

MACKINNON FINE FURNITURE



A PAIR OF GEORGE II WALNUT CARD TABLES

England, *circa* 1730

Pairs of George II walnut card tables of this quality are exceptionally rare.

These tables, with their hinged tops that enclose a baize surface for card games, are a particularly embellished variation on the standard decorative style of walnut furniture designed during the George II period. They are notable for their shaped tops with neat inlaid stringing, but predominantly for the profuse foliate carving to the knees and their exceptional colour and patina.

A pair of tables, closely similar in design but curiously made in mahogany and not walnut, sold at Christie's London, 7 April 1983, lot 103. Other examples tend to feature either of the two distinctive features named above: for instance, the table with a trading label for Benjamin Crook sold Christie's London, 15 April 1999, lot 107 has the same top with matching stringing, but the more common scallop-shell carving to the knees, and less elegant rear legs. A card table of similar decoration to the comparable examples above was also illustrated in Symonds' *English Furniture from Charles II to George II*, 1929, p. 46, fg. 24.

AN INCREDIBLY RARE PAIR OF GEORGE II BURR WALNUT CARD TABLES

An exceptional pair of early 18th century George II period burr walnut concertina action card tables. Of outstanding colour and patina throughout. The shaped hinged fold over tops with superb book-matched burr walnut veneers bordered with herringbone inlay and cross-banding, each opening to reveal a green baize playing surface with burr walnut circular candlestands and sunken counter wells. The finely figured

concertina action frieze above four extremely elegant and particularly well carved acanthus and rosette detailed cabriole legs terminating in superb claw and ball feet.

Height: 2' 4³/₄" in (72 cm)
Width: 2' 9¹/₄" in (85 cm)
Depth: 1' 4¹/₄" in (42 cm)

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