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Pair of antique Old Sheffield Plate sauce tureens

Creswick & Co

£1,950



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Height: 150 mm (5.91")

Width: 210 mm (8.27")

Depth: 170 mm (6.69")

Description

Pair of fine and original Old Sheffield Plate sauce tureens with shell, leaf and gadroon borders, each on four scroll feet with leaf pattern fronts. The lids have twisted reed handles with leaf and shell caps and inside are stamped cross-arrow makers marks, possibly attributable to T & J Creswick.

The name Old Sheffield Plate can only properly be attributed to one particular kind of silver plate. Old Sheffield Plate was made in a fusion process in the late 18th and early 19th century, before the invention of electroplating that we are familiar with today.

While some vessels have been identified as being used for sauces since ancient times, the modern fashion for sauce boats probably derived from fashion in the late 17th century French court, and the thermal properties of silver make it superior to porcelain or glass for keeping the sauce or gravy warm.

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