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RARE GEORGIAN BILSTON ENAMEL SCENT BOTTLE ETUI WITH ORIGINAL GLASS SCENT BOTTLE, CIRCA 1780

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1116639****Date of manufacture: Georgian**

Dimensions

Height = 5 cm (2.0")

Width = 1.8 cm (0.7")

Depth = 1.8 cm (0.7")

Description

This is a delightful and very rare 18th Century Bilston * enamel scent bottle etui. The cylindrical body with screw-top lid. The domed lid opening to reveal the original cut glass scent bottle and stopper. The inner lid painted a beautiful pink. The powder blue ground with zig-zag polychrome decorations. Dimensions: Height: 5cm / 2 inches. Diameter: 1.8cm / 0.7 inches. Condition: In remarkably good condition for this type of object. Minor grazing, commensurate with age. * By the early 18th Century the town of Bilston, on the southern edge of Wolverhampton, was already established as a metal-working centre. The next step for these manufacturers of artefacts such as buckles, boxes and toy was get ahead of their competitors by decorating them. So they turned to enamels. The technique of enamelling is applying heat to a mixture of silica, soda, potassium silicates and lead oxide, the enameller produced a paste which could be painted on to metal surfaces. Different colours could be created by introducing various metallic oxides into the mixes. Enamellers often collected broken glasses from pubs and inns to grind them into the paste, but there were already, by the mid-175...

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