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The Arms of the Family of Boycott

The arms as engraved upon this George II English Sterling Silver Footed Salver by John Swift hallmarked London 1740 are those of the family of Boycott. They may be blazoned as follows:

Arms: **Gules on a chief argent three grenades* fired proper**

* Often blazoned as fire-balls proper.

Given the date of manufacture of this salver it was probably in the possession of one of the sons of William Boycott (born 21st July 1661 died 9th August 1707), of Boycott in the County of Shropshire and his wife, Sarah Kirkby, only daughter and heiress of Robert Kirkby of the County of Nottinghamshire whom he married in 1692. As there are no cadency marks shown on the arms, we may presume that the best candidate for the original ownership of this salver was William and Sarah's eldest son, Francis Boycott (born 29th November 1694 died 24th June 1743), of Hinton in the County of Shropshire. When Francis died in 1743, the salver may well have retained by his widow, Christian until her death in 1768 or it may well have been inherited by one of Francis's brothers, William Boycott (born 24th October 1696 died 14th August 1762), of Lincoln's Inn, in the County of Middlesex or The Reverend Richard Boycott, (born 1st October 1698 died 1751). If not disposed outside of the family at that time the salver probably found its way along with other family possessions into the custody of Richard's eldest son, Thomas Boycott (born 22nd December 1734 died 29th June 1798) who possessed the family estates of Boycott

and Hinton as well as inheriting Rudge Hall, near Pattingham all in the County of Shropshire from his younger brother (and second son of their father, The Reverend Richard Boycott), Lieutenant Colonel Richard Boycott (born 15th March 1737 died 4th September 1788), of Rudge Hall.

The family of Boycott was of ancient lineage in the County of Shropshire stemming from a Richard Boycott who was living at Boycott in the Parish of Pontesbury in the county during the reign of King Richard II.



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