



Louis XVI gold snuffbox, master goldsmith Philippe Bourlier

Era: Louis XVI

Materials: gold

W: 5,5 cm (2.59 in) D: 4,5 cm (1.77 in) H: 2,2 cm (0.86 in)

Weight: 94 gr (3.31 oz)

Guarantee mark: Jean Baptiste Fouache 1775-1781

Date letter: Crowned R for Paris 1780

Release mark: monkey head 1775-1781

Master goldsmith mark: Philippe Bourlier

Oval snuff box featuring yellow, and pink gold. The hinged lid is decorated with a central medallion featuring a trophy with a quiver with bow and arrow on a gold background amati symbols of Love. The medallion is framed with both a laurel friezes and a "barley grain" motif. The decoration of the side consists of four guilloche panels with "barley grain" alternating with antique garlands. An interlacing frieze underlines the side. The base has a guilloché decoration. Work from the Louis XVI period. Some old restauration on the base and wear to the guilloché.

Master goldsmith's hallmark: PB (2 grains of remedy, crowned fleur-de-lys and small tree) for **Philippe Bourlier**, received as master in Paris in 1769.