

SA1230570

Cromwellian Marquetry Coffin Dated 1658

Price

GBP 1,250

| USD \$1,704 | EUR 1,459

Item Reference: SA1230570

Date of manufacture: 1800

Description

Rare and exceptional, with all original foliate marquetry and original hardware and with no later timbers, this beautiful large marriage chest has been in the same family for generations and has always been lovingly cared for. . The coffin has a number of finer quality details including the well shaped and channel carved stiles and muntins which separate the panels on the front and sides and match the stiles and muntins on the lid. . The marquetry is made of ebony, holly, applewood and walnut – the inlay process is extremely time consuming and an expensive detail to have added to any furniture of this mid 17th Century period. Everything had to be carved with hand held tools and it took many years of experience, knowledge and skill to carefully cut the pattern into the fronts of each fielded panel and then cut each tiny piece of exotic timber and shape it to fit the pattern before being inlaid. The inlays were held in a candle flame to smoke the edges and add a 3D depth to the pattern. . Here there are five intricate and exuberant marquetry panels – four to the front of the coffin and one to the centre of the lid. All original. . The far left fielded panel of the lid has b...

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