

SA935677

Extremely Fine George III Hepplewhite Shield Backed Chair c. 1780

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA935677****Date of manufacture: Georgian**

Description

A really exceptional quality solid rosewood chair of Hepplewhite design with a very elaborately carved shield back and fine leaf carving to the arm supports and tops of the front legs. The ring turned and bulb feet are also a distinctive Hepplewhite design. . George Hepplewhite was born in 1727 and died in 1786. Very little is known about his life other than that he established himself as a furniture designer and cabinet maker. . No single piece of furniture has ever been definitively attributed to his hand and after his death his widow Alice published 300 of his drawings under the name of A. Hepplewhite & Co., Cabinet Makers. . The publication was later revised and re-printed as 'The Cabinet Maker and Upholsterer's Guide'. It was hugely popular and Hepplewhite's designs were copied both by City and Provincial makers. Wealthy clients would commission pieces made to designs in the book. . The fashions of the late 18th century owed much to the neoclassicism of Robert Adam's designs and much of Hepplewhite's work reflects this. The recommended dimensions of he gives for shield back chairs closely match those of this rare and beautiful chair. . It was made by hand in c....

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