

SA802766

Rare Laburnum Armchair c.1680.

Price

GBP 985

| USD \$1,333 | EUR 1,153

Item Reference: SA802766**Date of manufacture: 17th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 113 cm (44.5")

Width = 64 cm (25.2")

Depth = 42 cm (16.5")

Description

This is a very rare piece of furniture in laburnum wood, Scottish, Dutch influenced as was much chair design at this time, with spiral turned open arms, raised on turned legs joined by further spiral turned stretchers. It is expensively upholstered in cut velvet. There are small areas of old woodworm damage, non active, and the ball feet have been replaced; the chair is sturdy, sound and perfectly usable. It has an interesting PROVENANCE, having belonged to WILLIAM TEACHER (1811-1876), Scottish wine and spirit merchant, and thence by descent. William Teacher was working in a grocer's shop in the Glasgow district of Anderston when he married the grocer's daughter in 1834 and began to sell whisky from the shop. In 1856 he was granted a 'licence for consumption' and opened his first 'Dram Shop'. Ultimately the chain of well-regulated premises with high quality whisky on sale grew to 18, making William Teacher the largest single licence holder in Glasgow. By this time his sons William Jr. and Adam had joined the business and the family firm became involved in wholesaling and in blending whisky. Early brands offered by the Teachers included Australian Bonded Grand Liqueur,...

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