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## GEORGE I WALNUT BACHELOR CHEST - REF 2529



PRICE £25,900

A superb rare and unusual George I walnut bachelor chest retaining excellent original colour and patina. The top with a pair of stunning book matched walnut oyster veneers, with a feather and cross banded circumference. The top opens to reveal a walnut veneered working surface again feather and cross-banded. When open the top is supported by a pair of retractable lopers. The front has an arrangement of two short over three long cock beaded and feather banded, oak lined drawers fitted with brass ring pulls and oval plate lock escutcheons. The rarest part of this little chest is the fabulously neat, apparently original, squared cabriole feet. These are joined by a complimentary frieze with arched form to the sides and stepped to the front.

*Bachelor chests were conceived in the late 17th century, as a small piece of furniture which could double as a writing desk and fit neatly into the type of living accommodations that many young men had when moving to the city and just beginning a career. Although small, the chest usually had plenty of room to store basic toiletry items and other essentials that the early 18th century unmarried man about town would need. The form of this particular piece is extremely rare and desirable.*

**Provenance:** The Estate of Mary-Jane Kenny, New York, USA.

**Origin & Age:** English, George I, circa 1720

**Dimensions:** 30" wide, 30" high, 11½" deep; 76cm wide, 76cm high, 29cm deep.

**Restorations:** Minor restorations, waxing. Feet apparently original.

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