

HESTER BATEMAN. An exceptional George III Teapot, with its original stand, made in London in 1789 by Hester Bateman.

Sold



## Description

This is an exceptional example of Hester Bateman's work and very rare being a Teapot with its original stand, as many are matched and are of a different date. The Teapot is of the oval straight sided form, favoured by Hester, with an applied beaded band at the base. The shaped cover also displays a beaded band and terminates in a fruitwood and silver finial. The sides and cover are beautifully engraved with an eclectic mix of bright cut and prick dot designs, including stylised flower heads. The front of the teapot is engraved with an oval bright cut cartouche containing a contemporary lion rampant Crest. The teapot has its original fruitwood scroll handle and a straight spout, which Hester has even taken the trouble to engrave at the end. The Teapot Stand is also oval in form with a raised rim decorated with beading and stands on four claw and ball feet. This is also engraved with beautiful bright cut borders and a central oval cartouche containing the same Crest as is seen on the teapot. Both pieces are in excellent condition, the decoration being very crisp, indicating that it has hardly been used at all over all of the years. The marks are also exceptional, as the base of the stand and the base of the teapot display a crisp full set of hallmarks and the underside of the cover is stamped with a clear maker's mark and sterling mark. As intimated, this is the finest Hester Bateman Teapot and Stand which we have offered over all of the years and the condition and attention to detail is exceptional. The hinge is also very finely made and concealed with engraving and both the teapot and stand display a good assay slither, which is a desirable, original, feature to see. Please note that the black mark, on the photograph by the Crest on the teapot, was purely tarnish and has now been cleaned off.

Length, handle to spout: 27.25cm.

Width: 3.9 inches, 9.75 cm.

Height: 7 inches, 17.5 cm.

Total Weight: 21oz.