

SA256276

Welsh Oak Longcase Clock.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA256276****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Description

Early 19th.c. oak longcase clock c.1800 with 8 day works by Watkin Owen of Llanrwst, the best known Welsh clock maker of his age. Attractive case of particularly good colour, a little shorter than many clocks, standing a fraction under 81" tall. Hood featuring swan neck pediment and reeded columns over a slim body with long shaped door and reeded quarter columns typical of Llanrwst cases of the period. With a delightful 13" square enamel face painted with strawberries (the first time we have come across these on a Llanrwst clock), signed Watkin Owen Llanrwst and featuring a working date display. The hands are later replacements. Original works, featuring Watkin Owen's trademark 5th pillar, cleaned and overhauled and sold together with a 12 month guarantee. Original weights and pendulum. The Owen family of Llanrwst, a small market town in the Conwy valley, are probably the most prolific and best known family of 18th century clockmakers in Wales. Watkin Owen (1755-1809) was aged just 21 when his father, the respected clockmaker John Owen, died. After establishing himself as head of the business, he improved and refined his father's works, adding a fifth pillar to the movement...

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