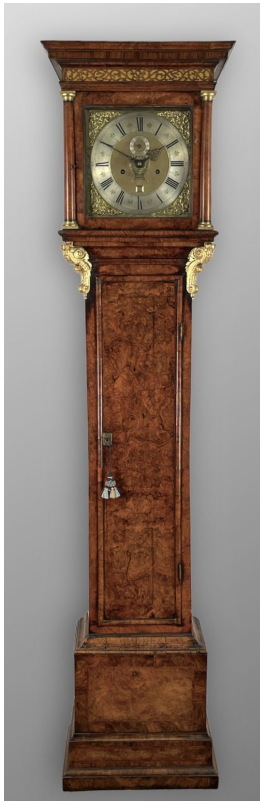


SA972455

Rare Burr walnut longcase clock
with Tompion influence.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA972455

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 229 cm (90.2")

Description

An exceptionally rare burr walnut longcase clock by Alexander Hewitt. Featuring a Month duration movement, six fully latched pillars, seconds and date. The cabinetwork, dial and movement all display a huge influence towards one of the most famous Clockmakers of all time, Thomas Tompion. Alexander Hewitt was apprenticed to Benjamin Bell in 1685. This accomplished horologist and toolmaker had close associations with both Thomas Tompion and Robert Hooke. Its entirely possible that this case did originate from the Tompion workshops and that Mr Tompion saw a talent in Mr Hewitt, perhaps he was unofficially his apprentice for a period of time? The movement certainly displays many Tompion features, as does the dial. The month duration movement strikes the hours on a very unusual internal rack striking mechanism. The whole movement is of substantial quality with 6 latched pillars and latches to the dial. It also retains its original brass bound month duration weights which are thing of beauty in themselves. The dial is typical of the period with a separate silvered brass chapter ring, brass spandrels to the corners and seconds and date to the centre. The makers name Ale...

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