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**Dealers in Campaign Furniture
& Travel Items**

Washbowl and Field Patent Stand

Field

REF: 81998

Height: 42 cm (16.5") Width: 34.5 cm (13.6") Depth: 34 cm (13.4")

Sold



A brass washbowl with leather cover and faux bamboo beech stand.

The stand is stamped Field Birm'm. and the four parts will twist to separate to form legs and supports for the bowl. This stand, or cat, could be used for a variety of things from supporting a bowl to a fishing rod or rifle barrel. Field of Birmingham are also known to have made folding rocking chairs. It's unusual to find a washbowl retaining its original leather, belted cover. The addition of the cover meant that the bowl could also be used for storage during travel and its handle made it easier to carry.

The P&O shipping labels give an owner's name of Clementi Smith and the partial ship's name identifying it as SS Rawalpindi, built in 1925. The owner was Brigadier Hubert Clementi Smith (1878-1958) who had a distinguished career in the Royal Engineers and Signals. He fought in the Boer War and First World War, when he was mentioned in dispatches 4 times. The DSO was just one of his many awards. The shipping labels probably relate to his time as Signal Officer at Army HQ, India between 1930 and 1934. Both the bowl and stand are likely to be earlier than this date and it's possible were bought at the start of his army

career. The stand is also inscribed in ink Hamer which may be a later owner. Early 20th Century.

Size for Use is given.