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## Fine Antique Silver

The Royal Silversmith Thomas Farren. A very rare pair of George II Mugs made in London in 1739 by Thomas Farren.

**SOLD**

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## Short Description

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The Mugs stand on an applied circular foot and have a baluster shaped main body rising to an everted rim. Both have a scroll handle and the front of the main body is engraved with a contemporary Armorial, with Crest above and Motto below. The Armorial is surrounded by one of the finest engraved cartouches we have seen containing strapwork, trellis work, scrolls and engraved depictions of marble busts on plinths. Both Mugs are in excellent condition and display crisp marks in the base.

Thomas Farren was subordinate goldsmith to King George II from 1723-42 and various examples of his work are contained within the Royal Collection. Grimwade states that his work at best is of fine quality and shows some influence or perhaps use of Hugueont work. His most important pieces are most probably the Fountain and Wine Cistern of 1728 at Burghley House. Although a prestigious maker, his work does not survive in great quantity and examples are scarce today. Pairs of Mugs from this date are extremely rare, as they are nearly always found singly.

The Arms, Crest and Motto are those of Wray, a Lincolnshire family, descended from Sir Christopher Wray, under Elizabeth I. The Arms impale those of Hales, an ancient family with numerous branches.

Height: 3.8 inches, 9.5cm.

Base Diameter: 2.9 inches, 7.25cm.

Weight: 14oz, the pair.

## More Information

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Year	1739
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