

SA961495

Very Long Victorian Pinchbeck Longuard Chain with Albert Clip

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA961495****Date of manufacture: Victorian**

Dimensions

Height = 0.4 cm (0.2")

Width = 152 cm (59.8")

Depth = 0.4 cm (0.2")

Description

This highly desirable very long early Victorian guard chain is a beautiful rich colour, looking for all the world like an 18- or even 22-carat gold. The chain is a closed loop with an Albert-style dog clip perfect for attaching a pendant, crucifix or locket. Because of the lack of wear, the gleaming finish and the excellent colour we believe it to be made of pinchbeck. Pinchbeck is a gold substitute, now collectible in its own right, originally made to a secret formula devised by Christopher Pinchbeck in the early 18th century. It is an alloy of copper and zinc, like brass, but uses much more copper and less zinc than brass. Although pinchbeck can tarnish over time it does not wear in the same way as other materials such as gold plating or rolled gold. You don't often find pinchbeck items made after about 1840 - as nine-carat gold became legal, enabling people to buy less expensive gold jewellery, and electro-gilding was invented (a kind of gold plate), pinchbeck fell by the wayside. The clip is marked NCR Co. In excellent antique condition. Length: Approximately 60 inches. The clip is around three-quarters of an inch, or approx 2cm. Width: 4mm. Weight: 26.7g. FREE...

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