

SA1125551

Corset Stay Busk Welsh Treen Folk Art Love Token Hand Carved Sycamore

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1125551****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 31 cm (12.2")

Width = 4 cm (1.6")

Depth = 0.5 cm (0.2")

Description

18th early 19th century sycamore stay busk. Carved with graduated roundels with toothed wheel edges. The tapered form with a squared edge to the narrow end thinning to a blade edge at the wider end. In very good condition, minimal losses or wear, original lightly finished surface Probably Welsh, intended as a sentimental / romantic gift, in the love token / love spoon tradition. 12,1/4" or 31cm Weight 25 grams

***** 'Stay Busks. In the eighteenth century, one might have expected to find a stay busk on a country dressing-table. Stay busks had been worn for a short time in the seventeenth century, and came into use again about 1760 and remained for nearly forty years – only going out when high-waisted dresses needing no corsets came in about 1800' 'The busks were triangular wedge-shaped pieces of wood or horn, 12- 15" long and about 2" wide at the top, tapering to a rounded end at the bottom. they are now extremely rare, and seldom come on to the open market.' 'The chip carving with the busks were decorated included all the well-known symbols such as hearts, flowers, circles, initials of both parties and a date, and in some cases – texts, which were ...

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