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Title Chambersticks with Candle Snuffers

Date 1810-1850

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Cast pewter

Description Pair of cast pewter chambersticks, each consisting of a candlestick on a round tray (.a) with a bobeche (.c) or drip catcher, accompanied by a candle snuffer (.c). Each bobeche consists of a short cylindrical section below a deeply flared rim and a border with gadrooning, or raised, slanted lobes. The cylindrical

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portion of the bobèche sits inside the flared rim and cylindrical top of the

candlestick. Each candlestick has a projecting, gadrooned border midway down

its length, with a small loop projecting from this border. The candlestick is

soldered to a round tray. The tray is decorated with two pairs of concentric,

incised rings and a raised, gadrooned border at the interior edge of the rim. On

one side of the tray, a ring handle is soldered perpendicularly, just inside the

rim. Opposite the ring handle is a conical candle stuffer with a tapered finial. A

projecting hook on one side of the candle snuffer fits into the projecting loop on

the candlestick, thereby suspending the candle snuffer from the side of the

candlestick. There are skimming marks and chatter marks on the interior of each

candle snuffer and on the underside of each tray. The top of each tray has a few

small gouges and is lightly scratched and worn. The underside of each

chamberstick is well scratched and worn. Skimming Marks: Skimming marks are

concentric rings left on cast pewter objects by skimming tools. Skimming is the

process of removing metal and smoothing rough surfaces by scraping the

pewter object as it rotates on a lathe. Chatter Marks: Chatter marks are radial

lines extending across skimming marks on a pewter object, caused by vibration

of the skimming tool.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x diameter at base): 5 x 5 7/8in. (12.7 x

14.9cm)