

SA1214101

Antique Metalware Early
Lighting 18thc W. Iron Spring
Action Tripod Base Rushlight
Holder. Welsh C1770-90.

Price

GBP 475

| USD \$643 | EUR 556

Item Reference: SA1214101**Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 29.8 cm (11.7")

Width = 14 cm (5.5")

Depth = 12.7 cm (5.0")

Description

A well made late 18thc wrought iron rushlight holder.....a rushlight is a poor mans candle, formed by soaking the dried pith of the rush plant in tallow (animal fat)....for many centuries, rushlights were a common source of artificial light for "country" people throughout the British Isles....this fine example stands on a tripod base with penny bun feet and has a tapering stem and "filed" decoration....the rectangular jaws have a spring action and are held in place by a "D-hinge" leading down to a pointed thumbpiece....a lot of these features you can attribute to Caernarvonshire in North Wales....the rushlight is in very good condition with a fine patina. Welsh. C1770-90.

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