

Armchair Wing Upholstered Sage Silk Vivien Leigh Laurence Oliver
Notley Abbey

£13,500



REF: 11390

Height: 139 cm (54.7")

Width: 83 cm (32.7")

Depth: 62 cm (24.4")

Description

An exceptionally, rare 18th century, upholstered wing armchair with a scalloped back from Notley Priory & the collection of Vivien Leigh & Laurence Olivier by descent

- Acquired with a rare, shell back wing armchair from the Estate of Vivien Leigh's daughter - The striking, scallop shaped back and wings suggest that this chair was made as a useable, statement piece for an entrance hall or another room in a large, draughty country house. It is really comfortable and cozy to sit in, enveloping and protecting the sitter from draughts. - The chair was acquired by Leigh & Olivier, along with another wing armchair of rare shell back form for its rare transitional design; the striking shaped back and wings, straight legs and stretcher are a Georgian feature and the 'c' scroll legs derive from the late 17th century. - Leigh & Olivier were one of Hollywood's most charismatic, power couples. These chairs represent a unique opportunity to acquire a piece of history from the golden age of movie making having been used by the couple and countless stars, politicians, royalty and socialites who they entertained. - Acquired for the drawing room at Notley Abbey. - Reference: The Vivien Leigh Archive, Victoria & Albert Museum, London, THM/433/5/1). - Re-upholstered in a two-tone, sage green Rubelli silk damask, similar to the original, trimmed with handmade and dyed passementerie to match

Measures: Back height 139 cm., 54 ½ inches Seat height 51cm., 20 inches Width 83cm., 32½ inches

Depth 62cm., 24½ inches.