

GEORGE II SET OF SIX STERLING SILVER SKEWERS WITH
ARMORIAL FINIALS. LONDON 1749

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£2,900



Description

Outstanding, extremely rare and early set of six George II skewers, tapering and rectangular in section and of very good weight.

Each skewer is fully marked and has the Fleurs de Lys family crest of Newdigate as a finial.

Maker: John Jacob. London 1749

Sir Roger Newdigate, 5th Baronet (30 May 1719- 23 Nov 1806) was a politician and collector of antiquities. He was born in Warwickshire, educated at Westminster School and University College Oxford. He contributed greatly to Oxford University throughout his life and is most remembered as the founder of the Newdigate prize for poetry on his death. This prize helped launch the career of many illustrious writers. He was renowned for rebuilding the Elizabeth Arbury Hall over a period of 30 years in Gothic Renaissance style.

1742-1747 MP for Middlesex

1751 began a 30 year tenure as MP for Oxford University.

These skewers are stunning with many uses today, particularly in the dramatic presentation of food they were originally used for not only skewering meat but for decorative purposes as well.

Length: 7.7 inches (19.6cm)

Weight: 9 troy ounces (31.1 grams) all six skewers