

18th century Irish heraldic painted silk banner

£395



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Height: 200 cm (78.7")

Width: 180 cm (70.9")

Description

A rare 18th century Irish country house heraldic painted silk banner displaying the Kingdom of Ireland Royal crest, circa 1780

This particular royal crest was adopted by the Tudors and was in use until the late 18th century.

The Tudor Kingdom of Ireland, established in 1542 under King Henry VIII, featured a heraldic crest symbolising English authority over Ireland. The crest typically included a golden harp set on a blue field, representing Ireland. This harp became a lasting emblem of Irish identity, despite its Tudor associations.

The crest was often accompanied by either a crown as here or the English royal arms, showcasing the union under the Crown. It reflected the political aim of assimilating Ireland into the English realm, both culturally and administratively. The use of heraldry emphasised legitimacy, continuity, and the monarchy's dominion across the British Isles during the Tudor era.