

SA1178255

Reclaimed Stone Planter made of stone from The Houses of Parliament Damaged in the Blitz WWII

Price

GBP 425

| USD \$575 | EUR 497

Item Reference: SA1178255

Date of manufacture: Pre 16th century

Dimensions

Height = 38 cm (15.0")

Width = 43 cm (16.9")

Depth = 43 cm (16.9")

Description

A stone planter made from stone from the structure of the Houses of Parliament, damaged by enemy bombing on the 10th May 1941. With original letter of authenticity, dated 13th May 1942. Over the course of second world war the Palace of Westminster was damaged in air raids on 14 different occasions. On the night of 10 to 11 May 1941, German bombs caused severe damage when the roof of Westminster Hall and the Commons Chamber were set alight. Stone retrieved from the bombings were subsequently used to make items for sale to raise funds on behalf of HRH The Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross and St. John Fund. Commonly these were bookends, ashtrays, inkwells and other small items. It is, however, rare to find a large piece such as this planter and also an item that retains its original letter of authenticity. Whilst it's difficult to be certain of the age and original location of this piece, it does have a peg hole on one side which would indicate perhaps it pre-dates the 19th century re-construction after the devastating fire of 1834. Westminster Hall, which survived the fire, dates back to the 11th century.

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