



Christopher Clarke Antiques

Dealers in Campaign Furniture
& Travel Items

Three Bladed Razor

Sold



REF: 80699

Height: 25.5 cm (10")

Width: 2 cm (0.8")

Depth: 2.5 cm (1")

Description

The 3 steel blades of this folding knife are fine and very sharp. This, coupled with the fact that the blades are all of the same size, suggests that it may have been intended for use as a razor. Having 3 blades would mean that an officer in the field would always have a sharp razor to shave with. An alternative use could be as a masticating tool. It was not uncommon for people to have poor teeth and 3 bladed knives would cut food finer and quicker to assist with digestion.

The fact that it is a pocket knife shows it was intended to be portable. The handle is ivory with a pistol grip and the blades are stamped Weedon. The maker is probably Thomas Weedon, a medical instrument maker who was active from 1789 to 1856. He had premises at 18 Little Eastcheap and from around 1830 at 41 Hart Street, Bloomsbury, both in London. Weedon is known to have also made knives and razors. This is a well made tool with the middle blade set higher than the other 2 so that it can be easily opened. Circa 1800.

Open size is given.