

Immunity from Seizure Report

Death in the Ice: The Shocking Story of Franklin's Final Expedition
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Description: Naval General Service medal 1793-1840 with bars: Copenhagen 1801, Trafalgar and Boat Service 14 Dec 1814, awarded to Sir John Franklin, inscribed SIR JOHN FRANKLIN LIEUT R.N. The medal is suspended from a white ribbon with blue bands on either side.

Date: 1847

Object type: medal

Dimensions: Length 9.3 cm, Width 3.6 cm, Thickness 0.3 cm

Material: silver, silk

Artist/Maker: Hunt & Roskell (British)

Marks/inscriptions: Sir John Franklin, Lieut R.N.

Provenance: Purchased by the Canadian War Museum from Sotheby's, London UK November 26 1980, Lot 127. The medal was sold by a private collector who purchased it from the last descendant of one of the branches of the Franklin family about 25 years prior.

Ownership during period 1933-45: Franklin Family - Apart from the information about the collector obtaining the medal from a member of one of the branches of the Franklin family 25 years prior, which would make it about 1955 (post-war), there is no record of anyone else having ownership of it or ever being offered for public sale. The Museum safely assumes that the Franklin family branch had ownership between 1933 and 1945.

List of any publications it has been referenced in: "Orders and Medals Research Society" Autumn, 1981, p.185