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A pair of late-19th century, upholstered, coffermakers armchairs

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Height: 109 cm (42.9")

Width: 65 cm (25.6")

Description

Upholstered in the red velvet faced with brass studs. This model of armchair is based on a group of 17th century chairs at Knole in Kent. A similar chair is illustrated in English Chairs, published by the Victoria & Albert Museum, 1970, figure 12, formerly in the possession of William Juxon (d1663), Archbishop of Canterbury.

The coffermakers were normally producers of dome-lidded trunks, hence the name coffers. Their form of construction, in which a wooden framework is entirely covered with nailed textile or leather was also applied by this trade to this particular model of chair (see also an article by R W Symmonds Coffer Makers and Upholsterer's Chairs, The Antique Collector, Jan/Feb 1950, pp 19/25.

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