

The Ram's Head Dish, by George Blackall Simonds. Date unknown.

This dish was made by George Blackall Simonds, who signed it on the base. It seems to be the only silver work he ever undertook and like many of his works, it was obviously made for his own amusement and not for sale as the four feet are not perfectly level – and never were! He never troubled to have it assayed, so it consequently bears no silver marks. Whilst it could be assayed at any time, it would serve little purpose as it could not now show the correct date of manufacture.

