

A rare, late-17th century, 8-seater, walnut gateleg table from the collection of Lord Snowdon, Old House, West Sussex.

Sold



REF: 10489

Height: 75 cm (29.5")

Width: 125 cm (49.2")

Depth: 147 cm (57.9")

Description

. The plank top in three sections, and each leaf in two sections. The hinges later. The frieze plain. Standing on barley-twist and baluster turned legs. Exceptional original colour and patina. English, fourth quarter of the 17th century. 11091427 .

Gateleg tables were used for informal dining in family rooms in the home, and it is rare to find a walnut table of this size. The joiner has selected timber with decorative and fluid, wavy configuration for the top. The barley-twist extending into baluster turnings are extremely elegant and harmonise with the size of the top, creating a balanced proportion. The colour and patina have matured into an excellent crusty surface, particularly on the legs and stretchers. As is generally found, one leaf has been used less often than the other and retains a slightly deeper surface and colour.