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A BLACK FOREST TOBACCO POT OF A HORNED OWL

ARNOLD RUEF OF BRIENZ

H: 12 in / 32 cm | Dia: 8 in / 20.5 cm

Naturalistically and anatomically accurately carved in Linden wood, having glass eyes, the owl stands on a rocky outcrop, set with taper and match holders, the head being hinged to reveal the interior.

Black Forest, Circa 1880

Literature:

Brienz, Bernese Oberland, Switzerland

Brienz, in the Bernese Oberland, Switzerland was remarked upon in Baedeker's Travel Guide, as having a population of 2400, of whom 600 persons were employed as woodcarvers, to supply the tourist trade to Switzerland with mementos of the tour. A museum devoted entirely to the art of wood carving may be visited today. Literature; 'Swiss Carvings, The Art of the Black Forest' by Arenski, Daniels and Daniels, published by The Antique Collectors Club 2004 for similar examples.

