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Edwardian oval sterling silver tea caddy

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£450



REF: 9319

Height: 110 mm (4.33")

Width: 110 mm (4.33")

Depth: 85 mm (3.35")

Weight: 207 g

Description

Classic silver tea caddy of oval boat shaped form, decorated with a band of hand engraving in pinprick style beneath the rim, and Greek key pattern around the hinged cover. This design was first made popular during the latter part of the 18th century.

Commensurate with the high value of the contents, tea caddies became treasured and valuable accessories in their own right often made in fine porcelain or silver, and invariably fitted with a key.

By the end of the 18th century tea canisters and chests were referred to as tea caddies. The word caddy is thought to derive from the Malay word "kati" which was a measure of tea weighing about one imperial pound.