



Philip Webb for Morris & Co., Rare & Important Arts & Crafts Walnut Sideboard

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Price on Application

MAKER	Morris & Co.
DESIGNER	Philip Webb
PERIOD	Arts & Crafts Movement , 1880-1889
YEAR	1881
STYLE	Arts and Crafts
ORIGIN	United Kingdom
MATERIALS	Walnut
DIMENSIONS	H: 61.5 in (156.21 cm) W: 61.75 in (156.85 cm) D: 20 in (50.8 cm)
CONDITION	Good

About this piece

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A rare and important Arts & Crafts walnut sideboard/dresser, with an arched top and pillar supports, a centre upper shelf set back with plate-rack grooves, one single-fronted and one double-fronted drawer with brass handles, and three cupboards below.

Literature:

An original drawing for a smaller version of this sideboard is in the collection of the Royal Institute of British Architects (Christopher Menz, *Morris & Co., Art Gallery of South Australia*, exhibition catalogue, 2003, p. 85). Further examples appear in *Truth, Beauty and Design: Victorian, Edwardian and Later Decorative Art*, Fischer Fine Art, exhibition catalogue, 1986, p. 40; Adrian Tilbrook, John Andrews, *Arts and Crafts Furniture*, Woodbridge, Suffolk, 2005, p. 51; Linda Parry, *William Morris*, London, 1996, p. 248; Jill Lever, *Architects' Designs for Furniture*, London, 1982, p. 87; and Sheila Kirk, *Philip Webb, Pioneer of Arts & Crafts Architecture*, Chichester, 2005, p. 53.

Provenance:

Sir Henry Howse, given as a wedding present in 1881, thence by descent. Catalogue notes: Sir Henry Howse (1841-1914) was a senior surgeon at Guy's Hospital and was given this piece of Morris & Co. furniture by his colleagues as a wedding present in 1881.

He was knighted in 1902 in the Coronation Honours, commemorating the Coronation of Edward VII for services to medicine.