

A good, late-17th century, 6-8 seater, walnut gateleg table

Sold



REF: 10533

Height: 80 cm (31.5")

Width: 137 cm (53.9")

Description

The oval top in three sections. The central section is wider than usual and made from one piece of timber, with the two flaps each made from two sections. The hinges original on one side and replaced, probably in the 19th century on the other. The frieze with drawers on either side fitted with original working locks and escutcheons. Standing on elegant barley-twist-turned legs joined by barley-twist turned end stretchers and plain side and gate stretchers. Good configuration, colour and patina. English, fourth quarter of the 17th century. 12071663

The timber used on the top of this fine table has a beautiful grain and developed a lustrous, mellow patina over time. The table is elegant and balanced, with the thick, top supported by the finely, turned, barley-twist legs which were the height of fashion towards the end of the 17th century, and have now developed a deep, lustrous surface. The double gate mechanism is unusual, and designed to enhance the beauty of the turnings, indicating that this table was most likely to have been made as a centre table.

The versatile design of gateleg tables is timeless and they continue to serve as centre and dining tables today.