

Basic Detail Report

Fob Seal in Gold and Hardstone of a Bear

Date

ca. 1830

Primary Maker

Unknown

Medium

gold, hardstone

Description

The handle is carved from mottled brown agate as a begging bear. With a scrolled gold cushion and white chalcedony matrix engraved with the apt motto: "Bear and forbear". Unfortunately this family motto was used by at least ten British families in the 19th century so it is not possible to assign to one in particular without an accompanying coat of arms.

Dimensions

Height: 1 cm (3/8 in.)