

Set of four Dorothy Langlands silver tea spoons

£125



Description

A rare set of four Georgian silver tea spoons by Dorothy Langlands circa 1810. Makers and Newcastle assay office marks. Each engraved with the initials MV.

Dorothy married John Langlands II, whose family were the most prominent silversmiths in Newcastle-upon-Tyne for sixty years. Langlands' husband died in 1804 and after his death, she registered a mark of her own. She was active until 1814, with an address on Dean Street. She is among the best-known and most collectable of the silversmiths from Newcastle-upon-Tyne; despite this, the quality of her engraving is crude.

These spoons have all the expected marks - sovereigns head, lion passant, Newcastle stamp - but are missing the date letter. This is often seen on smaller pieces and appears to be quite common on Dorothy Langland's work.