

Charles I Silver Counter Box with 40

Historical Gaming Counters

Date

c. 1650

Primary Maker

Unknown

Medium

silver

Description

The cylindrical box engraved on the base with a crest below crossed palm sprays and on the slip-on cover with armorials surrounded also with palm sprays, the counters etched with portraits of various Kings and Queens of England stretching from Edward the Confessor to Prince Frederick, the reverse with their armorials. The arms are those of Tatton with Brereton in pretence for Robert Tatton of Wythenshawe, co. Chester (16606 [sic]-1669), who married in 1628 Anne, daughter and co-heir of William Brereton of Ashley. Robert Tatton was a staunch Royalist and sustained a siege at Wythenshawe against the Parliamentary forces.

Dimensions

Overall (height of box): 3.2 cm (1 1/4 in.) Inside (diameter of counters): 2.5 cm (1 in.)