

SA967934

Fine Tunbridge Ware Writing Box / Lap Desk - Eridge Castle c.1870

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA967934****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 8.9 cm (3.5")

Width = 32.7 cm (12.9")

Depth = 26.7 cm (10.5")

Description

A truly fine example of a Victorian Tunbridge Ware writing box or lap desk dating to c.1870. The central section featuring Eridge Castle, East Sussex. The box comes complete with a working tasseled key, the lock in working order. The top portion lifts to reveal the fitted interior incorporating a pair of brass topped inkwells. The lower portion opens to reveal the writing slope in red leather, professionally replaced creating a writing surface for many years to come. The top portion opens to reveal storage for stationery etc. below. Excellent condition measuring 12 7/8" x 10 1/2" x 3 1/2" tall at rear. Eridge Park is the family home of the Marquess of Abergavenny. The Estate is steeped in history, being reputedly the oldest enclosed Deer Park in England. It is listed in the Domesday Book under the name of Reredfelle and the ownership of Odo, the brother of William the Conqueror. The Nevill family inherited the Estate in the heart of the High Weald in 1448 and have been here ever since. Henry VIII often hunted at Eridge Park and Queen Elizabeth I spent six days here in 1573. At that time there was a flourishing iron foundry on the Estate, with a series of mill ponies.

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