



A rare Elizabeth I oak and inlaid 'strongbox', Southwark, circa 1590

Sold



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Height: 84 cm (33.1")

Width: 70 cm (27.6")

Depth: 40 cm (15.7")

Description

Of boarded construction with applied rails to simulate panels, the lid with two 'panels', the front with two arcaded 'panels', each inlaid with strapwork and framed by inlaid panels simulating root-work, further geometric inlay to the sides centred by iron bale handles, base moulding, working key.

Traces of sealing wax around the lock may very well indicate a form of 'tamper-proofing' to ensure the box retained its integrity whilst locked.