Presentation Salver to Captain Maling

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Height: 2.54 cm (1")

Width: 25.39 cm (10")

Depth: 25.39 cm (10")

Description

A silver plated Presentation Salver or Tray given to 'Captain & Mrs Maling On Their Departure From New Zealand From Hervey L. Phipps & Fred. R. Le Patourel. 1878'.

The round Salver sits on 3 decorative lion paw feet and has beading to the inside edge. The plate is also decorated with a pattern surrounding the engraving to the centre.

Hervey Lepel Phipps was the son of the Governor of New Zealand. He was, along with Irwin Charles Maling and Captain Frederick Le Patourel, an Aide De Camp to the Governor. So, the Salver was given as a leaving gift by two of the Governor's Aides to the third. Circa 1878.

Captain I.C. Malings
Irwin Charles Malings was born in India in 1841, the son of Lieutenant Robert Saunders Maling of the Bengal Infantry. Irwin enlisted as an Ensign on the 6th of August 1861 in the 3rd West India Regiment of Foot. Within two years he switched regiments to the 89th where he spent the next eight years as an Ensign. He didn't purchase his ranks and perhaps he was stuck on the first rung for so long because his father died when he was two years old. This may have left the family with little money or influence. In 1868 he married Emily Whitelock and they went on to have 12 children over the next 18 years. He rose to Lieutenant in June 1869 and moved regiments to the 35th Royal Sussex. Irwin Malings luck in the army seems to have changed in 1871 when he travelled with his family to Melbourne on the Lincolnshire. He was probably posted to Australia by the Army and he impressed his superiors enough to become Aide de Camp to the Governor of Queensland. The Governor was George Augustus Constantine Phipps, Marquess of Normanby and he was in the post from August 1871 to November 1874 when he left to take on the role of Governor General of New Zealand. Phipps took Maling with him as his Private Secretary, as marked on the box and served in the role for 4 years. In 1876, the Army put him on half pay and a year later he moved from the 35th to the 23rd Welsh Royal Fusiliers and became a Captain.

He returned to Queensland on leaving New Zealand and took on the role of Aide de Camp to the Governor again. This time it was Sir Arthur Edward Kennedy in the position. In September 1879 he retired from the army after 18 years service and received a gratuity, remaining on the Officers Reserve List. Most of the action he saw was as a member of the Bengal Yeomanry Cavalry during the mutiny of 1857, before he had enlisted as an Ensign. He was at the taking of Fort Belwa, the actions of Armorah, Tilghur, Nughur, Hurriah and Toolsepore for which he received a medal. His time working for the Governors of Queensland and New Zealand served him well as after the army, in 1879, he was made Colonial Secretary for Grenada. In 1882, he became the Administrator of Grenada, a role which was previously known as Lieutenant Governor. He took the role on for a second time between 1886 and 1887. Two years later he became the Administrator of Saint Vincent until 1893. In this role he became a Companion of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George. The Maling family had moved back to England by 1896 and were living at 40 Ventnor Villas in Hove. By 1901 they had moved to Cuckfield Sussex and 10 years later they were living...

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