

SA1189761

Victorian Military Camphor Wood Campaign Chest Travel Trunk Blanket Box With Key

Price

GBP 1,150

| USD \$1,556 | EUR 1,346

Item Reference: SA1189761

Date of manufacture: Victorian

Dimensions

Height = 40 cm (15.7")

Width = 89 cm (35.0")

Depth = 46 cm (18.1")

Description

Original Antique Victorian Military Camphor Wood Campaign Chest. A rare Military Camphor wood campaign chest. This exceptional English Victorian Campaign trunk, dating to circa 1850, is a masterful example of 19th-century military craftsmanship. It is constructed from solid Camphor wood, a material historically favoured by British officers and colonial officials for its striking honey-toned grain and its potent, clean aromatic oils. These natural resins provided an essential service during long sea voyages and tropical postings, acting as a natural deterrent against moths and insects to protect fine wool and silk uniforms. The interior retains this iconic menthol aroma today and remains in remarkably clean condition, the lid is also supported by a sturdy folding brass stay. The craftsmanship of this piece is truly distinguished by its use of "Full-Blind" or Secret Mitred Dovetail joinery. While the exterior presents the seamless, clean aesthetic of a mitred corner, the structure is actually held together by hand-cut interlocking dovetails hidden entirely within the wood. This sophisticated technique required the hand of a master cabinetmaker and offers immense structural...

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