



Snuff-Box

Date
1760-1801

Medium
Tin

Description
Small rectangular tin box with a black gloss finish. It has a hinged lid attached to the back panel. There is a brass coin on the top with a wreathed man's head and the text

'Georgius III D.G. Brit Rex F.D.' Snuff boxes were used for holding snuff, a scented powdered tobacco, in the 17th and 18th centuries. It was inhaled through the nose and was thought to have medicinal properties. The making of snuff boxes was a lucrative business. They could range in design from very simple to extremely ornate.