

Georgian Oil Cloth Trunk





REF: 80424 Height: 45.7 cm (18") Width: 60.94 cm (24") Depth: 48.24 cm (19")

Description

A Georgian oilcloth and leather on pine Trunk.

When first sold, this Trunk would have been more affordable than one covered in leather. The oil cloth was still waterproof and hard wearing. Leather was used to the edge of the top to overhang and give added protection to the contents from splashing water. The trunk is edged in tin with further tin straps and corners and a tin band crossing the top from front to back. Brass domed studs have been used for both decoration and protection.

The interior has been relined later in a floral paper and fitted bars to the sides show that the trunk originally had a lift out tray. There is a brass plate to the top stamped with a name that looks to be 'P.M. Symes'. The hasp lock is interesting and the escutcheon has a hinged cover which is stamped 'Patent G.R Patent' with a crown showing it is a Georgian lock. The carrying handles are iron.

The size of this trunk, with a good height and nearly square, makes it useful to go by the side of a sofa or for use as a coffee table with storage. Early 19th Century.