

A PAIR OF SCOTTISH GEORGE III MAHOGANY SIDE CHAIRS PROBABLY BY ALEXANDER PETER OF EDINBURGH - REF 2147



A fine historically important pair of early George III Scottish mahogany side chairs, probably by Alexander Peter of Edinburgh. Each chair with paper scroll carved and yoke shaped top rail suspending a triple swag, with pierced and interlaced carved splat decorated with a band of stylised flowerheads, and with scrolled fiddle apertures to the lower splat. The carving is of particularly good quality. The upholstered drop-in seat with possibly contemporary period gros point needleworks supported on blind fret carved square front legs joined by pierced H-shaped stretchers.

These chairs are Scottish versions of an often seen mid eighteenth century chair pattern, although not featured in popular design books of the period. Comparable examples, can be seen at Temple Newsam House and Lotherton Hall. The Scottish signature features include the dished cresting with 'roller', that is a tightly scrolled rail that resembles a rolled piece of paper; thistle shaped tassels (in this case fringing a carved cloth draped over the cresting); and interlace carving on the central crescent. The plain holes drilled through the splat are a common characteristic of Scottish chairs of this date, whilst the geometric fret of the stretchers was a feature used particularly by the Edinburgh maker Alexander Peter.

PRICE: £13,900



Provenance: Viscount Strathallan, 18th earl of Perth, Stobhall Castle, near Perth.

Origin & Age: Scottish, George III, circa 1760

Dimensions: 20" wide, 21" deep, 38" high; 51cm wide, 53cm deep; 97cm high.

Restorations: Minor restorations, waxing. The needlework probably contemporary to the chairs.

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