

SA606960

The Woburn Abbey Chessmen, 19th Century

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA606960****Date of manufacture: Victorian**

Dimensions

Height = 33.5 cm (13.2")

Width = 9 cm (3.5")

Depth = 9 cm (3.5")

Description

A Rare Part "Garden" Chess Set of Large Size, 19th Century ?the turned beechwood chessmen of solid weight, 'ebonised' and left natural, in the 'Old English Pattern', kings with Maltese Crosses, queens with spiked crowns, bishops as tulip shaped mitres, knights as carved horses' heads, rooks as monobloc turrets with carved brickwork, pawns with baluster knops and ball finials, some bases inscribed '1855' in pencil (presumably either a date or inventory number), thirteen white chessmen, thirteen 'ebonised' chessmen (26). King: 33.5cm high, 9cm diameter Queen: 30cm high, 9cm diameter Rook: 21cm high, 9.5cm diameter Pawn: 16cm high, 7cm diameter Provenance: Woburn Abbey, Bedfordshire, Christie's "Property from Two Ducal Collections, Woburn Abbey, Bedford", 20-21st September 2004, Lot 246. Stock Reference: MJ 1823 Woburn Abbey in the county of Bedfordshire, England, is the family seat of the Dukes of Bedford. Woburn Abbey, comprising Woburn Park and its buildings, was set out and founded as a Cistercian abbey in 1145. Taken from its monastic residents by Henry VIII and given to John Russell, 1st Earl of Bedford, in 1547, it became the seat of the Russell family and t...

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