

SA1231980

A Fine Coaching Travelling Trunk by Wm. Insall of Bristol

Price

GBP 295

| USD \$402 | EUR 344

Item Reference: SA1231980

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 39 cm (15.4")

Width = 55.5 cm (21.9")

Depth = 40.5 cm (15.9")

Description

An original small coaching trunk dating from the first half of the 19th century, of rectangular form with a flat lid. The wooden frame is covered in black canvas treated to give a rain-repellent, weatherproofed finish, as was typical of luggage designed to travel outside on coaches and requiring protection from the elements. The trunk retains its original brass stud-work, iron corner reinforcements, side carrying handles, and its original lock and clasp (no key present). The interior is lined throughout with its original star-patterned paper and linen, and includes a removable lidded compartment/tray for smaller items. The underside of the lid bears the printed trade label of Wm. Insall, Manufacturer of Improved Solid Leather Portmanteaus, of 19 St Augustine's Parade, Bristol. Insall was a highly regarded Bristol trunk and portmanteau maker, producing luggage of notably fine quality that is now scarce on the market. While the firm is recorded as having been established in 1829 at St Augustine's Parade, the earliest known record of a John Insall trading in Bristol dates to 1796, suggesting a longer family history in the trade.

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