cm.

Diameter, at the widest point: 5 inches, 12.5cm.

Weight: 19oz.