

SA1015373

George II Oak Bachelor's Chest of Small Proportions c. 1740

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1015373****Date of manufacture: Georgian**

Description

A very slender early 18th century oak chest at only 13 inches deep and with a most attractive colour, with fold out top over four graduated drawers and retaining original brasses and locks. . These chests with fold out tops were known as bachelor's chests because they were small and compact enough for a single gentleman who occupied a bachelor's pad. . When the top was extended to full width it is supported on two sliding oak lopers and clothes could be placed upon it for 'brushing out' – in the 18th century clothes were brushed far more often than they were washed. . The drawers with their fine oak linings in clean and very solid condition and well constructed. The base boards running front to back and the linings with fine and strong hand cut dovetails. . The hand cast brass handles with chased decoration to the back plates and split pin fasteners each with a small ring to the centre of the bail. These rings have, over the centuries, made an impression above each handle – a small indent in the oak known as a 'knock mark' – which demonstrates the regular use and great age of the chest as oak is not easy to mark and also shows which drawers have been used more o...

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