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The Duke of Norfolk Toilet Service

A Highly Important Queen Anne Toilet Service

Silver-gilt

London 1708

Maker's mark of Benjamin Pyne

Weight (gross): 517 oz

A toilet service, each with moulded borders, the majority engraved with a coat-of-arms or crest (the arms are those of the Dukes of Norfolk), comprising:

Two oblong caskets, each on four pierced bracket feet (10 inches; 25.5 em long)

A similar oblong casket, the cover inset with a pin-cushion (7 Y:z inches; 19 em long)

A pair of circular boxes and covers (5 inches; 12.7 em diameter)

A pair of smaller circular boxes and covers (3 Y:z inches; 9 em diameter)

A pair of oval bowls and covers, each with cut card decoration and ring handle (6 Y:z inches; 16.5 em long)

A pair of small cups and covers, each with scroll handle and baluster finial (4 inches; 10 em

long)

A pair of small tazze (4 ½ inches; 12 cm diameter)

A pair of vases and covers, each with baluster finial (3 ½ inches; 9 cm high)

A pair of octagonal candlesticks (7 inches; 18 cm high)

A pair of chamber candlesticks, each with pear shaped handle

A helmet-shaped ewer and basin, the ewer with a scroll handle - the ewer 9 ½ inches (24 cm) high; the basin 9 inches (22.8 cm) diameter

A mirror with arched top and scroll cresting surmounted by a Ducal coronet (31 inches; 78.5 cm high)

An oval snuffer tray and a pair of snuffers, the later by Joseph Bird, 1708, and a pair of square glass bottles and stands with detachable cylindrical covers; a pair of oval hair brushes; a pair of whisks; a table bell; a pear-shaped bell pull and two extinguishers

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