

Silver square card tray

Sold



REF: 7020

Height: 3 cm (1.2")

Width: 15 cm (5.9")

Depth: 15 cm (5.9")

Weight: 0.25 g

Description

A silver square form card tray on ball and claw feet. Hallmarked for Birmingham 1930.

Visiting card trays were once an essential part of social etiquette, particularly in the 18th and 19th centuries. Placed in entryways or parlours, these trays held calling cards left by guests announcing their visit. The cards served as a polite introduction or reminder, allowing hosts to acknowledge calls and plan reciprocal visits.

Often made from silver, porcelain, or glass, the trays themselves could be decorative statements reflecting the household's taste and status. In an era without instant communication, the visiting card tray symbolised formality, courtesy, and the structured pace of social life-an elegant reminder of manners from a bygone age.