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Late Eighteenth Century Napoleonic Period Leather Bound Campaign Trunk by Thomas Griffith, London.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA436930****Date of manufacture: 1750**

Dimensions

Height = 44 cm (17.3")

Width = 91 cm (35.8")

Depth = 50 cm (19.7")

Description

A late eighteenth century Napoleonic period leather bound and studded campaign trunk by Thomas Griffith of Marylebone Street, Golden Square, London. In absolutely superb condition, this rare travelling trunk has all of its original leather, decorative brass studwork and protective ironwork straps. The pine carcase comes complete with its original paper lining with the trade card of Thomas Griffiths attached to the lid. It states: "Griffith Trunk Maker, Marylebone, Golden Square, London. All sorts of cases for liquor canteens, portmantues, vallees, strong cases for plate, china and glasses, Campain and leatherwork at the lowest prices." Griffith's business was first announced in the Public Advertiser in 1753 where he seems to have taken over the business of Steven James to whom he was apprenticed. He also took over the sign of the acorn which can be seen in an another of his trade cards (image provided). Griffith died in 1772 leaving his estate to his wife Elizabeth. The top of the chest has a brass plaque stating ownership to David Thomas Esquire, Paymaster General with a further travelling card stating: "June 1st 1833, ED Thomas Esq, Railway Station, Ludlow, Shropshi...

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