A mid-16th century fruitwood travelling-chest, English, circa 1550

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Height: 42 cm (16.5")

Width: 67 cm (26.4")

Depth: 35.5 cm (14")

Description

Of dove-tailed and pegged boarded construction, having a canted domed lid, flowerhead finial iron angle braces, and ornate iron lockplate and hasp, a coin slot to top lid board historically added for later use as an alms chest

This chest's form, depth dimensions, iron lockplate and hasp are similar to a remarkable travelling trunk or chest, made of oak and stamped leather, marked 'ER', probably for the household of Edward VI (1547-1553), in the Victoria & Albert Museum, London, acc. no. W.18:1 to 6-1958

Both chests date from a period when noble and royal households repeatedly moved between various residences

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