

SA985615

Victorian Very Long Longuard Chain with Albert Clip

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA985615

Date of manufacture: Victorian

Dimensions

Height = 0.4 cm (0.2")

Width = 132 cm (52.0")

Depth = 0.4 cm (0.2")

Description

A lovely very long early Victorian guard chain interspersed with beautiful patterned cut-out spacer links. The chain is a closed loop with an Albert-style dog clip perfect for attaching a pendant, crucifix or locket. We believe the chain 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 Pinchbeck is a gold substitute, now collectible in its own right, originally made to a secret formula devised by Christopher Pinchbeck in the early 18th century.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 very good antique condition; there is normal surface wear for a piece of this age and a couple of the long links are a little dented, but only a little. Length: Approximately 52 inches. The clip is just under an inch long, or approx 2cm. Width: Approx 3mm. Weight:...

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