

Lot 624 Pair of old Sevres white and gold openwork fruit stands with swan supports, 14in high, and 2 openwork baskets

Current location unknown.

In the 1947 Sale the fruit stands and baskets were sold for £80.

These items may have been part of the Hastings China which Esme had bequeathed to her trustees in her will.

In the 1901 inventory it was recorded as being in the Storeroom:

"An elegant and unique Sevres dessert service ...".

The description also includes:

"Pair of white and gold openwork centre stands on swan supports 15" high".

The Sevres service was purchased by Greville Smyth from the sale of the effects of Henry the 4th and last Marquis of Hastings, and was known as the Hastings China. The Marquis of Hastings had died in 1868 aged 26 and as he had no children the title became extinct, and his effects were sold off.