

SA1230106

Late 17th Century Leather and Brass Travelling Box

Price

GBP 1,780

| USD \$2,409 | EUR 2,081

Item Reference: SA1230106

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 18 cm (7.1")

Width = 34 cm (13.4")

Depth = 23 cm (9.1")

Description

A very fine and interesting late 17th century English work box or travelling case. English Circa 1680. Of conventional form with slightly domed lid, this piece has acquired a magnificent patina and colour-the leather showing all the wear one would expect and gaining much more character as a result. The central plate escutcheon is large and impressive and is inspired by the strapwork designs utilised so effectively on silver of this period. The unusual latches to the left and right of the front suggest that this piece was perhaps designed for travelling, providing additional security as the piece was bumped up and down in a carriage or on board a ship. They are also highly decorative. The other mounts are designed to protect the corners and reinforce areas where the leather might be subject to additional wear and tear. The leather has aged in such a way that it is highly reminiscent of polished burr walnut-the most sought-after timber during this period and so likely not entirely coincidental. The original hinges are strong and without repair and the interior is partially lined but otherwise plain as would be expected. The lock on the piece is very well made and of stro...

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