Giverne Hunting Knife, Paris - Silver Mount, Probably From The 18th Century



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Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Length : 65,5

Width : 8

Description

Welcome to La Trésorerie Antiques.French hunting knife with a silver mount. The black handle is adorned with three oval silver inlays on each side. The slightly curved steel blade features an engraved hunting scene on one side depicting a dog chasing a wild boar.At the heel of the blade, both sides bear an almost identical inscription. It mentions Giverne, a weapons dealer and arquebusier for the two companies of musketeers, established on Rue de la Vieille Boucherie in Paris, under the sign "À l'Épée Royale." The reference to the musketeers is part of the supplier's signature.The back of the blade bears a name, the year 1652, and an arrow-shaped motif. The name is partially legible as "Messire Prevost de Bord...". The silver mount likely dates from the 18th century. It is possible that an older

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blade was refitted with this mount at that time. The significance of the year and the blade's date of manufacture remain to be determined.Seven hallmark impressions are visible on the mount. The guard bears, on one side, a hallmark that appears to represent the letter F and, on the other, three hallmarks, including a larger one with a floral motif in which the letters W and G can be made out. Another hallmark appears on the ribbed ferrule, and two small marks are found elsewhere on the mount. The silversmith has yet to be identified. If the "F" corresponds to the Parisian date letter, 1769-1770 is a possible date for the mount.The blade has a patina, traces of oxidation, and a few pitting marks. Some parts of the engravings are faded. The hunting knife is offered without a sheath.Total length: 65.5 cm (25.8 inches)Guard width: 8 cm (3.1 inches)Thank you for your interest. I am available to answer any questions or to send you detailed photos.Best regards,Ben MullerLa Trésorerie Antiques