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A GEORGE I PERIOD BURR WALNUT ARCHITECTS DESK

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English, circa 1720

Height: 30 in (76 cm) Width: 36 in (92 cm) Depth: 22 in (56 cm)

This glorious example of early walnut has survived in remarkable state of preservation, retaining a wonderfully untouched colour and patina.

The hinged top with re entrant corners on a lifting ratchet mechanism. The panelled book matched veneers with double herringbone inlay, cross-banding, retractable book rest and two hinged brass candlestick holders. The pull out writing drawer, supported by two front legs with a leather lined writing surface incorporates a hinged lid and reveals an arrangement of compartments, secret compartments and a hinged pen drawer below. The four short drawers and one long drawer within the front legs, all retaining their original handles.

This rare, early Georgian architects table is particularly unusual as it incorporates a chest of drawers within its pull out writing surface. One similar knee hole chest sold in Christies New York 22nd April 1999 Lot 192 for \$ 189,500. Another example previously owner by Sir Nicholas Goodison is illustrated in 'Hotspur, Eighty Years of Antiques Dealing', Figure 13 pp. 90- 91.

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