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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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