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RARE SCOTTISH GEORGIAN STERLING SILVER SNUFF MULL MEDICAL LIVERPOOL LINK c1820s

Price

GBP 495

| USD \$670 | EUR 579

Item Reference: SA1195421**Date of manufacture: Georgian**

Description

A beautiful fascinating and rare Scottish sterling silver and horn snuff mull. It is unmarked as is common but tests as high grade silver. It has been beautifully set with pink quartz, gilded inside, and most interestingly engraved 'PRESTENTED BY THOMAS & A HEWSON TO MR ROBERT GEE 1826'. I was told it belong to a prominent Liverpool MD and social reformer - below are details I believe relate to it. It appears Thomas Hewson was a surgeon during Georgian / Victorian times having studied medicine at University College London (and living in the area) where it appears Robert Gee (c1806-1891) had come to study, hence where they most likely met - Gee would have been about 20 at the time this was present possibly and appropriately around the time he graduated and may have left for further study in Edinburgh? Gee eventually settle in Liverpool where he wrote numerous papers and campaigned to improve conditions in the workhouses. It is in outstanding condition, (almost as new). It measures approx. 3.5 inches (8.8cm) long by 1.75 inches (4.2cm) wide and weighs 72 grams. A very high quality fascinating piece - Anne (nee Parkins, who took the name of Sherwin) married Thomas Ansaldo ...

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