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William and Mary Oyster veneer Desk

Price

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Item Reference: SA1066514

Date of manufacture: Before 1700

Dimensions

Height = 78 cm (30.7")

Width = 117 cm (46.1")

Depth = 45 cm (17.7")

Description

Exquisite 17th-Century Oyster Veneer Kneehole Desk This stunning 17th-century oyster veneer kneehole desk, crafted during the William and Mary period (circa 1690), is a superb example of English Baroque furniture. Made with laburnum oyster veneer, it showcases exceptional craftsmanship and design, blending practicality with striking visual appeal. Its warm tones, elegant proportions, and beautiful patina make it a rare find for collectors of antique veneer furniture. The oyster veneer—named for its resemblance to oyster shells—is crafted by slicing branches or roots crosswise, creating circular or oval patterns. These veneers are expertly arranged to form intricate and decorative designs, a hallmark of antique furniture from the 17th century. **Design and Features** This 17th-century kneehole desk features a worn leather top, which is an old replacement, adding character to the piece. Beneath the top are two central drawers accompanied by six smaller drawers, all offering ample storage. The desk retains its original charm with a working lock and key, adding both functionality and authenticity. The construction suggests the desk was likely adapted from a 17th-century chest...

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