

**SA349780**

A 17th CENTURY OAK FIVE  
PLANK COFFER IN GOOD  
CONDITION.

Price

**Sold**

**Item Reference: SA349780**

**Date of manufacture: Before 1700**

## Description

THIS SUPER COFFER HAS SPENT IT'S ENTIRE LIFE, AS FAR AS I CAN ASCERTAIN, IN A NORTH CORNISH FARM HOUSE. THESE COFFERS ARE SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS 'SWORD BOXES' WHICH IS A SOMEWHAT GLAMOROUS TITLE PARTICULARLY TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT THOSE WHO OWNED THEM COULD PROBABLY HARDLY AFFORD CUTLERY, LET ALONE SWORDS! IT IS MORE LIKELY THAT THESE CHESTS OR COFFERS WERE MADE BY THEIR OWNERS OR POSSIBLY THE LOCAL BLACKSMITH OR CARPENTER AND WERE DESIGNED TO HOUSE ITEMS OF VALUE AND THINGS LIKELY TO BE CONSUMED BY RODENTS. FURNITURE, AT THIS TIME WAS THE PRESERVE OF THE WEALTHY AND MOST COTTAGERS WERE IN POSSESSION OF A TABLE, A BED, PERHAPS A FOOD CUPBOARD, A TRESTLE OR TWO AND THEN, OF COURSE, THE UBIQUITOUS 'COFFER' WHICH WOULD ALSO SERVE AS A SEAT. SO MANY OF THESE HAVE BEEN 'CARVED UP' AS WE SAY IN THE TRADE. BY THIS I MEAN THAT ENTHUSIASTIC VICTORIANS LIKED THE HEAVILY 'CARVED' LOOK SO LOTS OF AREAS WERE ADDED TO WITH CARVINGS AND VERY OFTEN A COMPLETELY FICTITIOUS AND MEANINGLESS DATE. (I HAVE KNOWN THE ODD ANTIQUE DEALER 'ADD' A BIT OF 'AUTHENTICITY' TO SUCH PIECES TOO!! THIS COFFER IS VERY ORIGINAL. ONE FEATURE THAT ALL FROM THIS AGE WOULD HAVE HAD IS A PAIR OF SIMPLE STA...

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