



A BLACK FOREST CARVING OF A BEAR

Dimensions: H: 16 in / 40 cm | W: 25 in / 63 cm | D: 13 in / 33 cm

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Made from solid lindenwood, the animal naturalistically carved, and with patinated highlights and glass eyes.

Brienz, Circa 1890

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:

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