

SA1017784

'Imperial Gallon' polished
bronze measure by De Graves
of London, 1835

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1017784

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 18 cm (7.1")

Width = 30.5 cm (12.0")

Depth = 20 cm (7.9")

Description

A good early 19th century polished bronze Imperial Gallon measure by De Graves of London. Made and inscribed for the County of Lancaster, dated 1835. Although the first date stamp on the rim is for 1832. The solid bronze container was used by County Council approved "Weights and Measures - Market Inspectors" to check on product being sold by market traders. Offending traders (under-selling product) were scorned by the public and taken to court. Repeat offenders were placed in the stocks for public humiliation and in extreme cases even deported to Australia and the USA. This measure is an Imperial Gallon measure and numbered 620 with integral solid bronze handles. It would have been used mostly for the measurement of agricultural products such as wheat. Eight imperial gallons equals a Bushel. In current times these measures are used mostly for display purposes, containers for dried flower arrangements of interestingly, as they are water-tight' wine buckets/coolers! Dimensions: It measures 12 inches (30.5 cm) across at the widest point (including handles) and 7 inches (18 cm) tall. Dated: It bears excise marks for the years 1832 through to 1912, when shortly after it...

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