Fireplace Plaque Featuring The Affry Coat Of Arms (81x72 Cm)

1 200 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Cast iron

Width : 81 cm

Height : 72 cm

Depth : 2 cm

Description

A fireplace plaque dated 1780 bearing the Affry coat of arms, found in Pontarlier (Doubs), almost certainly originating from the Fribourg region of Switzerland, where the family owned numerous properties, such as the small Château d'Affry in Givisiez, the Presles manor near Morat, and the Château de Saint Barthélémy in the canton of Vaud.In 1780, Jean Pierre Nicolas, Viscount d'Affry, married Adélaïde Gigot de Garville in Paris, but it appears that this coat of arms is attributed to his father, Louis Auguste-Augustin d'Affry, Count of Affry, Lord of Saint-Barthélémy and Brétigny, born in Versailles in 1713 and died in 1793 upon his return from France at the Château de Saint-Barthélémy at the age of 79, son of Lieutenant General François d'Affry, colonel of

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the Swiss Guards under Kings Louis XIV and Louis XV, and Marie de Diesbach Steinbruck, daughter of the Count of Diesbach Steinbruck, colonel of a Swiss regiment in the service of France. He married Marie Elisabeth Françoise, Baroness d'Alt de Prévondavaux.He covered himself in glory on the battlefields and was appointed colonel general of all Swiss regiments in the service of France in 1767, alternating the position with the Count of Artois--the king's brother--during the latter's minority, and then from 1789 to 1792. He also served as Louis XV's ambassador to Holland between 1758 and 1762 and was undoubtedly the finest advocate for Swiss interests in France, even without holding that title.A token bearing the coat of arms of Louis Auguste d'Affry is preserved at the Carnavalet Museum of Parisian History, along with his motto INVIA VIRTUTI NULLA EST VIA: "No path is impassable to virtue." (see our last photo)Coat of arms: Argent, three chevrons sable; a helmet surmounted by a top hat bearing the shield's motifs and lambrequins.Two Franche-Comté columns complete its design.It weighs 68 kg.Bibliography: PALASI, P., *Heraldic Fireplace Plaques*, Gourcuff Gradenigo, Paris, p. 264, No. 565.Visit our website: www.claudeaugustin.com