

**SA281586**

Early 19th Campaign Chest of  
Drawers in Mahogany -  
manufactured by W Day, 353  
The Strand, London

Price

**Sold****Item Reference: SA281586****Date of manufacture: 1800**

## Description

Sourced privately from an estate within the South Downs, this campaign chest of drawers is a particularly good example of a desirable and commercially appealing antique. The surface has predominantly been revived and waxed, retaining a lovely unaffected colour indicative of its historic past - I feel less is definitely more when restoring campaign furniture. An interesting and original feature are the late Georgian makers labels, one in each of the top drawers, advertising W Day's cabinet making prowess. William Day was established in 1812 and like many of his competitors, started life as a trunk maker. He patented an expandable trunk which could be altered in size and boasted of The Dukes of York and Sussex as his customers. It seemed it was a natural step for a number of these trunk makers to move into producing camp equipage and Day was no exception. His adverts show that he sold sets of campaign furniture very similar to other London makers such as Allen and Hill & Millard. It seems that his main address was 353 Strand, London although he expanded to included 378 by 1841. The London Directory of 1828 also shows that he had premises at 31 Holywell Street just off th...

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