

18th Century Material Culture Tobacco Boxes



“Tobacco” vs. “Snuff” Boxes

The Boxes displayed in this slideshow have been labeled as “Tobacco Boxes” Each and every one of them, however, could easily be used for carrying snuff. Although boxes made specifically for snuff tended to be smaller in size, many contemporary illustrations depicting the use of snuff by individuals holding boxes reveals that many of them were larger in size.



Although this Small Box Appears to be for Snuff, It Depicts Gentlemen Smoking

English Wood Boxes



English Horn & Wood Tobacco Box
"IF YOU LOVE MEE LEND MEE NOT / RP 1651"
(Brunk Auctions)



English Horn & Wood Tobacco Box
"IF YOU LOVE MEE LEND MEE NOT / RP 1651"
(Brunk Auctions)



English Horn & Wood Tobacco Box
Dated 1704
(Brunk Auctions)



English Horn & Wood Tobacco Box
Dated 1704
(Brunk Auctions)

English
Horn & Shell
Boxes



English Pressed Horn Tobacco or Snuff Box

c. 1710

(Victoria & Albert)



English Pressed Horn Tobacco Box Bearing the Coat of Arms of the Lumbar Troop - Hogarth

c. 1720 - 1740

(Victoria & Albert)



English Pressed Horn Tobacco Box Bearing the Coat of Arms of the Lumbar Troop - Hogarth

c. 1720 - 1740
(Victoria & Albert)



English Pressed Horn Tobacco / Snuff Box Lid Bearing the Arms of a Convivial Club & Bacchus (with Punchbowl) and Ceres
Mid 18th Century
(The British Museum)



English Steel Tobacco Box Depicting King Charles II & Catherine of Braganza
1662
(Victoria & Albert)

English Silver Boxes



English Silver Tobacco Box from London
by Paul de Lamerie c. 1723 - 1724
(Victoria & Albert)



English Silver Tobacco Box from London
c. 1655 - 1656
(Victoria & Albert)



English Silver Tobacco Box from London

c. 1700 - 1750

(Victoria & Albert)



English Silver Tobacco Box from London
by Joseph Sanders c. 1738 - 1739
(Victoria & Albert)



English Silver Tobacco Box from London
by Joseph Smith I c. 1751
(Wax Antiques)



English Silver Tobacco Box from London
by Robert Cox c. 1751
(Wax Antiques)

English
Brass & Copper
Boxes



English Brass Tobacco Box

c. 1700 - 1702
(Winterthur)



English Brass Tobacco Box

c. 1700 - 1750
(Winterthur)



English Brass Tobacco Box
1746
(Victoria & Albert)



English Brass & Copper Tobacco Box
c. 1775
(Victoria & Albert)



English Brass Tobacco Box
18th Century
(Wooley & Wallis)



English or Dutch Brass Tobacco Box
Mid 18th Century
(Victoria & Albert)



English or Dutch Brass Tobacco Box
Mid 18th Century
(Victoria & Albert)



English or Dutch Brass Tobacco Box
Mid 18th Century
(Victoria & Albert)



English or Dutch Brass Tobacco Box

1746
(Winterthur)



English or Dutch Brass Tobacco Box

c. 1750 - 1775
(Winterthur)



English Brass Tobacco Box
c. 1770 - 1800
(Winterthur)



English Brass Tobacco Box

1772

(Winterthur)



English Brass & Copper Tobacco Box

1747
(Winterthur)



English Copper Tobacco Box
c. 1720
(Victoria & Albert)

This is a Brave World to Live In
To Lend to spend and to Give In
But to Begg & to Borrow to Gett a mans Own
It is y worst World that Ever was Known
Lend me not Les.^t Ponge, be I
Lett all Beggers & Borrowers go Bye
Will.^m Hedgecock of Quinborough

English Copper Tobacco Box

c. 1720

(Victoria & Albert)



English Closed Plate Snuff/Tobacco Box
Late 18th Century
(M. Ford Creech Antiques & Fine Arts)

Irish Silver Boxes



Irish Silver Tobacco Box from Dublin
by William Currie 1745
(Victoria & Albert)

Dutch
Brass & Copper
Boxes



Dutch Brass Tobacco Box
1676
(Victoria & Albert)



Dutch Brass Tobacco Box
Early 18th Century
(Victoria & Albert)



Dutch Brass Tobacco Box

c. 1700 - 1710
(Winterthur)



Dutch Brass Tobacco Box

c. 1700 - 1740
(Winterthur)



Dutch Brass Tobacco Box

c. 1720 - 1760
(Winterthur)

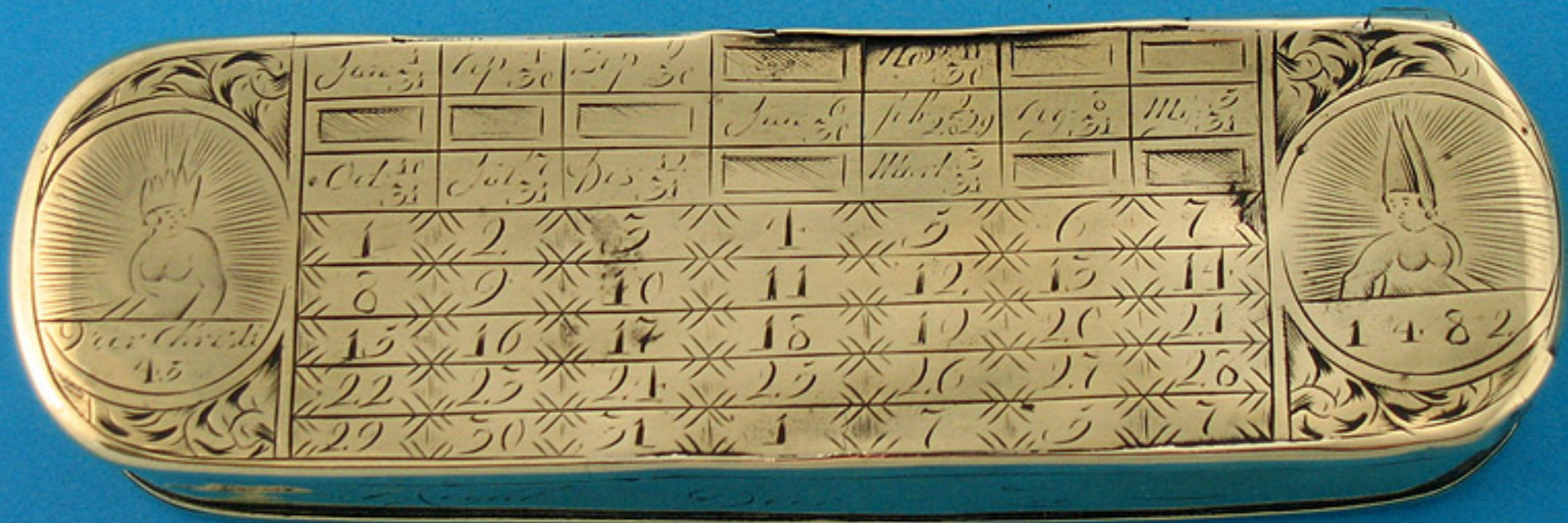


Dutch Brass Tobacco Box

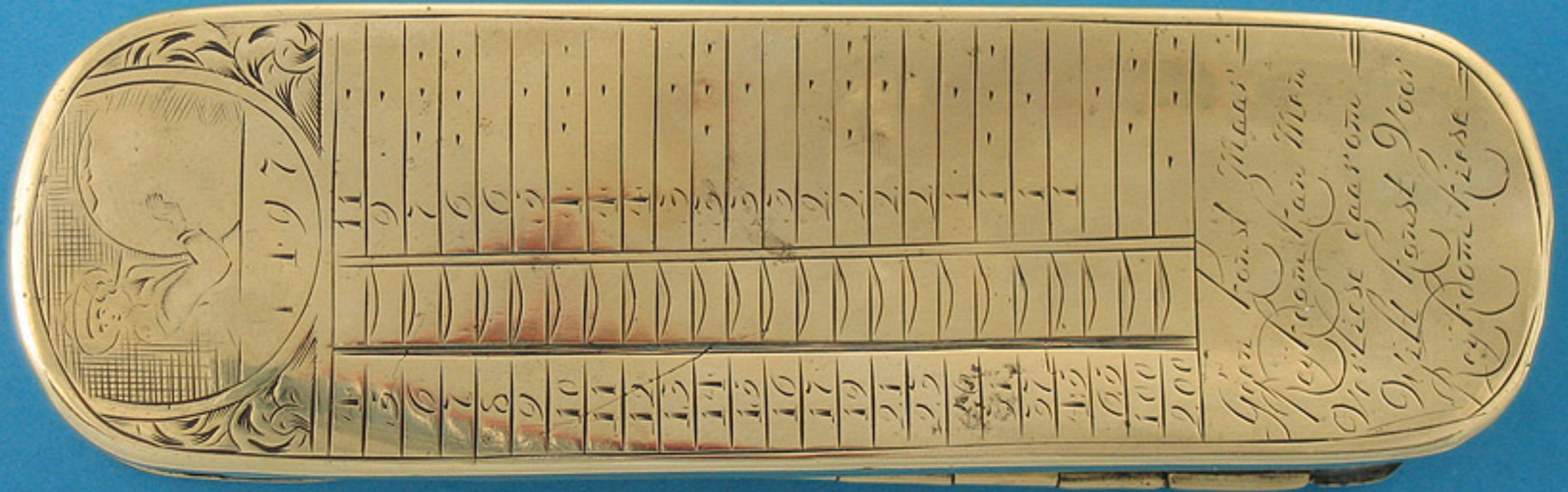
c. 1730 - 1750
(Winterthur)



Dutch Pierced Brass Tobacco Box
c. 1740 - 1770
(M. Ford Creech Antiques & Fine Arts)



Dutch Brass Seaman's Tobacco Box / "Dutchman's Log"
 by Pieter Holm c. 1757
 (M. Ford Creech Antiques & Fine Arts)



Dutch Brass Seaman's Tobacco Box / "Dutchman's Log"
 by Pieter Holm c. 1757
 (M. Ford Creech Antiques & Fine Arts)



The Painter Georg Blendinger
by Bernhard Vogel after Johann Kupezky 1737
(The British Museum)



GEORGIVS BLENDINGER Pictor Norimbergensis.
Quod caret alterna requie durabile non est.



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Quod caret alterna requie durabile non est.
Ioannes Kupezky pinx.
Cum Privilegio Sac. Cels. Majest.
Bernhard Vogel iuxta Originalisculps.
et sculpsit Norimbergae 1737.

The Painter Georg Blendinger
by Bernhard Vogel after Johann Kupezky 1737
(The British Museum)



Dutch Brass Tobacco Box

c. 1730 - 17700

(Winterthur)



Dutch Brass Tobacco Box

c. 1740 - 1800

(Winterthur)



Dutch Brass Tobacco Box
c. 1750
(Eye Stone Antiques, Ltd.)



Dutch Brass Tobacco Box
c. 1750
(Eve Stone Antiques, Ltd.)



Dutch Brass Tobacco Box
Mid 18th Century
(Private Collection)



Dutch Brass Tobacco Box
Mid 18th Century
(Private Collection)



Dutch Brass and Copper Tobacco Box
Mid-18th Century
(Private Collection)



Dutch Brass and Copper Tobacco Box
Mid-18th Century
(Private Collection)



Dutch Brass Tobacco Box Depicting a Clock Maker
18th Century
(Brunk Auctions)



Dutch Brass and Copper Tobacco Box
Mid-18th Century
(Brunk Auctions)



Dutch Brass and Copper Tobacco Box
Depicting Scenes from the Old Testament
The Expulsion of Adam and Eve, Abraham's Sacrifice of Isaac, & Cain and Abel
Mid-18th Century
(Brunk Auctions)



Dutch Brass & Copper Tobacco Box
Designs Relating to the Union of England & Holland Against France
c. 1756 - 1763
(The British Museum)



Dutch Brass & Copper Tobacco Box
Designs Relating to the Union of England & Holland Against France
c. 1756 - 1763
(The British Museum)



English Copper Tobacco Box
Mid 18th Century
(Victoria & Albert)



English Copper & Brass Tobacco Box

c. 1741

(Victoria & Albert)



English Copper & Brass Tobacco Box

c. 1741

(Victoria & Albert)



Dutch Silver Tobacco Box
Early 18th Century
(Victoria & Albert)

German
Brass & Copper
Boxes



German Brass & Copper Tobacco Box
Stamped with the Image of Frederick II, King of Prussia, Ferdinand of Brunswick, & the Battle of Minden
by Johan Henricus Glese Mid 18th Century
(The British Museum)



German Brass Hunting Scene Tobacco Box
Dated 1777
(The British Museum)



Brass & Copper Tobacco Box
Revealing three circular medallions:
Francis I, Maria Theresa and a Coat of Arms
With Battle Scenes from the Russo-Turkish War of 1768-1774
by Johan Henricus Becker c. 1775
(The British Museum)



German Brass Tobacco Box

1760

(Victoria & Albert)



German Brass Tobacco Box Embossed with the Battle of Greyburg
“KEPPELMAN 1762”
(The British Museum)



German Brass & Copper Tobacco Box c. 1757 - 1763
Depicting Frederick the Great and Battle Scenes from the 7 Years War
(The British Museum)



German Brass & Copper Tobacco Box

c. 1750

(Victoria & Albert)



Brass & Copper Tobacco Box with an Abolitionist Theme
Late 18th Century
(Brunk Auctions)

Pewter Boxes



Pewter Tobacco Box
Mid 18th Century
(Former George C. Neuman Collection, Valley Forge National Historic Park)

Sheet Iron Boxes



English Sheet Iron Tobacco Box

1744

(Private Collection)



English Sheet Iron Tobacco Box
Mid 18th - Early 19th Century
(Private Collection)



English Sheet Iron Tobacco Box from Birmingham or Warwick

1757
(Private Collection)



English Sheet Iron Tobacco Box from Birmingham or Warwick
by William Jones c. 1743 - 1760
(Private Collection)



English Sheet Iron Tobacco Box from Birmingham
by Thomas Lakin 1743
(Private Collection)



English Sheet Iron Tobacco Box from Birmingham or Warwick
by Thomas Shaw 1764
(Private Collection)

Richard Chamberlayne
Goyner Birmingham

1750

English Sheet Iron Tobacco Box from Birmingham

1750
(Winterthur)



European Sheet Iron Tobacco Box

c. 1750 - 1825
(Winterthur)



American Jappaned Sheet Iron Tobacco Box from the Shennandoah Valley, Virginia
For Surveyor Thomas Lewis 1773
(Jeffrey S. Evans)

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