

ROYAL - Queen Adelaide of Great Britain. A very fine Chamber
Candlestick made in London in 1837 by William Eaton.

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Description

The Chamberstick has a circular base which displays a finely gadrooned raised rim. The tulip shaped socket is decorated with a raised horizontal girdle and the pull off nozzle also has a gadrooned rim. The Chamberstick has a plain harp shaped handle, with thumb piece, which has the conical extinguisher attached to it. The extinguisher is decorated with gadrooning and terminates in an urn finial. This example is of a very good weight and is fully marked on each piece. The extinguisher is also engraved with the number "12", so it must have come from a very large set. This example is in excellent condition and is of a very good colour. Each piece is also engraved with AR, for Adelaide Regina, within a garter cartouche, with the Sovereign's Crown above. Adelaide of Saxe-Meiningen (Adelaide Louise Theresa Amelia) was born on 13th August, 1792 and died on 2nd December, 1849. She was Queen Consort of the United Kingdom and Queen Consort of Hanover, as wife of King William IV of Great Britain and Hanover. Adelaide was the daughter of George , Duke of Saxe-Meiningen, and Princess Louisa Eleonore of Hohenlohe-Langenburg. She married Prince William, Duke of Clarence, later King William IV in 1818. Although the Prince was twice the bride's age the marriage was happy with the Princess proving to be a stabilising influence on her unpredictable husband. She was much loved, not least by her niece Queen Victoria, who recorded the affection both she and the country felt for the Queen in her personal journal. This Chamberstick would have been made for Adelaide when William IV had just died and she became Dowager Queen, when Queen Victoria ascended the throne. She moved to the magnificent Marlborough House on the Mall, which had then become the residence for Dowager Queens. Images of Queen Adelaide in her Coronation robes as well as Marlborough House and its entrance Hall are attached. We also found a drawing of Queen Adelaide's Room, Marlborough House, in the collection of the Royal Academy of Arts, and an image of this is also attached. Silver from the collection of Queen Adelaide, very seldom appears on the market. The late Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowden, also owned one from this set (although it had a replacement extinguisher and was engraved with a later inscription). This was included in the Christie's sale of her Collection on 14th June, 2006, realising £ 4,560. The catalogue entry is attached. Height: 3.75 inches. Diameter of the base: 5.5 inches. Weight: 12oz.