

CHARLES II. A very fine Drinking Beaker made in London in 1671, Maker's mark of GW within a shield, with two pellets and a crescent below, for George Watkins.

Sold



Description

The Beaker has straight, slightly tapering, sides and an everted rim. This piece stands on a moulded foot decorated with reeded bands. The upper section of the main body is engraved with a rectangular frieze, containing teardrop and oval motifs, from which also hang three pendant tulip festoons. The front of the main body is also engraved with a set of prick dot Betrothal initials surrounded by prick dot star motifs. This piece is in quite excellent condition, is very well marked in the foot and has a very good colour. The maker's mark is illustrated on page 131 of Jackson's, "Silver & Gold Marks" and one of the examples of his work which is cited is a Beaker. George Watkins, of Shropshire, was apprenticed to John Jones for 9 years in 1645, free 1655. George only served 6 and half years with John Jones and the rest of his term in the Regiment of Colonel Barkestead, Lieutenant of the Tower (Goldsmith). George had three brothers William, Robert and Richard who were apprenticed to John and Richard Clay of the Goldsmiths Company in 1632, 34 and 48. George bound six apprentices and had one turned over to him during his long career. He died in circa 1690. Height: 3.1 inches, 7.75 cm. Diameter at the rim: 3.25 inches, 8.13 cm Weight: 5oz.