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Price

GBP 4,800

| USD \$6,495 | EUR 5,616

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Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 35 cm (13.8")

Width = 40 cm (15.7")

Depth = 25 cm (9.8")

Description

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