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& Travel Items

Thornhill Concertina Despatch Case

Walter Thornhill & Co.

Sold



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REF: 82696

Height: 2.54 cm (1")

Width: 23.49 cm (9.2")

Depth: 17.14 cm (6.7")

Description

A black leather expanding Despatch Case with internal pocket.

The case has a Bramah lock and the underside with its central groove and loop reveals that the case would also originally have had a belt strap. This would have fitted through the carrying handle to the top and over the round, raised brass escutcheon. The case has the sides made of folded leather to allow it to expand to the level of the contents, increasing in height.

Previous examples of these cases we have seen have always been marked Needs, Bramah or both and did not have provision for a strap. This version is stamped 'Thornhill 144 Bond Street.' in gilt below the internal wallet to the underside of the top.

The case is well made, as befits Thornhill's reputation for high end merchandise, and is in good condition. Circa 1900.