

two antique American KING's tablespoons, Alfred Welles



'Hebron, Connecticut circa 1804; the earliest example of American King's pattern which we have ever encountered. Welles, who later served as General in the War of 1812, worked alone in Hebron for only four years, 1804 to 1807, before moving to Boston and entering a partnership with his brother George. Born in 1782, he was in his early twenties when these spoons were made. They show extraordinary skill for a silversmith just recently out of apprenticeship. And while one always hesitates to label the condition of any item as "flawless," we are hard pressed to find flaw here. Length 9 inches, monogram (reverse) script "B" with flourishes, weight 5.43 oz. Troy the pair, please see fifth photo for marks.









