

SA570927

Rare Near Set of 4 Yew Wood Windsor Chairs William Wheatland Retford

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA570927****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 89 cm (35.0")

Width = 50 cm (19.7")

Depth = 38 cm (15.0")

Description

A Rare nearly matching set of four low back Windsor Chairs in Yew Wood with Elm seats, these are from the early period of the working life of William Wheatland who set up a workshop in Retford in Beardsall Row in the early years of the 19th century later moving Gamston c 1825 to take a Methodist class soon this class became larger than expected so William decided to find somewhere to build a small chapel, land became available a tiny village was being constructed this village was to be called Rockley as there was an outcrop of large rocks nearby, William bought the land and built his chapel in c 1827, sadly within 3 years he was to go bankrupt and left the chair workshop and chapel, this was then taken over by the next chair maker of Rockley George Nicholson, although Fred Walker who had been with Wheatland for some time took over the responsibility of Chapel leader and Preacher. These chairs bear some characteristics of William Wheatland's early work, ie shaped crook underarm supports, a scratch carved ring around the edge of the seats, and the upright spindles mortised through the seat. all four chairs are in excellent condition with a pleasing colour and patina. circa...

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