

ABBOTSFORD HOUSE. A rare George IV Castle Top Snuff Box made in Birmingham in 1827 by Francis Clarke.

Sold



Description

This Castle Top Snuff Box is broad rectangular in form with a cast floral edge on the cover and base. The sides and base are decorated with engine turned designs. The cover displays a very detailed raised view of Abbotsford House, home of Sir Walter Scott, surrounded by a shaped raised frame decorated with plumbing scrolls and flower heads. The box has a cast protuding floral thumb piece and a finely gilded interior. This example is very well marked and is in excellent condition.

ABBOTSFORD HOUSE. Sir Walter Scott purchased the farm land on which he was to build Abbotsford in 1811. It lay on the bank of the River Tweed near an old ford and had once belonged to the monks of Melrose - hence the name of Abbotsford. With William Atkinson as architect, Scott pulled down the old farmhouse in 1822 and began a new home. He was first able to move into part of it in 1824. He died in the dining room on 21st September, 1832. A west wing was added to the house in the 1850s by Hope Scott.

Length: 2.9 inches, 7.25cm.

Width: 1.9 inches, 4.75cm.

Height: 0.9 inches, 2.25cm.

Weight: 5oz.