Pair of Portable Candlesticks

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Height: 13.08 cm (5.1")

Diameter: 6.35 cm (2.5")

Description

A pair of olive wood Portable Candlesticks.

These candlesticks were made as souvenirs for tourists and pilgrims visiting Jerusalem. The city's worn name, in both English and Hebrew, is just legible in ink towards the top of the candlesticks.

The turned candlesticks unscrew from their bases which was both a practical method of construction and a simple way to reduce their size for travel. Their size is not big at only 5 inches in height which also makes them easier to pack.

Olive wood became very popular in England from the 1880s as Silber & Fleming attested to in their catalogue of 1880. They note that a great demand had arisen during the last few years and had a page illustrating 21 different small items ranging from picture frames to smoking paraphernalia, writing stands and of course a candlestick.

These candlesticks might well have been bought from The American Colony Store in Jerusalem. It was a shop set up by the American Colony Hotel to sell goods they manufactured to help fund their charitable work. They sold a variety of items including Brighton Bun travelling candlesticks.

The candlesticks are well turned with the variation in wood colour further lifting them. One base has a natural split, which is not uncommon for olive wood. Circa 1900.

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