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A small oval oak carving of two birds

£950

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Height: 28 cm (11")

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Width: 20 cm (7.9")

Depth: 6 cm (2.4")

Description

Depicting one bird attempting to free another from a tie on a punched ground.

England, circa 1850

Provenance: The Legh family, Adlington Hall, Cheshire

Located just outside of Macclesfield, Adlington Hall is one of the stateliest mansions of Cheshire and remained the ancestral residence of the Legh family since c.1310 until its sale this year.

The great hall, constructed in the county's traditional 'black-and-white' timber-framed style, was built in the mid-15th century, with later additions having been made both to the hall and its contents - including the organ famously played by Handel in the 17th century, the Georgian façade added in the 18th century, as well as the remarkable collection of items acquired by the Legh family throughout the ages.

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