

SA1179599

A Rare Gillow & Co. Mahogany Breakfront Library Desk

Price

GBP 1,900

| USD \$2,571 | EUR 2,223

Item Reference: SA1179599

Date of manufacture: Victorian

Dimensions

Height = 73 cm (28.7")

Width = 122 cm (48.0")

Depth = 56 cm (22.0")

Description

A Beautiful and Rare Gillow & Co. Mahogany Breakfront Library Desk, Circa 1870 A fine and scarce example of a Gillow & Co. breakfront library desk, crafted in richly figured mahogany and topped with a gilt-tooled green leather writing surface. All nine drawers feature handsome reeded fronts and Aesthetic-Movement Gothic-inspired brass handles. The central breakfront section, fitted with a single drawer, is supported by fluted and reeded column supports embellished with acanthus-leaf and petal carving. This centre section is flanked by two banks of four graduated drawers, offering generous and well-organised storage. The end and internal panels are designed in simple fielded form with elegant floral corner details. The whole piece stands on a stepped plinth base set on inset castors for ease of movement. A rare survivor, this model is believed to originate from designs first produced in the 1850s. Its Gillow & Co. stamp—rather than the earlier straight Gillow mark—indicates a later 19th-century production, circa 1870. Seating area opening measure 61cm high x 52cm wide. Gillow & Co (Gillows of Lancaster and London) Founded in Lancaster around 1730 by Robert Gillow, Gillo...

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