

Old Sheffield Plate tureen circa 1815

£285



## Description

Make dinner an occasion with this Old Sheffield Plate tureen with liner, raised feet and gadrooned rims, family crest and arms of the Wilder family of Purly Hall, circa 1815 by Matthew Boulton at the Soho Manufactory, Birmingham.

Matthew Boulton (1728-1809) was an influential English manufacturer closely associated with silverwork, though he was not a traditional silversmith. Based in Birmingham, he transformed the production of silver and silver-plated goods through industrial methods. At his Soho Manufactory, Boulton produced high-quality Sheffield plate, buttons, buckles, and decorative objects for a growing middle class.

By combining artistic design with mass production, he made fashionable silverware more affordable and consistent. Boulton's work helped shift silversmithing from small workshops to large-scale manufacture, shaping the future of British metalwork and industrial design.