

18th Century Material Culture

Departing this Earth: Mourning



Mourning Illustrations



Portrait of Ann de Laval, Countess of Stanhope in a Mourning Shawl
by James Basire I after Benjamin Wilson
(The British Museum)

Act V.

MOURNING BRIDE.

Scene 2.



MRS SIDDONS as ZARA.

(O friendly draught! already in my heart.)

Print depicting Mrs. Siddons as Zara in Act V, Scene ii, of William Congreve's tragedy *The Mourning Bride*
Printed on 5th May 1783
(Victoria & Albert Museum)

Funeral Spoons

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As a memorial and means of remembrance, Funeral Spoons were presented to close friends and family members upon the passing of a loved one.





American Silver Funeral Spoon from New York
For Maria Van Rensselaer, who Passed Away in 1688 or 1689
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



American Silver Funeral Spoon from Boston Massachusetts
by John Coney c. 1670 - 1730
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)

Mourning Effigies



American Mourning Effigy - Figure of Reverend George Whitefield (1714 - 1770) of Massachusetts

c. 1770

(Brunk Auctions)

Mourning Rings



English Enamelled Gold Mourning Ring
“+ NOSSE TE. YPSUM and on the edge + DYE TO LYVE”
c. 1550 - 1600
(Victoria & Albert Museum)



English Mourning Ring
c. 1600
(Victoria & Albert Museum)



English Enameled Gold Mourning Ring
1649
(Victoria & Albert Museum)



English Enameled Gold Mourning Ring
c. 1649 - 1675
(Victoria & Albert Museum)



English Enameled Gold Mourning Ring
Commemorating the Death of Samuel Nicholets of Hertfordshire who Died on 7th July 1661
(Victoria & Albert Museum)





English Gold and Enameled Mourning Ring
Post AD 1679
(The British Museum)



English Enameled Mourning Ring with Crystal & Hair
c. 1680 - 1720
(Victoria & Albert Museum)



English Enameled Mourning Ring with Crystal, Hair & CR / KR Cyphers below a Crown
Likely to Commemorate King Charles II after His Death in 1695, but made after the Death of His Queen Catherine
c. 1685 - 1705
(Victoria & Albert Museum)



English Enameled Mourning Ring Commemorating the Death of James I

1701

(Victoria & Albert Museum)



English Enameled Mourning Ring with Crystal & Hair

“M Frend obt 9^l May 1709 aeta. 59”

1709

(Victoria & Albert Museum)



English Gold Mourning Ring
18th Century
(The British Museum)



English Enameled Gold Mourning Ring
18th Century
(Private Collection)



English Enameled Gold Mourning Ring
18th Century
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English Enameled Gold Mourning Ring
1714
(Private Collection)



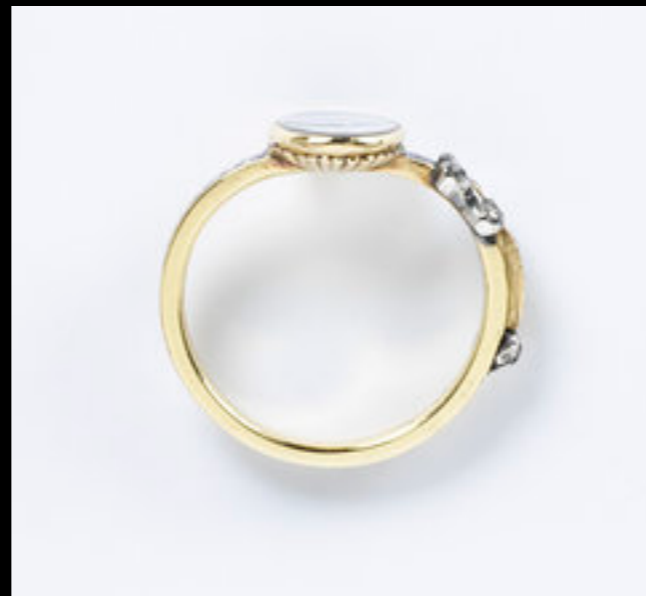
English Enameled Mourning Ring with Rock Crystal Set over Black Silk Fabric
Inscribed "MOMENTO MORI" and "S. Spiller ob. 14 May 1719 aet: 39"
Maker's mark T.T. c.. 1719
(Victoria & Albert Museum)



English Enameled Mourning Ring "D Clarke Ob Dec 19 1728 oet 44"
D. Clarke died on December 19th of 1728 at the age of 44
(The Three Graces)



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English Enameled Mourning Ring
(Identity of the Deceased Unknown)
Order of the Garter: "Honi soit qui mal y pense"
c. 1730 - 1770
(Victoria & Albert Museum)



English Enameled Gold Mourning Ring
“YE RT HON HUGH LD VISCNT FALMOUTH“

1734
(The British Museum)



English Enameled Mourning Ring
Commemorating the Death Baby, Matthew Arnold, who Died at the age of eight months in 1742
(Victoria & Albert Museum)



English Enameled Mourning Ring Depicting the Order of the Garter“

“Honi soit qui mal y pense”

c. 1750 - 1800

(Victoria & Albert Museum)



English Enameled Mourning Ring
Inscribed "ROBINSON MORLEY ARM; OB 28 SEP; 1756 AET 22"
(Victoria & Albert Museum)



English Enameled Silver Mourning Ring

1759

(The British Museum)



English Enameled Mourning Ring for the Bishop of London, Richard Osbaldeston (1690-1764)

“MEMENTO” (Remember)

“RICH: EPIS: LONDON: OB: 15. MAY 1764. AET. 75” (Richard, Bishop of London, died 15 May 1764 aged 75).

(Victoria & Albert Museum)



English Enameled Mourning Ring
Commemorating the Life of Ann Slade
Who Died in West Pennard, Somerset, England at the age of 27 on 12 May 1767
(Colonial Williamsburg)



English Enameled Gold Mourning Ring
“JANE LEPLA OB.22 JAN.1768.AE.17.”

1770
(The British Museum)



English Enameled Gold Mourning Ring
"JOHN.BLAIKIE.OBT: 10 MAR 1770 .AE.6.Y."

1770
(The British Museum)



English Enameled Gold Mourning Ring
“JOS LA CROIX MORT LE 4 OCTOBRE 1774 AGEE 46.”
1774
(The British Museum)



English Enameled Mourning Ring for Three People

Inscribed on the Bezel with the name 'Daniel' and the Latin inscription, 'Samuel Myers died 10 August 1777 aged 62'; outside the hoop the Latin inscription, 'Martha Myers died 8 October 1779 aged 58', and inside 'Died 25 August aged 61'

1779

(Victoria & Albert Museum)



English Enameled Gold Mourning Ring
c. 1780
(Private Collection)



English Enameled Gold Mourning Ring
18th Century
(Les Eluminures)



Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Mourning Ring
Commemorating the Death of Meshech Weare (June 16, 1713 - January 14, 1786
(Strawbery Banke Museum)



English or French Enameled Mourning Ring
"I CHERISH EVEN HER SHADOW"

1780

(Victoria & Albert Museum)



Mourning Ring
c. 1780 - 1790
(Victoria & Albert Museum)



Watch Case Paper Insert: Advertisement for "Mourning & Wedding Rings"
by William Stumbels 1754
(The British Museum)



Watch Case Paper Insert: Advertisement for "Mourning & Plain Rings"
by Peter Moore 1751
(The British Museum)



Uncut Watch Case Paper Insert: Advertisement for "Mourning Rings &c."
by William Sharp c. 1764 - 1800
(The British Museum)

Mourning Pendants & Locketts



English Mourning Pendant of Gold, Silver & Hair

1703

(Victoria & Albert Museum)



English Mourning Pendant
c. 1770 - 1790
(Victoria & Albert Museum)



English Silver Mourning Locket
c. 1782
(Victoria & Albert Museum)



Gold Mori Pendant
18th Century
(Wellcome Library)



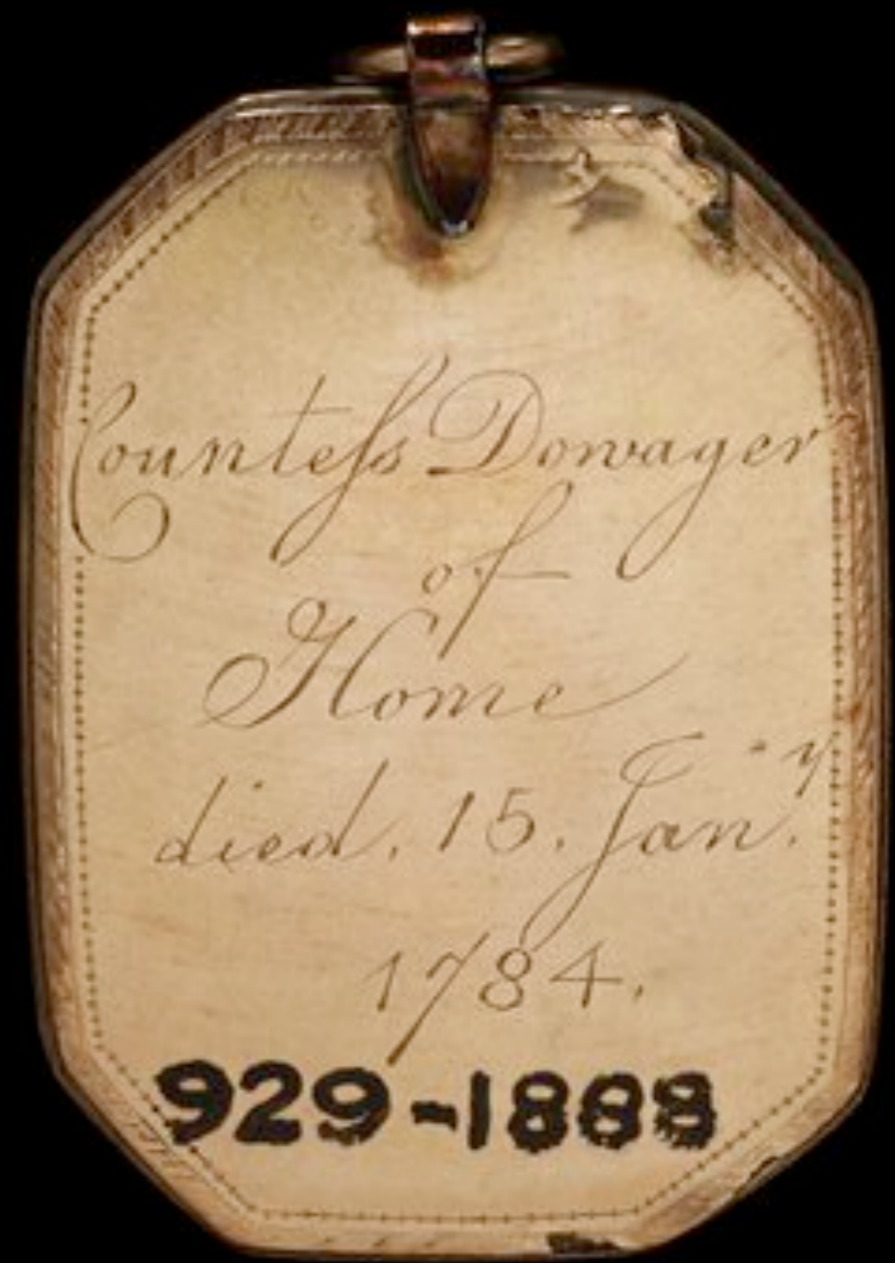
Mourning Locket with Hair
c. 1775 - 1800
(Victoria & Albert Museum)



Mourning Locket
c. 1775 - 1800
(Victoria & Albert Museum)



Mourning Locket
c. 1775 - 1800
(Victoria & Albert Museum)



English Enameled Gold Mourning Locket with Seed Pearls & Hair
"Countess Donrager of Home did, 15, Jan.y 1784"
(Victoria & Albert Museum)

Mourning Slides



English Enameled Mourning Slide of Gold
17th Century
(Victoria & Albert Museum)



English Mourning Slide of Gold, Rock Crystal, Thread & Hair
c. 1700
(Victoria & Albert Museum)



English Mourning Slide for a Child "IC" Who Passed Away on 6, July Aged 3 Years & Six Months

c. 1700

(Victoria & Albert Museum)

Mourning Brooches



English Mourning Slide Converted into a Brooch
For Sir Andrew Leake, Royal Navy, Who Served during the War of Spanish Succession
1704
(Victoria & Albert Museum)



English Enameled Gold Mourning Brooch Set with Diamonds, Rubies, & Hair
1754
(Victoria & Albert Museum)

Mourning Figures



English Statue of a Mourning Child with Skull
Possibly by by Edward Stanton or Thomas Stayner c. 1700 - 1720
(Victoria & Albert Museum)



English Statue of a Mourning Child
Possibly by by Edward Stanton or Thomas Stayner c. 1700 - 1720
(Victoria & Albert Museum)



English Mourning Figure of the Dead Child, Lydia Dwight, who Passed 3 March 1674
by John Dwight's Fulham Pottery
(Victoria & Albert Museum)

Mourning Buckles



English Black Japanned Brass Shoe Buckle
Commemorating the Death of Queen Caroline, Consort of King George II, at the Age of 55
c. 1737
(Victoria & Albert Museum)



English Gold Mourning Buckle set with Rock Crystal, Gold Thread, and Hair
Commemorating the Death of a Young Child

“Hannah Kill / Dyed 17 AP Aged 3 Years & 8 Days 1725”

c. 1737

(Victoria & Albert Museum)



English Gold Mourning Buckle set with Rock Crystal, Gold Thread, and Hair
Commemorating the Death of Ann Harwood

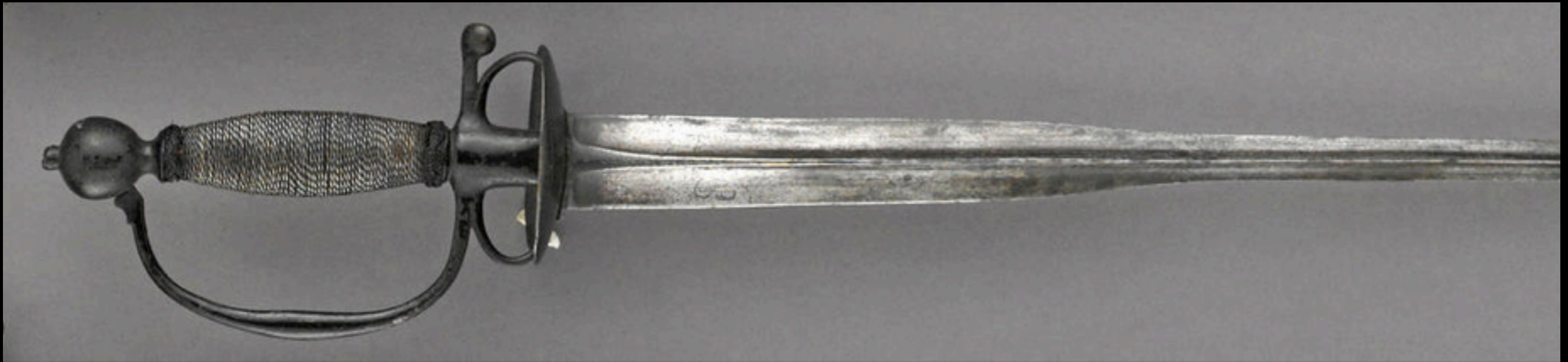
1728

(Victoria & Albert Museum)

Mourning Swords



Mourning Small Sword
Mid 18th Century
(Antique Arms)



English Mourning Small Sword
Mid 18th Century
(Bonhams Auction House)



English Mourning Small Sword
Late 18th Century
(ROA Antique Arms)

Tea Services



Tea Cup & Saucer Depicting a Mourning Woman
by Josiah Wedgwood c. 1785
(Victoria & Albert Museum)

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