

GEORGE I FIGURED WALNUT BACHELOR CHEST - REF 2297



A superb George I figured walnut and feather banded fold over top bachelor chest. The rectangular top with fine figured veneers arranged in a double book match, feather and cross banded, opening to reveal a mirror image arrangement of figured veneers to the inside. The top when open is supported by retractable lopers, with four long graduated oak lined drawers below, fitted with brass shaped plate handles and lock escutcheons, with early quadrant style cock-beading. The veneers to the drawers are also laid in a book match. The chest is supported on its original shaped bracket feet. In lovely condition, excellent rich colour and patina throughout. Without doubt this is the best bachelor chest that we have had.

Attingham Park was built in 1785 for Noel Hill, 1st Baron Berwick, who received his title in 1784 during the premiership of Prime Minister William Pitt the Younger. Noel Hill was a politician who aided William Pitt in the restructuring of the East India Company. Noel Hill already owned a house on the site of Attingham Park called Tern Hall, but with money he received along with his title he commissioned the architect George Steuart to design a new and grander house to be build around the original hall. In the bottom drawer the chest has a paper label inscribed 'These drawers are given to Dorothy Emily Briggs on her second birthday September the 19th 1894 by her Grandma Emily Briggs'.

PRICE: £59,000

Provenance: Attingham Park Shropshire.

Origin & Age: English, George I, circa 1725

Dimensions: 30" wide, 30" high, 13½" deep; 76cm wide, 76cm high, 34cm deep.

Restorations: Minor restorations, waxing. Brassware apparently original, feet probably replaced.

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