

An early 20th century two-seater Knole settee re-upholstered in 18th century tapestry

Sold



REF: 10305

Height: 86 cm (33.9")

Width: 190 cm (74.8")

Depth: 83 cm (32.7")

Description

The rectangular, adjustable padded back and sides surmounted by turned finials.

The upper part of the inside back, sides and front upholstered in early-18th century, verdure tapestry with restorations and repairs. The seat, outside back, sides and front upholstered in a modern Turnell & Gignon green velvet, and the edges faced with 18th century, gold braid and fringe, the tassels 20th century. Standing on castors. The tapestry cleaned and conserved. The settee English, 1910. (see photographs of frame)

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Seats of this type derive their name from a celebrated original at Knole in Kent, the ancestral seat of the Sackvilles, which is thought to date from the first quarter of the 17th century. The type combines the dual function of day-bed and settee, and was among the earliest examples of English seat furniture incorporating fully upholstered seats and backs, usually in conjunction with painted beech frames.