



Sir Edwin Lutyens, Rare Newspaper Basket with Replaced Acorn Finials

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Price on Application

MAKER	Edward Lutyens
DESIGNER	Edward Lutyens
PERIOD	Arts & Crafts Movement , 1910-1919
YEAR	1910
STYLE	Arts and Crafts
ORIGIN	United Kingdom
MATERIALS	Cane, Walnut
DIMENSIONS	H: 31.1 in (79 cm) W: 31.1 in (79 cm) D: 23.23 in (59 cm)
CONDITION	Good

About this piece

A rare newspaper basket in walnut designed by Sir Edwin Landseer Lutyens during the *Arts and Crafts* movement (1880–1910). Created for his own household use, the basket has a tapering body with a gadrooned top edge and ball mouldings around the base. It stands on square moulded tapering legs united by an H-shaped stretcher, and retains its original brass and ceramic castors. The acorn finials have been replaced.

Published and illustrated in *Truth, Beauty and Design: Victorian, Edwardian and Later Decorative Art*, Adrian J. Tilbrook and Fischer Fine Art, Exhibition Catalogue, p. 69, fig. 168. Lutyens' daughter Mary confirmed that this basket was designed for his own use prior to

1919, when the family lived at 13 Mansfield Street, London. Following Lutyens' death in 1944, it passed to his wife Emily, and subsequently to their daughter Mary in 1966.

Lutyens' granddaughter Candia also confirmed its authenticity, writing:

"As the granddaughter of Edwin Lutyens and expert on his furniture, you have my wholehearted endorsement of this piece being original Lutyens. I remember it very well beside my Aunt, Mary Lutyens's, armchair in her house in London. I believe on her death she bequeathed it to the architectural historian and her great friend Colin Amery."