

SA1099792

Pair Of 19th Century Oak Hall Seats

Price

GBP 3,500

| USD \$4,772 | EUR 4,084

Item Reference: SA1099792**Date of manufacture: Victorian**

Description

A Very Attractive Pair Of Late 19th Century Oak Hall Seats, Or Window Seats, Having Turned Stretchers To Top With Carrying Handle And Elegant Shaped Decoration To Splat Backs, Over Solid Seats Flanked By Scrolling Silhouette End Supports With Pierced Decoration In The Gothic Taste. Makers Label - "William A & Sylvanus Smee, 6 Finsbury Pavement, London." William Alfred Smee (1829-1886) and Sylvanus Smee (1835-1870) were sons of William Smee jnr (1797-1856), cabinet-maker and upholsterer and Citizen of London, a member of the Dyers Company. They were grandsons of William Smee (1761-1843) also a cabinet-maker and upholsterer. The 1851 census shows William Smee jnr employing 90 men and 12 women. William's three sons were involved in the business: William Alfred, Sylvanus and John Henry Smee (1831-1912). William Smee jnr died in 1856 and by the late 1860s his sons had established separate businesses: W.A. & S. Smee, trading from 6 Finsbury Pavement, and John Henry Smee & Co., trading from 20 Finsbury Pavement. This lovely quality pair of hall chairs date towards the latter part of the 19th century and are constructed from particularly attractive light golden oak, which gi...

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