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Jacobean Welsh Oak Great Chair c. 1620

Price

GBP 1,200

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Item Reference: SA1212572

Date of manufacture: 17th century

Description

An early and extremely rare original oak Great chair (Wales c. 1620) made for the child of a very wealthy household. In the early 17th century, Great chairs were used by the master of a house whilst other members of the family, friends and guests would almost invariably be seated on stools. Regardless of the status of your guest, prince or pauper, they would expect to be seated on a stool whilst the master would sit in a Great chair placed centrally at a table or raised on a dias. The tall backs, often with a high crowning shaped crest rail and extended ears, were intended to give additional stature, girth and gravitas to the sitter. Painted and with exuberant carving sometimes added in order to draw everyone's gaze and attention to the sitter. Great chairs were expensive high status items, treasured and kept within families for generations. Only a few wainscot chairs were made for children and they are rare. Rarer still is a child's Great chair with the exaggerated high back and extended crowning crest rail. This chair may have been made as a smaller and unadorned version of the Master's chair. Examples of early children's wainscot chairs are well documented and most r...

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