



Slice Of Bread In Authentic Solid Wood - 17th Century



500 EUR

Period : 17th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Solid wood

Length : 43

Width : 32

Height : 7

Description

Very fine 17th-century folk art object, rare object, remarkable for its authenticity, circa 1650 bread slicer consisting of a one-piece hand-shaped solid wood base, a curved blade with a hook at the end and a wooden handle attached to the blade itself hand-forged, with a curved hook typical of antique bread slicers used to hold the loaf. This type of tool was used to trench very hard loaves, often baked into large loaves intended to last several days or weeks. The heavy, thick blade, combined with rotation around the anchor point, ensured an even cut without too much effort. The hook at the front served to lock the loaf or guide the cut, the groove cut into the wood served as a trajectory for the blade. The heavy wear on the wood indicates prolonged and repetitive use. The handle, made of thick wood, shows the patina

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characteristic of ancient tools handled daily.

Forged nails, irregularities in the wood and traces of carving confirm entirely artisanal manufacture, typical of rural workshops in the XVIIe century.

This bread slicer is a rare testimony to daily life under the Ancien Régime, and illustrates the central place of bread in the diet, as well as the ingenuity of the tools designed for its preparation.