

NEWCASTLE. An extremely rare James II Trefid Spoon made in Newcastle circa 1686 by William Ramsay I.

Sold



## Description

The Spoon is modelled in the "Trefid" style with a trefoil end engraved with the contemporary scratch engraved initials CB. This example has a good sized bowl, which displays a ribbed rat tail on the reverse. The spoon is in excellent condition and is marked on the stem with the Newcastle Town Mark and the maker's mark twice, exactly as it should be at this date. This piece has a good colour, thick gauge stem and good bowl. Seventeenth century spoons from Newcastle are exceptionally rare and few are known to exist. It would appear that few silversmiths made spoons in Newcastle during this period, the known examples being from the workshops of John Wilkinson, William Robinson, William Ramsay, Augustine Floate, Eli Bilton and William Ramsay II. William Ramsay I was an important Goldsmith in Newcastle and was appointed Mayor of Newcastle in 1690.

Length: 8.1 inches, 20.25cm.