A rare small Elizabeth I boarded oak chest, South East Wales or South West England, circa 1600

£2,250



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Height: 50 cm (19.7")

Width: 71 cm (28")

Depth: 29.5 cm (11.6")

Description

Constructed throughout of thick boards, the front and rear boards projecting slightly beyond the ends, the strap-hinged lid and front each with triple-linear framed border, roundel carved corners and dentil-carved ends, the sides descending to V-shaped cutaway supports with crossed saw marks to the apex, good colour and patina throughout

Carved roundels are a popular motif in South Wales regional furniture, see Richard Bebb, 'Welsh Furniture 1250-1950', Vol I, p.146 & p.295, although principally on 17th century examples. The crossed saw marks to the cut apex of each end board and the dentil-carved decoration (normally chip-carved) to the front board is more commonly associated with West Country furniture

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