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Rare Antique Qashqa'i Baby Cradle, Kashkuli Tayefeh, Fars Province, South-West Persia.

Price

GBP 2,500

| USD \$3,383 | EUR 2,925

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Date of manufacture: 1920

Dimensions

Height = 115 cm (45.3")

Width = 79 cm (31.1")

Description

This extremely rare, museum-quality, baby cradle, which I acquired from Iran late last year, is a record of a very special weaving which is lost today. I managed to acquire the cradle complete with wooden hanging rods at each end, and expecting the wooden rods to be impounded by UK customs, was delighted to receive the cradle intact with rods. The cradle, which was woven by Qashqa'i Kashkuli nomads during the early 20th century, had been lovingly woven by a tribal mother or grandmother for the impending arrival of the much-wanted baby or grandchild. The cradle is woven in madder-red plain-weave technique with an abundance of knotted-pile deer or gazelle, stylised flower-heads and one, solitary, tiny, baby deer or gazelle. I have never come across such an amazing, complete cradle in over 40 years of dealing in antique tribal rugs and weavings and that includes anything in my extensive collection of books showing weavings from private collections worldwide! Maybe there is another one out there somewhere! Maybe one day too, a museum dedicated to the rugs and weavings of the Persian nomads will be established and where a weaving like this cradle will be on view, to show peop...

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