



A VERY LARGE BLACK FOREST CARVING OF A BEAR

H: 28 in / 71 cm | W: 17 in / 43 cm | L: 55 in / 140 cm

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Constructed using linden wood, the animal naturalistically carved, and with coloured highlights and glass eyes.

Brienz, Circa 1890

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

Arenski, Jay, Simon Daniels, and Michael Daniels. *Swiss Carvings: The Art of the "Black Forest," 1820-1940*. Woodbridge, Suffolk, UK: Antique Collectors' Club, 2005; for similar examples.

