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Goldsmiths & Silversmiths Natural Pearl Necklace, 1938

£19,500

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Description

A very fine single-strand natural saltwater pearl necklace by Goldsmiths & Silversmiths Co., London, accompanied by its original 1938 purchase and insurance documentation from the firm's premises at 112 Regent Street, London W.1.

Composed of 121 graduated pearls, the strand progresses beautifully from approximately 1.8 mm to 6.8 mm in diameter, creating an elegant and softly tapering line. At 45 cm in length, it sits with a refined, classic proportion at the neck. The pearls are secured by a single-stone old-cut diamond snap clasp, mounted in silver and unmarked yellow gold, with an additional platinum safety chain.

The original Goldsmiths & Silversmiths paperwork provides an exceptional connection to the necklace's early history and provenance. Founded in 1880, the firm was one of London's most respected jewellers and silversmiths, and its name is closely associated with finely made British jewellery of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

The necklace is accompanied by full Gemmological Certification Services analysis and certification. The report confirms the natural saltwater origin of the pearl strand, while noting that one pearl has at some point been replaced with a cultured pearl, as documented in the accompanying certification.

A rare and highly wearable jewel, combining the quiet lustre and individuality of natural pearls with the sparkle of an antique-cut diamond clasp. Its documented 1938 provenance, substantial number of natural pearls, and accompanying gemmological report make it a particularly compelling addition to a fine jewellery collection.

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