Large 18th Century Colonial Walnut Chest



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Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Wallnut

Width : 167

Height : 76.5

Depth : 64

Description

This impressive 18th-century walnut colonial coffer, also known as a blanket chest, features exceptional brass hardware and is constructed from solid pieces of walnut. The chest is designed with a hinged rectangular molded lid that opens to reveal a clean, plain interior. The corners and sides are adorned with brass foliate-shaped mounts, while the front showcases a brass shield-shaped pierced foliate lockplate. Additionally, the coffer is equipped with brass carrying handles on the sides and is supported by later ebonized ball feet. Given its considerable size, this chest likely belonged to someone of high rank, such as a governor. The coffer was a highly valued piece of furniture. Initially, these chests were brought by ship staff and made from European wood. Over time, they were adapted

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with removable ball feet and repurposed as dressers for clothing in domestic interiors. This versatile piece would be ideal for enhancing the decor of a large room, positioned behind a sofa, in a hall, or on a stair landing. Its spacious flat surface provides an excellent area for placing lamps or decorative items.