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A good, mid-17th century, walnut candlestand

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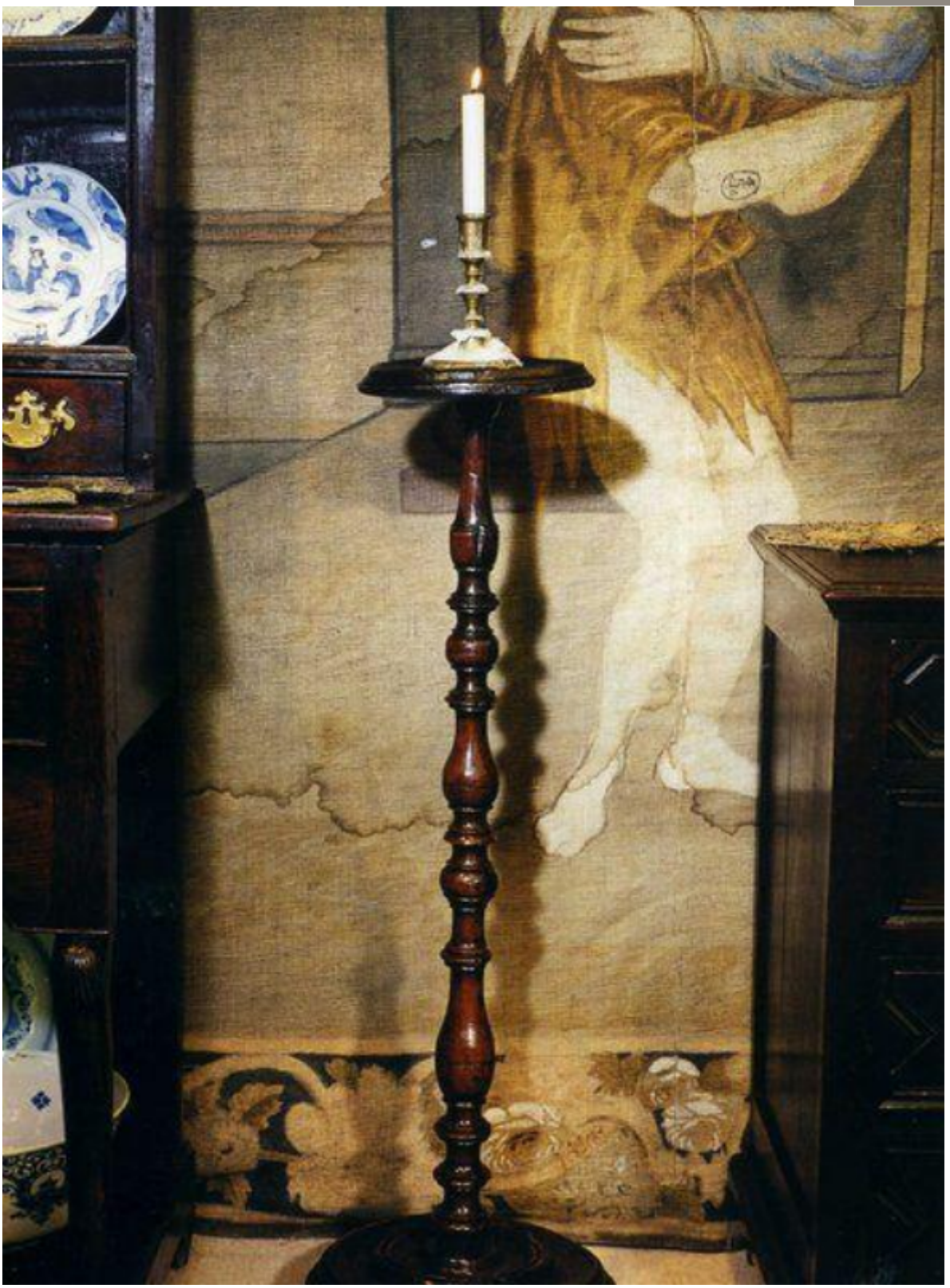

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Height: 107 cm (42.1")

Description

The circular, dished top with a deep, moulded edge. The baluster and ball and fillet turned stem supported on a moulded, circular plinth standing on replaced bun feet. Repairs to small areas of loss caused by worm. Excellent original colour and patina third quarter of the 17th century.

Due to their utalitarian nature, surviving 17th century candlestands are rare. Although simple in design, this candlestand is extremely elegant and has developed excellent colour and patina over time. The height indicates that it was probably made to throw light on part of a room or passageway rather than illuminate a specific object or working space.

Moveable stands to support a candlestick or lamp were intended to supplement the fixed lighting arrangements of rooms. The evidence of inventories suggests that they did not become common in France until about 1650 when they accompanied fine tables and cabinets. Such stands, being sometimes in the form of gueridons.

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