

A black oak bed dated 1626

A newscutting of a sale at a West Yorkshire hall describes the following item of furniture

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There was a large attendance at the sale, the antique black oak furniture attracting a large number of buyers. The principal lot offered was an old and massive bedstead in black oak, richly inlaid and very finely carved ... The bedstead has carved on it the date 1626 and the letter B over the date and E and G on each side. The removal of two beautifully-carved figures from the bottom posts, which are said to have been sawn off at the whim of one of the owners of the property, the late Mr Joseph Rushworth, reduced the value of this fine relic enormously ... if whole it would have realised no less than £200.

There must be a good chance of this provenanced piece surviving in a collection somewhere. Please get in touch if you have any relevant information.

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