

# MACKINNON FINE FURNITURE

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**Giles Grendey: A George II carved walnut settee**

**English, *circa* 1740**

**SOLD**

An extremely fine and rare George II carved walnut sofa, possibly by Giles Grendey, with particularly fine carving throughout. The scrolled arms with acanthus leaf decoration, with magnificent carved cabriole legs to the front with additional scrolled detailing ending in claw and ball feet, the back legs elegantly splayed. With upholstered back, seat and arms.

A very similar slightly smaller sofa attributed to Giles Grendey (previously with Hotspur Ltd.) was sold Sothebys, New York, 21 October 2005, lot 11 (\$162,000). The present sofa relates to a group of seat furniture associated with the Clerkenwell cabinet-maker Giles Grendey (1693 – 1780). This includes a sofa forming part of a suite of furniture formerly at Gunton Park, Norfolk. Since the number of sofas in any suite of furniture is unlikely to exceed two, surviving examples are considerably more scarce than chairs which were supplied in large sets.

An armchair of virtually identical form is illustrated in situ at Hackwood Park - which was sold Christie's, 20 - 22 April 1998, lot 37

## **Literature:**

Geoffrey Beard and Christopher Gilbert, *Dictionary of English Furniture Makers, 1660 – 1840*, 1986, pp. 171- 172

Christopher Gilbert, *Pictorial Dictionary of Marked London Furniture 1700 – 1840*, 1996, p. 243, figs. 437 and 439

Height: 37.80 in (96 cm)  
Width: 56.10 in (142.5 cm)  
Depth: 33.46 in (85 cm)

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