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Price

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Item Reference: SA1105835

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 49 cm (19.3")

Width = 17 cm (6.7")

Depth = 17 cm (6.7")

Description

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