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A SUPERB MID 18th C IRISH MAHOGANY TALLBOY

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA480662****Date of manufacture: Georgian**

Dimensions

Height = 163 cm (64.2")

Width = 85 cm (33.5")

Depth = 48 cm (18.9")

Description

A superb & rare Irish mid 18th C mahogany tallboy. The chest of very attractive colour with 7 graduated drawers retaining original brass escutcheon handles & standing on original bracket feet. This model of tall narrow chest with graduated drawers with central escutcheon handles is unique to 18th C Irish Furniture. Several similar models are illustrated in the Irish Furniture Book by the Knight Of Glinn & James Peill. (April 2007. One drawer bears the stamp of Francis De Groot- Upper Liffey Street Dublin. Francis was born in Dublin on 24 October at 23 Liffey Street, Dublin, the youngest son of Cornelius De Groot a Sculptor of Dutch Huguenot descent, & His wife Mary, ne'e Butler, from a Clonmel family of Norman Irish background and Belvedere colleges, Frank joined the merchant Navy, aged 13. He completed a 5 year apprenticeship to his uncle Michael Butler an Antique dealer before migrating to Australia in 1910. When the booksellers George Robertson & Fred Wymark opened a city art Gallery that also sold antiquities, De Groots knowledge & connections with the trade & London proved invaluable. He claimed to have been advanced £10,000 by Robertson to purchase antiques fo...

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