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Matthew Boulton (1728 - 1809)

A Pair of George IV Silver Wine Coolers

Silver

Birmingham, 1826

Maker's mark of Matthew Boulton

The wine coolers of campana form with shell, foliate and gadroon rims, engraved on both sides with contemporary arms, crested rims and silver liners

Height: 10 1/4 in, 26cm

Weight: 217oz 5dwt, 6755g

The coats-of-arms are those of Coore quartering another with Gale of Scruton in pretense, for Lieut. Colonel Foster Lechmere Coore of Firby, Yorkshire and his wife Harriet Gale, eldest daughter and heiress of Henry Gale of Scruton Hall, co York, whom he married in 1816. He died in 1837. His grandson Henry Mark Gale Gale J.P.D.L. of Scruton Hall assumed the patronymie of Gale in lieu of Coore in 1890 and died in that year.

Artist description:

Matthew Boulton of Birmingham ran a complex manufactory, employing good design and increasing quality while keeping prices low. As one of the Lunar Society and very much part of the Industrial Revolution, he started both the Birmingham and Sheffield Assay Offices in 1773 and was one of the first to curtail child labour and introduce a social and medical security plan for his craftsmen. With his partner, John Fothergill, Boulton established the Soho Manufactory near Birmingham in 1762 and produced ormolu, Sheffield-plate, silver, clocks and other ornamental wares for English and European royal and noble patrons including George III, Catherine II, The Empress of Russia, and The Prince of Wales, later George IV.