

An extremely, rare, narrow, late-17th/early-18th century, oak, bureau bookcase with unusual features

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REF: 10951

Height: 202 cm (79.5")

Width: 84 cm (33.1")

Depth: 61 cm (24")

Description

This bureau bookcase is extremely rare, small size being only 33 inches long. The narrow, horizontal panels in the bookcase doors and the pair of panels in between the bureau and the cupboards are unusual, early features which, in addition to its elegant proportion, give it gravitas. It retains its original fittings which are unusual and quirky such as the fitted drawers in the bottom part. It is a rare piece of oak, cabinet furniture, finished with complete attention to detail with features such as the moulded edge fitted at the back of each section of the bureau and the deep ogee moulding at the bottom which you generally only see on fine, William & Mary walnut cabinet pieces. It is a very practical as a bureau, stable, and comfortable to work at with ample storage in each section. It is very original, only the brassware has been replaced which is customary for utilitarian pieces.

In two parts. The top section has an ogee moulded cornice above a pair of fielded, panelled doors which open to reveal the bookcase with fitted shelves. The bottom section has a fall front opening to reveal a bureau fitted with pigeon holes and drawers and a well. The frieze is fitted with lopers above a panelled section with a pair of fielded, panelled doors below. They open to reveal fitted drawers above two cupboards. The sides are characteristically plain. The ironware is original, and the brassware is replaced. Standing on front bun feet and back stile feet. Excellent original colour and patina. English, 1675-1725.

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