



Francis Butty

A Pair of George III Candelabra

London 1760

Maker's mark of Francis Butty & Lewis Hearne

Height: 16 inches (40.6 cm)

Weight: 146 oz (4,542 g)

Each on shaped circular base, with rococo scrolls, the double baluster stems and central socket with acanthus leaves, the three-arm branch with conforming sockets, the wax pans and nozzles with cast scrolls, with pinecone and flower finial.

Artist description:

No record of apprenticeship or freedom. First mark entered as largeworker in partnership with Lewis Herne, 13 July 1757. Address: Clerkenwell Close. Herne absconded from that address, 1765. Second mark, in partnership with Nicholas Dumee, presumably entered sometime after 1758 in the missing register. They appear as goldsmiths in the Parl. Report list 1773, at the same address, where Heal records them until 1776. The Gentleman's Magazine records their bankruptcy, March 1773. Dumee entered a mark in partnership with William Holmes, September 1773, presumably because of the bankruptcy. Butty is listed as Huguenot by Evans.