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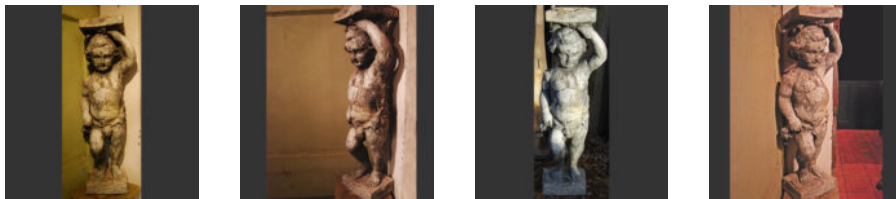
AN EDWARDIAN LEAD FIGURAL SUNDIAL BASE,

by H. Crowther,

the standing caryatid putto, holding aloft a plinth with his left hand and a bunch of flowers with his right, the base plinth bearing a date "1779",

DIMENSIONS: 87cm (34¹/₄"") High, 30cm (11³/₄"") Wide, 30cm (11³/₄"") At Widest

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HISTORY

Under Van Nost and Henry Cheere, garden ornament had been enthusiastically reproduced in lead from a couple of yards in Hyde Park Road through Georgian times - the dealers were a west London landmark that had been gently mocked by Hogarth and others. But such statuary was out of fashion by the mid 19th Century. Crowthers, a Chiswick-based firm were responsible for the revival of lead-casting garden ornament in London from 1907. This figure appears to date from around the time of that revival.

This figure, showing erosions and repairs commensurate with age, was a model still in production at Crowthers in the mid 20th Century (See an illustration of this figure in Davis, J. "Antique Garden Ornament", Antique Collectors Club, 1991, p.367).