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Antique Wheat-Sack (tacheh),
Luri-Bakhtiari Tribes, Western
Persia.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1164066

Date of manufacture: 1900

Dimensions

Height = 111 cm (43.7")

Width = 107 cm (42.1")

Description

Wheat-sacks or 'tacheh' in Persian, were used, as the name implies, for transporting wheat. In the case of this tacheh, it has been opened up to show the complete weaving, as it was made, and which can be hung on the wall as decorative, woven tribal art. To make this tacheh into a sack, the sides and base were sewn together with goat-hair creating an opening at the top. All the tachehs made by the Luri-Bakhtiari tribes were woven in plain-weave with a knotted-pile, symbolic bottle-shape in the centre. Note the dotted lines at the top of the knotted-pile bottle-shape which I believe represents the wheat being poured into the sack, thus symbolically representing the bounty of God. Tachehs like this one, from the 19th century through to the 1930s when they were no longer made, are now rare. The central bottle-shape in this tacheh depicts stylised peacocks - symbols of wealth and divine immortality. On the wall, these attractive tachehs provide a glimpse of a weaving which no longer exists in nomadic life. For more information on tachehs, see chapter 12 of my book 'Tribal Rugs - Treasures of the Black Tent', as well as 'The Tacheh of Chahar Mahal' and 'Tasheh' both by Parviz T...

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