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Leather Trunk by J. Allen

J.W. Allen

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Height: 41.89 cm (16.5")

Width: 83.79 cm (33")

Depth: 44.43 cm (17.5")

Description

A William IV leather on softwood trunk by J. Allen.

The trunk is strengthened with tin edging and corners and also has a line of brass dome headed studs following the inside edge of the tin. It has large iron carrying handles to sides and three sledge feet running from side to side. The sledge feet have holes cut to them to allow two straps to fasten over the trunk.

The brass lock plate to the trunk is stamped Bramahs with a Crown below and WR for William Rex. The inside of the trunk's lid has a label for 'J. Allen Camp Equipage', the name used by the company before 1849. The top of the trunk has an engraved brass name plate for Lady Elizabeth de Reede Ginkle. She was the daughter of Reynoud Diederik Jacob van Reede, 7th Earl of Athlone. In 1842 she married the Honourable Frederick William Child-Villiers, son of the 5th Earl of Jersey. They lived at Hanover Square, London. He was in the Coldstream Guards and 73rd Perthshire Regiment before being elected an MP in 1847.

This trunk can be dated to before Elizabeth's marriage both from her engraved name and the fact that the lock is stamped WR giving a date of 1830 to 1837.