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A VICTORIAN ENGLISH OAK SILVER CHEST IN VERY GOOD CONDITION. ORIGINAL TRAYS AND LINING. CIRCA 1880.

Price

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Item Reference: SA298426

Date of manufacture: 1880

Description

A VERY FINE ENGLISH OAK SILVER CHEST COMPLETE WITH THE ORIGINAL TRAYS, BAIZE AND HAND MARBLED PAPER LINING. THE CHEST IS STEEL BOUND AND HAS AN INSET ENGRAVED BRASS PLATE NAMING THE OWNER. THESE CHESTS HAVE NORMALLY BEEN MUCH ABUSED IN LIFE AND HAVE USUALLY LOST THEIR FITTINGS. THESE ARE ALL INTACT BUT CAN BE EASILY LIFTED OUT TO PROVIDE A BEAUTIFUL AND CHARACTERFUL STORAGE CHEST. THE STURDY IRON HANDLES ARE PERFECT AND THE CHEST HAS THE ORIGINAL WORKING LOCK WITH KEY. THE PLATE BEARING THE NAME 'SIMPSON' ADDS TO THE APPEARANCE OF THIS FINE CHEST. SOMETIMES THESE PIECES ARE SO HUGE THAT SIZE LIMITS THEIR PRACTICALITY, THIS ONE IS A VERY USEFUL SIZE, DIMENSIONS AS FOLLOWS, WIDTH. 32 INCHES. HEIGHT. 23.5 INCHES. FRONT TO BACK. 20 INCHES. THE TOP OF THE CHEST IS BOWED AS USUAL BUT THE 'BOW' IS NOT SO GREAT AS TO PREVENT THE TOP BEING USED AS A COFFEE TABLE. THE CHEST IS VERY STRONG AND WOULD HAPPILY TAKE THE WEIGHT OF A PERSON IF IT WERE TO BE USED AS A SEAT. THESE PIECES WERE USED TO TRANSPORT THE FAMILY SILVER FROM TOWN TO COUNTRY HOUSE AND BACK. OFTEN WEALTHY FAMILIES WOULD LEAVE LONDON IN THE SUMMER WHEN CONDITIONS BECAME INTOLERABLE AND MOVE TO THEIR COUNTRY HOUSE F...

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