A Victorian japanned tea canister, circa 1860-80

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Height: 45 cm (17.7")

Width: 26 cm (10.2")

Description

Of oval form, decorated in green with a gilt letter 'B' to the front, marked to the back 'Bartlett & Son, Welch Back, Bristol'

John Bartlett is believed to have trained with the Company of Blacksmiths in London as an apprentice in the early 19th century before moving to Bristol to set up his own business at 3 Welch Back, (now Welsh Back). Here he manufactured weighing scales and other grocers' fittings, including Japanned tea canisters. His business eventually became part of the well-remembered British scalemaking company W & T Avery, which in turn, through a series of take-overs was subsumed into the US 'Fortune 200' Illinois Tool Works (ITW)

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