

Basic Detail Report



Covered Caster

Date

1711-1712

Primary Maker

Ambrose Stevenson

Medium

Silver

Description

This baluster-shaped caster has a domed and pierced cover. Casters were used for dry condiments such as sugar, salt, pepper, dry mustard, and spices. They were often made in sets of varying sizes and placed on a matching caster stand. The female figure struck on the bottom, called Britannia, was traditionally used to indicate that a higher grade of silver had been employed; this practice was short-lived, since the softer silver wore down much more quickly. The engraved crest has not been identified.

Dimensions

Overall: 7 x 3 in. (17.8 x 7.6 cm)