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

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1164068****Date of manufacture: 1900**

Dimensions

Height = 105 cm (41.3")

Width = 153 cm (60.2")

Description

Wheat-sacks or 'tacheh' in Persian, were used, as the name implies, for transporting wheat and were generally made in pairs and tied to the flanks of the pack animals during long migrations. Here we see an opened-up tacheh, showing the complete weaving as it was made. Taken from the loom as it is, it is then sewn-up on two sides and on the base with goat-hair to produce a sack with an opening at the top. This tacheh is in complete, original condition with its original goat-hair loops at the top, used for handling the sack. The centre bottle-shape is in knotted-pile in a checkerboard pattern with brocade chevrons at the top. On one side of the bottle-shape, the plain-weave is undecorated whereas on the other side, the decoration is in vertical stripes with small symbols interspersed. Symbolically, I believe the plain side represents the bare earth, with the decorated side representing the growth of wheat and the chevrons indicating the wheat being poured into the bottle-shape container - the bounty of God. Tachehs can look stunning on the wall and shows the last vestiges of an ancient weaving tradition which is now gone. For more information on tachehs, see chapter 12 of...

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