

WINDSOR CASTLE & THE ROUND TOWER. A very rare Castle Top
Vinaigrette made in Birmingham in 1844 by Wheeler & Cronin.

Sold



Description

This very rare Vinaigrette is broad rectangular in form and both the sides and base are decorated with engine turned engraving, within raised foliate borders. The base is also centred by a shield shaped cartouche containing a set of contemporary script initials. The castle top cover displays a crisp, rare, raised scene, in high relief, of Windsor Castle from the West with the Round Tower in a three dimensional effect.

Windsor was a popular view on Vinaigrettes, however, this is one of the rarest views of this subject and a similar example, by Nathaniel Mills, of the same date, is shown in Eric Delieb's, "Investing in Silver", page 115. The interior is well marked and finely gilded and the grille is beautifully pierced and engraved with pluming scrolls and a vase of flowers. Wheeler & Cronin were exceptionally fine box makers, working in the circle of Nathaniel Mills during this period. The detail is exceptional, even showing the stone work detail. Length: 1.5 inches, 3.75 cm. Width: 1.1 inches, 2.75 cm. Depth: 0.4 inches, 1 cm.