

SA283194

Antique English Oak Country House Post of Letter Box c.1890

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA283194****Date of manufacture: 1890**

Description

This is a most unusual letter or post box which would have been from a grand country house, private club or hotel. The box would have sat in the entryway where post would have placed through the slot on the top and collected by a member of staff and then taken to the local Post Office or hand delivered. Although this one is undoubtedly made in England around 1890, looking at the patent label on the inside, I think it may have been made for the American or Canadian market and has somehow made it's way back to the UK where I purchased it. The format is most unusual, I haven't had one quite like this ever. One special feature is the original bevelled glass to the front, reverse painted in a glorious red colour with gold edged lettering; this makes this example a particularly decorative piece. To empty the box, the member of staff would unlock the box (working key included) and remove the letters. Another very unusual feature is the the concealed compartment below. The brass catch is slid along and the front panel can then be lifted to reveal the "secret" compartment below. The front has the original engraved initials of the original owner. A handsome piece dating to the...

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