

# MACKINNON

## FINE FURNITURE

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In the manner of John Phillips

**John Phillips: A George I Burr Walnut Bureau Bookcase**

**England, *circa* 1715**

There is a virtually identical bureau cabinet featuring a glazed door and bearing the trade label of renowned cabinet-maker John Phillips of St. Paul's Churchyard, London. This piece is illustrated in Sir Ambrose Heal, *The London Furniture Makers 1660 -1840*.

A further extremely closely related example is illustrated on the cover of *Antique Collector*, June-July 1969, described as in the possession of Charles Lumb & Sons Ltd.

A superb George I burr walnut bureau bookcase of rare small proportions. The convex cornice, with upper and lower moulded edges, over a burr walnut and feathered banded door with a beveled mirror plate with re-entrant top corners. The door opens to reveal a walnut interior and an arrangement of adjustable shelves. The feather banded fall front with bookrest opening to reveal an arrangement of drawers and pigeon holes, above two short and three long graduated, feather banded, burr walnut veneered, oak lined drawers fitted with original ring handles and plate escutcheons. The sides of book matched figured walnut. The whole standing on its original bracket feet.

Of exceptional colour and patina. Finely veneered throughout.

A particularly rare small size.

**Literature:**

Comparative Literature:

A. Bowett, *Early Georgian Furniture 1715-1740*, Woodbridge, 2009, p. 76, pl.2.49, which shows the virtually identical example that bears the trade label of John Phillips.

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Height: 76.57 in (194.5 cm)  
Width: 24.41 in (62 cm)

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