

SA661805

James II walnut armchair
c.1685.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA661805

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 105.5 cm (41.5")

Width = 61 cm (24.0")

Depth = 66 cm (26.0")

Description

A walnut armchair of excellent quality c.1685, in perfect condition, the walnut of good colour and patination, recently expensively, and appropriately, re-upholstered. This beautiful chair, with the then newly fashionable 'os de mouton' or 'horsebone' front legs, has marked similarities to the pair made by Thomas Roberts, carver and joiner to the Royal Household, for James II (now at Knole). Roberts held this important position throughout the reigns of James II, William and Mary, and Anne. His name has become almost synonymous with the elaborate walnut chairs and stools of the period, carved with 'mouldings and foldings', as they are often described in the accounts. Their scrolling arms and stretchers, also referred to in the documents as 'horsebone', seem to derive from Flemish and Dutch prototypes in the so-called auricular style. This chair is not just a piece of usable and functional furniture, but is also a lovely Baroque work of art redolent of its period. DIMENSIONS: 41.5 inches tall, 24 inches wide, 26 inches deep. PROVENANCE: South West England private collection.

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