

SA1038124

George III Painted Oval-back Armchair

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1038124****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 93 cm (36.6")

Width = 58 cm (22.8")

Depth = 55 cm (21.7")

Description

A fine George III oval-back armchair, painted in green with parcel gilt detailing, attributed to Gillows, circa 1780. Featuring an exceptionally elegant form and well-balanced proportions, supported by fluted tapering forelegs and adorned with upholstery in a period needlework fabric. Structurally very good. Seat Height: 44cm The petty ledger of the firm from 1783 to 1785 records the production of 218 oval-back chairs in diverse designs, including examples like this one with 'three upright splats.' Notably, this chair exhibits the distinctive 'water leaf' motif painted in gilt on the upper arms, with the arms concluding in the characteristic 'stumps' (referred to by Gillows as the short supports for the arms). Interestingly, the distinctive arms seen on this chair, as well as on other Gillows chairs depicted in Plates 116 and 131 of Susan E. Stuart's "Gillows of Lancaster and London Volume I," are noteworthy. In a June 1787 entry, Gillows noted, 'though the seats of the armed chairs are not very large, the arms are made to spread out very much & give plenty of room.' The arms on this chair were designed to accommodate the broad skirts worn by ladies in the 1780s. F...

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