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GEORGE I WALNUT ARM CHAIR IN THE MANNER OF GILES GRENDEY REF 2350

A superb, museum quality George I carved walnut arm chair in the manner of Giles Grendey.

The vase shaped back with a scalloped shape top rail, intricately carved with a foliate design. The pierced shaped central splat again with carved flowers and trailing leaves. The serpentine shaped arms with leaf carved detailing to the elbow and hand rests, the arm supports with crisp leaf carved detailing to the base. The seat frame with a gadrooned front lower edge. The chair is supported on cabriole legs, the front with a leaf carved knee and paw foot, the rears delightfully shaped and terminating in a pad foot. The drop in seat is covered with a red silk damask fabric. A fabulous, historic piece of furniture.

Giles Grendey was born in Gloucestershire in 1693 and, aged 16, came to London as an apprentice to William Sherborne. His first commission was for Richard Hoare of Barn Elmes. The 'Cabinet-Maker and Chair-Maker' Giles Grendey, who was described in 1740 as 'A great Dealer in the Cabinet Way', carried out a considerable export trade from Aylesbury House in St. John's Square. He was appointed Upper Warden of the Joiner's Company in 1747 and its Master in 1766. His son-in-law, John Cobb, was granted a court appointment as cabinet-maker to George III.



PRICE £24,900

Provenance: Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. Donated to the museum by the Rogers Fund in 1908, originally acquired from Tiffany Galleries, New York.

Origin & Age: English, George I, circa 1725.

Dimensions: 39½" high, 30" wide, 22" deep; 100cm high, 76cm wide, 56cm deep.

Restorations: Minor restorations, waxing. The silk seat upholstery replaced.

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