

THE NAPPA HALL DISHES - A very fine and rare pair of George III
Oval serving dishes & covers made in London in 1776 by John Parker
I & Edward Wakelin.

Sold



Description

The Dishes are oval in form with a deep base rising to a gadrooned rim and displaying two oval side carrying handles. The pull off domed covers also display a gadrooned rim and terminate in a pineapple finial, which was a symbol of wealth at this date. The covers are engraved on one side with a contemporary Armorial, surrounded by a finely executed cartouche of foliate plumes and shell details. The other side of the covers, and each side of the interior of the base, are engraved with a contemporary Crest. The bases and covers are fully marked and each is also engraved with its original scratch weight. The Armorial and Crest are those of Metcalfe, an ancient family of Wensleydale in Yorkshire, almost certainly for a descendant of Thomas Metcalfe of Nappa Hall (shown) in Wensleydale. He was Chancellor of the Duchy of Wensleydale in 1483 and this important house survives virtually unchanged to this day.

Length: 14 inches, 35 cm.

Width: 8 inches, 20 cm.

Weight: 62oz.