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AN EXTREMELY RARE ENGLISH TUDOR OAK FOUR POSTER BED . CIRCA 1500-1520.

THIS MAGNIFICENTLY CARVED TUDOR OAK FOUR POSTER BED IS ONE OF A SMALL GROUP OF KNOWN TUDOR BEDS MADE IN THE SAME CENTRAL LANCASHIRE WORKSHOP AT THE TURN OF THE 16TH CENTURY. UNLIKE OTHER EXAMPLES WHICH HAVE PIERCED CARVED PANELS TO THE HEADBOARD THIS EXAMPLE HAS CARVED PORTRAIT PANELS CENTRED BY A TUDOR ROSE, THIS IS POSSIBLY THE ONLY KNOWN EXAMPLE WITH PORTRAIT HEADS MAGNIFICENTLY CARVED IN FINE DETAIL TO THE HEADBOARD . THE BACK GROUND OF BOTH THE PORTRAIT PANELS AND THE STYLISED LINENFOLD PANELS ABOVE HAVE AN UNUSUAL SCALE-LIKE CARVED DECORATION. THE CENTRAL MUNTIN IN THE HEADBOARD HAS EXACTLY THE SAME TREFOIL CARVING AS THE LOVELY HALL BED AND THE THOMAS STANLEY BED SEEN IN "OAK FURNITURE" THE BRITISH TRADITION, BY VICTOR CHINNER, PAGE 388. FIG 3:457 AND FIG. 3:458.

NOT ONLY THIS THE HEAD AND FOOT POSTS ARE IDENTICALLY CARVED IN THE SAME DECORATION AS THE THOMAS STANLEY (EARL OF DERBY BED). THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT THIS BED ALSO COULD HAVE BEEN OWNED BY THE SAME FAMILY AND THE PORTRAIT PANELS COULD POSSIBLY BE OF STANLEY FAMILY MEMBERS.

THEY HAVE MOST DEFINETELY BEEN MADE IN THE SAME CENTRAL LANCASHIRE WORKSHOP. BEDS OF THIS QUALITY AND STATURE OF THAT PERIOD WERE ONLY RESERVED FOR THE NOBLES AND ELITE WHO WOULD HAVE THE WEALTH TO



COMMISSION THEM TO BE MADE.

AS WITH ALL THE PREVIOUS BEDS MENTIONED THERE HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT RESTORATION/CONSERVATION WORK CAREFULLY DONE OVER THE CENTURIES TO PRESERVE THEM. THIS EXAMPLE IS ALMOST COMPLETE, IT HAS BEEN SLIGHTLY REDUCED IN WIDTH, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN APPROX 5" WIDER, ALTHOUGH IT STILL TAKES A DOUBLE MATTRESS, THE TIPS OF THE FEET HAVE OLD RESTORATIONS, THE SIDE AND BOTTOM RAILS ARE ORIGINAL, MATTRESS SLATS HAVE BEEN MADE IN FAVOUR OF THE OLD ROPE METHOD AND IRON DRAPE HOOKS STILL REMAIN AT THE TOP OF EACH POST.

PROVENANCE- THIS FINE AND EXTREMELY RARE TUDOR BED WAS IN THE SAME CHESHIRE/LANCASHIRE BORDERS COLLECTION FOR MANY YEARS UNTIL PURCHASED RECENTLY.

4FT6" WIDE X 6FT6.5" LONG X 79" HIGH.

STOCK NO 1604.

SOLD

Dimensions:

Height: 79 inches (200.7 cms)

Width: 54 inches (137.2 cms)

Length: 78.5 inches (199.4 cms)

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