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Handford Light Patent Waterproof Trunk

Thomas Handford

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Height: 36 cm (14.2")

Width: 79 cm (31.1")

Depth: 37.5 cm (14.8")

Description

A brass bound, leather on wood Light Waterproof Patent Travelling Trunk.

The trunk is lined in leather to the interior and has 2 lockable lids to make 2 compartments to the inside of the lid. Each of these lids has a maker's label in addition to the pressed brass label to the front of the trunk. Thomas Handford senior of 94 Strand patented his distinctive black leather and brass trunk in 1812 but the family business made the design over a long period of time. Handford had various addresses on Strand and in 1816 had settled at No. 7. The brass plate to the top engraved with the owner's initials of C.N.N.

This example was made by his son, Thomas junior, with his address of 6 Strand dating it to between 1836 and 1851 when he had moved to 5 Strand.

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