

SA969449

Souter Johnnie and Tam O'Shanter Cast Iron Door Stops

Price

GBP 320

| USD \$433 | EUR 374

Item Reference: SA969449

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 26 cm (10.2")

Width = 15 cm (5.9")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

A pair of early 19thC cast iron polychrome painted door stops. They depict two figures drinking; based upon the characters from Robbie Burns poem Tam O'Shanter. The extract below gives the mood; "But to our tale:-- Ae market-night, Tam had got planted unco right; Fast by an ingle, bleezing finely, Wi' reaming swats, that drank divinely And at his elbow, Souter Johnny, His ancient, trusty, drouthy crony; Tam lo'ed him like a vera brither-- They had been fou for weeks thegither! The night drave on wi' sangs and clatter And ay the ale was growing better: The landlady and Tam grew gracious, wi' favours secret, sweet and precious The Souter tauld his queerest stories; The landlord's laugh was ready chorus: The storm without might rair and rustle, Tam did na mind the storm a whistle." Likely cast in Scotland C.1830-40

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