

VICTORIAN Copper Coach Plate - Smith Cuninghame Family

£750



Description

A fine example of a late-nineteenth century copper coach plate attributed to a member of the Smith Cuninghame Family of Caprington Castle, Kilmarnock, Ayrshire.
Circa 1890.

Displays a full heraldic achievement with two crests and mottos above a full coat of arms and Supporters in the form of two horses at liberty argent, maned and hoofed or.

Motto: *Via tuta virtutis*.

The crest of a right hand holding a plumb rule with the motto *Ad amussim* applies to Cuninghame, while the crest of a ship in drestress with the motto *At spes infracta* ascribed to the family of Dick of Prestonfield. Through various marriages and inheritances, it would seem that the coat of arms with the motto *Via tuta virtutis* on the coach plate was made for Douglas Alexander Smith Cuninghame.

Width: 5.8 inches (14.7cm)

Height: 5.6 inches (14.2cm)