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RARE GEORGIAN SILVER "PURSE" SNUFF BOX BY T. SIMPSON & SON, BIRMINGHAM 1816

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1152458****Date of manufacture: Georgian**

Dimensions

Height = 1.5 cm (0.6")

Width = 7 cm (2.8")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

This charming and unusual George III silver snuff box was made in Birmingham 1816 by the toy makers* T. Simpson & Sons. Of rounded rectangular form, the flush cover bright-engraved with fishscale patterns surrounding an initialled reserve, the back and sides with prick-dot decorations. The beautifully executed flush hinged cover modelled as a purse. The front catch opening to reveal the original pale gilt interior. * From the late 18th to early 19th Century, Birmingham was the centre for the making of "toys": small decorative objects from silver. They were produced in small family businesses and factories throughout Birmingham. They made a range of items including patch boxes, nutmeg graters, buckles, caddy spoons, vinaigrettes, snuff boxes and babies rattles. Hallmarks: S&S for T Simpson & Son. Duty mark. Lion Passant. Birmingham Assay mark. Date letter "s" for 1816. Condition: Good. Front in very good condition. Back with very minor unevenness, commensurate with age and use. Interior gilding in good condition. Dimensions: Length: 7cm / 2.6 inches. Depth: 4.5cm / 1.6 inches. Height: 1.5cm / 0.6 inches. Postage: PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO ADD POSTAGE AT CHECKOUT. ...

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