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Antique & Contemporary Silver

Pair of antique silver salt cellars with central partitions

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Sold



REF: 8041

Height: 75 mm (2.95")

Width: 105 mm (4.13")

Depth: 75 mm (2.95")

Weight: 348 g

Description

Classic pair of antique Victorian silver salt cellars in the style made popular during the early 1800, these elegant cellars are of boat-shape oval form with raised, cast open-work scroll, leaf and gadroon pattern rims and gadroon pattern around the spreading oval bases. The partitions interiors are gilded, each salt cellar is engraved with the family crest of Spencer-Churchill and the Spanish motto FIEL PERO DESDICHADO (Faithful though unfortunate); the motto of the Spencer-Churchill family.

The salt cellars were probably commissioned by either the 8th Duke of Marlborough, George Charles, or his brother, Randolph Henry Churchill, the father of Winston Churchill.

Since early Greek and Roman times, and during the Middle Ages, salt was expensive and silver salt cellars evolved and placed on the table as a sign of status and prosperity. Usually made of silver, they were often decorated in motifs of the sea and interior gilding protected the silver from the salt.