

A very rare George III Knife Tray made in London in 1782 by Charles Kandler II from the collection of the 10th Duke of Norfolk, Premier Duke of England.

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Description

The Tray is modelled in a deep, large, broad rectangular form with flared sides decorated at the rim with applied beading. The side of the main body is engraved with a contemporary Armorial, with supporters each side, and the motto "Sola Virtus Invicta – Virtue Alone is Invincible", engraved on a banner below.

This is all surmounted by the Coronet of a Duke. The Arms, Motto and Coronet are those of Charles, 10th Duke of Norfolk, (1720-1786). He held the position of Earl Marshal and his seat was Arundel Castle. This piece is of the finest quality and has a very good weight, as would be expected of Charles Kandler. It is thought that Charles Kandler II was presumably the son or grandson of the great Frederick Kandler. This would, therefore, account for the outstanding quality of this piece. His mark was entered on 12th November, 1778 and he occupied workshops at 100 Jermyn Street, when this Tray was made. This Tray would have been used to carry Knives, however they were seldom made of silver, more usually being old Sheffield Plate. Its size and form lends itself to a wide range of uses on the table, such as bread or fruit, as well as floral displays. Length: 16.5 inches, 41.25 cm. Width: 6.9 inches, 17.25 cm. Height: 2.5 inches, 6.25 cm. Weight: 36 oz. CHARLES, 10TH DUKE OF NORFOLK Charles Howard, 10th Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal (1 December 1720 – 31 August 1786), was an English peer and politician. He was the son of Henry Charles Howard (d. 10 June 1720) and Mary Aylward (d. 7 October 1747). His grandfather, Charles Howard, was a brother of Thomas Howard, 5th Duke of Norfolk and Henry Howard, 6th Duke of Norfolk and therefore another son of the 15th Earl of Arundel. He married Katherine Brockholes (d. 21 November 1784), daughter of John Brockholes, on 8 November 1739, and succeeded to the title of Duke of Norfolk in 1777 after the death of his cousin Edward Howard, 9th Duke of Norfolk. Charles Howard died on 31 August 1786, at age 65, and was succeeded by his son Charles Howard, 11th Duke of Norfolk. The Duke held the prestigious position of Earl Marshal, and was a prolific author of antiquarian books, such as *Thoughts, Essays and Maxims, Chiefly Religious and Political* (1768) and *Anecdotes of the Howard Family* (1769).