

An unusual, 19th century, oak and pine, 8-12 seater, trestle table; 3ft., 4 ½ in wide, extending to 9ft long

Sold



REF: 10816

Height: 74 cm (29.1")

Width: 213 cm (83.9")

Depth: 102 cm (40.2")

Description

The 1" thick top is made from four planks faced with cleats at either end. There are two small patches at one end beside the cleat, one square and the other triangular, which are most likely original replacing defects in the planks. There is some shrinkage in the top which is customary. The timber is difficult to identify with the naked eye, and it is most likely ash. It has a very decorative grain with bold markings. The colour ranges from a rich, red-brown to golden tones, and the patina has matured to a fine lustre.

The underside has been fitted with lopers, which are a later addition, to accommodate two, later leaves. There are also old marks underneath at either end where the table has been fitted with hinges at some time, presumably to support leaves, which have subsequently been removed.

The pine base retains its original, painted decoration which is worn in places. The plain frieze is supported by elegant, straight trestles standing on slender, sleigh feet joined by a central stretcher. The table is English and dates from the early, 19th century.