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Pair of Old Sheffield Plate two-branch candelabra

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Height: 19 cm (7.5")

Width: 26 cm (10.2")

Depth: 10 cm (3.9")

Description

A pair of Old Sheffield Plate two-branch candelabra, perfectly worn for candlelight, circa 1850

Old Sheffield Plate is a type of layered metal, invented in the 18th century, that fused a thin sheet of silver to copper. This innovative technique, developed by Thomas Boulsover in Sheffield, England, allowed for the creation of affordable silver-like items.

Popular from the 1740s to the early 19th century, Old Sheffield Plate was used to make tableware, candlesticks, and teapots. It offered a cost-effective alternative to solid silver and featured intricate craftsmanship. Over time, electroplating replaced it, but Old Sheffield Plate remains highly collectible today, valued for its historical significance, beauty, and the unique charm of its handmade details.

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