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## **THE JOHN AND ANN BENSON WESTMORLAND OAK MARRIAGE CUPBOARD. DATED 1685.**

A MAGNIFICENT 17TH CENTURY OAK WESTMORLAND MARRIAGE CUPBOARD, THIS FINE QUALITY LAKELAND CUPBOARD STANDS PROUDLY AT 82" WIDE X 77" HIGH X 26" DEEP. IT HAS A FANTASTIC COLOUR AND PATINATION AND IS IN TOTALLY ORIGINAL CONDITION. MADE TO CELEBRATE THE MARRIAGE OF JOHN AND ANN BENSON IN 1685 OF ELTERWATER HOUSE IN THE LANGDALES, THE HEART OF THE LAKE DISTRICT. THIS CUPBOARD IS MENTIONED IN THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON HISTORICAL MONUMENTS OF WESTMORLAND 1936, PAGE 149, FIG 17 ELTERWATER. IT HAS SPENT THE LAST 40 YEARS IN A PRIVATE OAK COLLECTION. BEING A WESTMORLAND LAD MYSELF I HAVE HANDLED A NUMBER OF WESTMORLAND COURT CUPBOARDS OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS AND I CAN HONESTLY SAY THIS IS PROBABLY THE MOST IMPRESSIVE AND FINEST QUALITY EXAMPLE I HAVE SEEN, ALSO BEING ABLE TO TRACE IT BACK TO THE ORIGINAL OWNERS AND HOUSE IS VERY UNIQUE.

THE FORMAT OF THE CUPBOARD IS TYPICAL OF THE ENGLISH LAKELAND. A FINE CARVED FRIEZE WITH RUNNING FERN CARVING CENTRED BY THE INITIALS J.B.A 1685 WITH CENTRAL FLOWER MOTIF ABOVE A PAIR OF DOUBLE PANELLED DOORS FLANKING A DOUBLE CENTRAL PANEL, EACH PANEL IS CARVED SLIGHTLY DIFFERENTLY WITH TYPICAL CELTIC INTERLACED STRAPWORK AND FERN PATTERN UNIQUE TO THE AREA OF THE ENGLISH LAKES. THE BASE AGAIN OF TYPICAL LAKELAND FORMAT WITH THE THREE OFFSET DOOR ARRANGEMENT, ORIGINAL HANDLES TO ALL DOORS. A WONDERFUL MUSEUM QUALITY LAKELAND



MARRIAGE CUPBOARD.

STOCK NO 1478.

**SOLD**

**Dimensions:**

**Height: 77 inches (195.6 cms)**

**Width: 82 inches (208.3 cms)**

**Depth: 26 inches (66.0 cms)**

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