Campaign Tea Caddy

Sold



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Height: 15.23 cm (6")

Width: 31.74 cm (12.5")

Depth: 15.87 cm (6.2")

Description

A mahogany Tea Caddy with brass edges.

The interior of this Tea Caddy has a pair of removable canisters set either side of a round fitted space to take a glass mixing bowl, now long missing. The canisters have domed tops and were originally lined in silvered paper which has mostly worn away.

The lock, which no longer has its key, is stamped Bramahs Patent and VR with a crown twice to show it was made during Queen Victoria's reign. The top of the box has an inset brass decorative star which could also serve as an engraving plate. There is some wear to the wood around the star and it is probably replaced. To the side of the box are flush, brass campaign handles.

The box would be useful to both a weary traveller and a soldier to provide a comforting cup of tea. The brass edging to the corners gives it some protection and the flush handles make it easier to pack. Mid 19th Century.

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