



Wedding Cup With The Patronymic Name Le Helchat - Goldsmith Claude Cornen, Morlaix Between 1725 and 1734

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Signature : Claude Cornen, actif de 1725 à 1734

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Sterling silver

Length : 15

Diameter : 10,9

Height : 5,5

Description

Patronymic wedding cup in solid silver in the name of A. Le Helchat Goldsmith Claude Cornen, Sieur du Restigou, received master in 1725 [Castel & al., p. 91], active in Landerneau in 1725 and 1726 then in Morlaix from 1726 to 1734 Morlaix, 1726-1733-----L at the handles: ~15 cm Ø: ~10.9 cm H: ~5.5 cm W: 145 g Very good general condition. A micro-crack on each handle, at the level of the lower attachment point (see detailed photos)-----o Hallmark of the master goldsmith Claude Cornen, Sieur du Restigou: letters C and C separated by an ermine, fleur-de-lis, two points, crown [Castel & al., p. 91] o Hallmark of the community of Morlaix, from April 10, 1725 to September 23, 1733: crowned letter I, flanked by two ermines [Castel & al., p. 56] o Mark of charge of small works (?):

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small open crown [Castel & al., p. 56]o Mark of discharge (?): a head looking to the left [Castel & al., p. 56]----- This wedding cup, sometimes called a collection cup, is typically Breton. The plain silver cup, of a perfect shape mounted with a hammer, is fixed by soldering on an elegant trumpet foot decorated by stamping with palmette motifs; the zoomorphic handles, of the dolphin model, are melted and added. The MET holds in its collections a Breton cup attributed to Joseph Lucas, of the same date as ours (no. 48.187.14).-----Le Helchat is a surname found almost exclusively in Plouigneau, in Finistère, near Morlaix. Genealogical databases record the marriage of a certain Anne Le Helchat to Guillaume Prigent on November 8, 1734. Was it her cup? Mystery...-----Literature Yves-Pascal CASTEL & al., Les orfèvres de basse Bretagne, Cahiers du Patrimoine 37, Rennes 1994