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Antique Turkmen 'Bukcha',
Yomut Tribe, Trans-Caspian
Steppes, Turkmenistan, Central
Asia.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1022558

Date of manufacture: 1880

Dimensions

Height = 110 cm (43.3")

Width = 81 cm (31.9")

Description

The only words that come to mind are 'just incredible'! Sourced from an old Turkmen family, this fantastic 'bukcha' was made circa 1880 in the trans-Caspian Steppes by a Yomut Turkmen woman and made as part of her dowry. The bukcha is shaped like an envelope and was initially made to contain a large flat loaf of bread, symbolically important at the wedding ceremony. Afterwards, the bukcha was used by the bride for containing her most treasured small possessions including jewellery. The bukcha is made in a specific way: four triangles are knotted to the sides of a rectangular flat-weave kilim and, when folded inwards, they form an envelope shape. Three flaps are sewn together with the upper flap being left loose to act as the opener. Considered to rank as one of the most highly regarded weavings in any Turkmen collection, bukchas are now extremely rare. This example, is completely preserved with its braided surrounding band containing tassels for good luck. See a similar example on page 49 of my third edition 'Tribal Rugs - Treasures of the Black Tent'. Size: 1.10 x 0.81m (3' 7" x 2' 8") incl. tassels; 81 x 81cm (2' 8" x 2' 8") without tassels.

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