Antique Gladsone Bag, Leather

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Height: 22 cm (8.7")

Width: 36 cm (14.2")

Depth: 25 cm (9.8")

Description

Vintage luggage, Gladstone bag.
A superb quality crocodile skin 'Gladstone' bag with a restored leather interior. The case comes with its original foul-weather cover and has the initials "E.R" embossed on the crocodile skin. Gold-tooled on the inside edge of the fold-out lid is 'Made by H.Greaves, New Street, Birmingham.'. The bag is fitted with five brass studded feet, good brass metal fittings and the lock is stamped 'Greaves Ltd. Birmingham'. H. Greaves of 35 & 36 New Street, Birmingham were established in 1720 and they were luggage makers to the Royal family and they were later known as H.Greaves Ltd.

Gladstone bags are named after the 19th cent British Prime Minister William Ewart Gladstone; the bags are usually constructed of leather fitted over a metal frame.
Greaves are not as renowned as such makers as John Pound, Finnigans or Drew & Sons, but they consistently produced luggage of equal quality with outstanding traditional workmanship.
The bag is in excellent usable condition but it also has a very good decorative appeal.

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