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Antique & Contemporary Silver

Victorian silver chamberstick by royal silversmith
John Samuel Hunt

£2,115



REF: 8202

Height: 90 mm (3.54")

Diameter: 155 mm (6.1")

Weight: 467 g

Description

Fine quality, antique sterling silver chamberstick made by royal silversmiths, John Samuel Hunt of Hunt & Roskell who held the royal warrant for Queen Victoria. The saucer of the chamberstick is engraved with the family crest of double headed eagle with outstretched wings below a five-point crown.

This chamberstick is of a heavier gauge of silver than most and is fitted with its original and typical detachable cone snuffer.

As the name suggests, a silver chamberstick was designed to be carried and was used for to light the way when moving around chambers or rooms at night. Chambersticks were typically kept near the entrance so they could be used by family or guests looking to retire for the night. In the morning, chambermaids collected the chambersticks, cleaned them, and returned them for use again.

Specific features of a silver chamberstick include a central candle socket that was shorter than a regular candlestick, fitted to a flat, circular base to collect any dripping wax, plus a side handle with thumbpiece. Many, like this example had a removable scone - also for collecting wax - and a cone-shaped snuffer or extinguisher.