

**SA1065855**

Exquisite Rare Dated Very  
Large 19thc Inlaid Treen  
Novelty Snuff/Tobacco Box  
Formed as a Shoe

Price

**Sold**

**Item Reference: SA1065855**

**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 6.5 cm (2.6")

Width = 13.5 cm (5.3")

Depth = 3.4 cm (1.3")

## Description

This is the second of two amazing tree snuff boxes superbly carved as shoes and inlaid with bone and silver I am lucky enough to have acquired. Without doubt the best two I have ever owned. This rare piece is actually dated 1889 to the lid in inlaid bone. This example is made from a warm, richly coloured wood, possibly walnut, with bone decoration on the secret opening lid that allows access to the prized snuff/tobacco. Two sections slide in a certain way to allow the box to be opened. Incredible quality, substantial in the hand, and offered in fabulous condition. The last photo shows the two examples I have; look out for the other, made from lignum vitae, I believe, which, I believe, is equally fabulous. One of the most popular types of wooden snuff boxes was the treen snuff box, which was made from a single piece of wood, usually turned on a lathe, and then carved or decorated with a variety of designs. As wood could be softened and moulded by heat, as well as easily carved, it was the most used material for novelty boxes in various shapes like books, shoes, pistols, and figures. As such, softer fruitwoods were often used to make these boxes. In the first half of the...

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