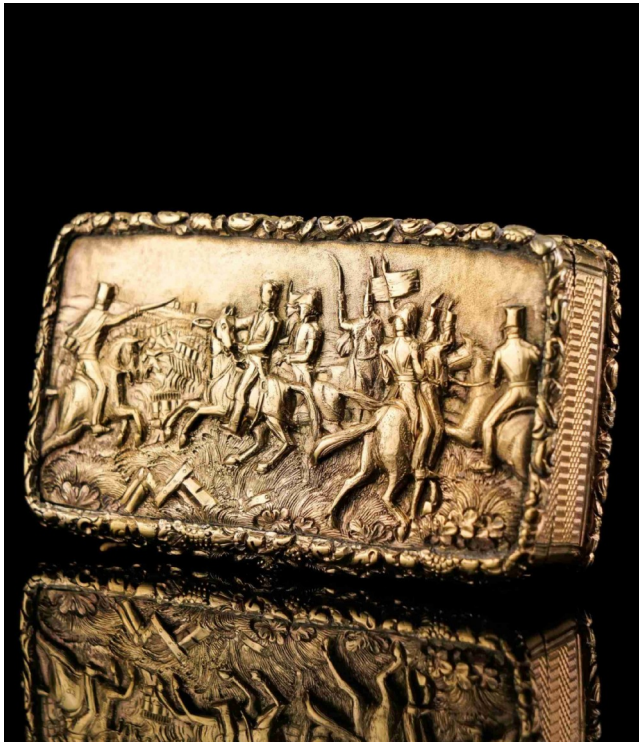


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Antique Georgian Solid Silver Gilt Snuff Box Battle Scene Top - John Bettridge 1829

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA985455****Date of manufacture: Georgian**

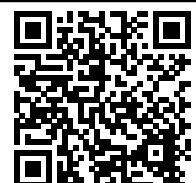
Description

We are delighted to offer this impressive Georgian solid silver gilt snuff box made in Birmingham in 1829 - Maker's mark of John Bettridge. Upon first glance, even to the layman, this snuff box exuberates opulence and magnificence with its fully gilt exterior (layer of gold on top of solid silver) and indeed, this box presents delightful and impressive decorations. The top lid features a very ornate and finely decorated figurative battle scene of cavalry fighting: "The Duke of Wellington ordering the last Grand Charge which completed the defeat of the French Army, Battle of Waterloo 1815". The scene was originally an engraving by Samuel Mitton after Captain George Jones, one of a series published by Thomas Kelly, 26th Apr 1817 (the scene may be viewed at the online collection of the National Army Museum, London). The background and landscape are finely engraved and contrasted with the high-relief of the horses. The borders on the top and bottom are intricately chased with floral motifs. A point of decadence and extravagant decoration might be best expressed by the thumbpiece which, not only functions as an aid to open the box, but as an additional part to display ...

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