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A PAIR OF MINIATURE BLACK FOREST BEAR CARVINGS

H: 9.5 in / 23 cm | W: 17 in / 42 cm | D: 6.5 in / 16 cm

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Constructed using linden wood, the animals 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 Forrest' 1820-1940*. Woodbridge: Antique Collectors' Club, 2005, p. 38 (fig. 31, illustrating a similar pair of miniature carved bears, in a private collection).

