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AN EXTREMELY RARE 14TH CENTURY ENGLISH PEWTER OPENWORK PRICKET CANDLESTICK. CIRCA 1350.

THIS AMAZING MEDIEVAL PEWTER CANDLESTICK HAS AN IRON PRICKET WITH A PEWTER DRIP PAN DECORATED WITH THREE OCTOFOIL FLOWERS INSIDE. THE TWO TIERED STEM WITH TWO ELEGANTLY DRESSED MAIDENS AND A LORD DRESSED IN HIS DOUBLET, THE TRIFORM BASE MOULDED AS THREE KNIGHTS ON HORSEBACK, THE HORSES DRESSED IN FULL REGALIA. THE WHOLE DECORATED WITH CROSS AND STUD DECORATIONS.



THIS RARE CANDLESTICK WAS DISCOVERED IN EXCAVATION WORKS IN NORWICH IN THE 1980s AND HAS BEEN IN A PRIVATE COLLECTION EVER SINCE ITS DISCOVERY. FOR SIMILAR BUT LESS ELABORATE ENGLISH CANDLESTICKS SEE-"THE MEDIEVAL HOUSEHOLD" BY GEOFF EGAN.

INCLUDED IN THE SALE OF THIS CANDLESTICK IS A LETTER OF AUTHENTICATION, EXPLAINING ITS DESIGN AND SIMILARITIES TO AN EXAMPLE WITH THE SAME EIGHT PETALLED DECORATION TO THE DRIP PAN FOUND IN EXCAVATIONS IN DUBLIN BEFORE 1973 IN A DEPOSIT, DATING TO THE EARLY 14TH CENTURY. THE LETTER HAS RECENTLY BEEN COMPILED FROM EXAMINATION OF THE CANDLESTICK BY MR JOHN CHERRY MA,FSA,FRHISTS. (MEDIEVAL AND JEWELLERY). MR CHERRY WAS THE FORMER KEEPER OF MEDIEVAL AND LATER ANTIQUITIES AT THE BRITISH MUSEUM FROM 1962-2002. HE SPECIALISED IN THE CULTURE OF MEDIEVAL BRITAIN AND HAS PUBLISHED MANY ACQUISITIONS SUCH AS THE "SAVENAKE HORN", "TALBOT CASKET"AND THE "DUNSTABLE SWAN JEWEL"TO NAME JUST A FEW.

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Dimensions: Height: 7.25 inches (18.4 cms)

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