

Joseph Ince

Likely active period:

1823 - 1828

Born/baptised : Unknown

Died : 20 May 1828

The INCE mark appears in some reference works on British silver as that of an unknown Scottish Provincial silversmith, and items coming up for auction have frequently been described as such. The appearance on the market of two fiddle pattern basting spoons bearing this mark in conjunction with the pseudo hallmarks used by John Townsend and Thomas Stevenson has confirmed that this mark was used at the Cape. It is, however, possible that Ince practiced his craft in Scotland before coming to the Cape and used his maker's mark there also. It is also likely that the two basting spoons were only retailed by Ince and not made by him.

I have come across only fiddle pattern spoons (table-, tea-, salt- and basting spoons) and a rectangular snuff box bearing the INCE mark.

Teaspoon



Salt spoon



Basting spoon



Marks



Rarity indicator

Flatware	Rare	Snuff boxes	Rare	Other items	None
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Key (relative rarity within each category):

Available	more than 5% of items in our database
Scarce	1 to 5% of items in our database
Rare	fewer than 1% of items in our database
None	No items encountered

Auction price history

Only as part of job lots.