

BUCKINGHAM HOUSE INTEREST. A very fine pair of George II  
sECOND cOURSE dISHES. MADE IN LONDON IN 1754 BY JOHN  
JACOBS

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## Description

The Dishes have a circular bowl and a raised border, with a shaped, gadrooned, rim. The border is also engraved with a contemporary family Crest and the reverse displays their original engraved scratch weights and two good crisp sets of hallmarks. The Dishes are in excellent condition, are of an exceptional gauge, weight and colour, as would be expected from this silversmith. John, also known as Jean, Jacobs is a scarce, but exceptional silversmith. He entered his first mark as a large worker on 3rd May, 1734 and had workshops in Heming's Row, near St. Martin's Lane and signed himself as Jean Jacob, denoting his Huguenot descent. By 1739, he had moved to Spur Street, Leicester Fields, where these dishes would have been made. By 1738, he was working in Panton Street, where some of the finest silversmiths were located. In 1738 he married, Anne daughter of Augustine Courtauld, of the very fine and famous silversmithing dynasty. A.G. Grimwade describes him as a "Fine rank" silversmith, whose mark is found on Rococo baskets, candlesticks and hollow ware for the table. The Dishes would have been used on the dining table for cutting and serving meats and fish, as well as vegetables, flans, tarts etc, and the dessert course. A plan is attached from William Henderson's, "First Course for a Dinner Party" circa 1797. This details some of the foods which were served on them at this date. The Crest is that as used by Sir Charles Herbert Sheffield, 1st Baronet (c. 1706 – 5 September 1774). He was an illegitimate son of John Sheffield, 1st Duke of Buckingham and Normanby and the first of the Sheffield baronets. He was also the owner of Buckingham Palace (then known as Buckingham House) which he sold to King George III in 1762. Biography Sheffield, baptised Charles Herbert, was an illegitimate son of John Sheffield, 1st Duke of Buckingham and Normanby, and Frances Stewart,[1] who, then or afterwards, was the wife of The Hon. Oliver Lambart, younger son of Charles Lambart, 3rd Earl of Cavan.[2] Sheffield was probably born about 1706 (when his mother was[3] 22 years old, was "under the tuition of Mons. Brezy, at Utrecht", in August 1716, and took the name of Sheffield, instead of Herbert.[4][5] He inherited, on the death, 30 October 1735, of the 2nd and last Duke (at his age of 19), the considerable estates of both of these Dukes, in Lincolnshire and elsewhere.[4] He was created a baronet on 1 March 1755. He died 5 September 1774.[6] Family On 25 April 1741, Sheffield married Margaret Diana, daughter of General Joseph Sabine, sometime Governor of Ghent and Gibraltar. She died on 7 January 1762, in Buckingham House, St James's Park, which shortly afterwards was sold by her husband for £21,000 to King George III. [2] Diameter: 10.9 inches, 27.25 cm. Weight: 49oz, the pair.