

A very fine Drinking Beaker made in London in 1849 by Sebastian Crespell II.

Sold



Description

The Beaker stands on an applied spreading foot decorated with reeding. This piece is of a good size with slightly tapering sides and everted rim. The upper section of the main body is most beautifully decorated with Rococo revival engraved designs including, pluming feathery and foliate scrolls, architectural scrolls, trellis work, Rococo raying shells and floral and foliate sprays. The front is also engraved with a very unusual contemporary Crest and the interior displays deep original gilding. This piece is in excellent condition, is of a good gauge, and displays excellent marks in the base. Sebastian Crespell II was apprenticed to the Royal silversmith, Robert Garrard, which would account for the wonderful quality of design and production. He had workshops at 11, White Hart Court, Castle Street, Leicester Square, when this piece was made. Our heraldic advisor has concluded that the Crest is that of the Dalrymple family, a major Scottish family including the Earls of Stair. The 1st Earl was a politician responsible for ordering the Massacre at Glencoe in 1692. Jane Austen used the name Lady Dalrymple for a cousin of Sir Walter Elliot in *Persuasion*. Height: 4.25 inches, 10.63 cm. Diameter at the rim: 3.45 inches, 8.63 cm. Weight: 7.5 oz.