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LOT 1100

An early 18th century burr walnut longcase clock with brass five-pillar eight day movement striking on a bell, the brass break arch dial with silvered subsidiary date dial to arch, above a silvered chapter ring inscribed 'J. Windmills, London', framing a matt centre with silvered subsidiary seconds, cornered with cast and pierced gilt mask and scroll spandrels, the hood with moulded arch pediment, glazed door and turned columns, the rectangular trunk door with circular glazed lenticle, on a plain base and plinth, height 221cm, with pendulum and a pair of brass cased weights (alterations). Note: Joseph Windmills is recorded as an eminent clockmaker, who was made free of the Clockmakers Company in 1671 and became master in 1702. His son, Thomas, was apprenticed to him in 1686 and made free in 1695. Around 1700 Joseph and Thomas became partners and although the majority of their clocks continued to be signed Joseph Windmills, a few were signed 'Windmills' and a very small number were signed by Thomas. Both were highly involved with the Clockmaker Company and Thomas became master in 1718.

Estimate: £2,000 - £3,000

Condition Report

1100. The condition report is done without removing movement from case. It is well secured in and not that easy or convenient to remove. The case and movement are both of the correct period and probably started out life together. Circa 1725. The case requires substantial restoration. The main problem being the base and the various moulding that have become detached, especially on the trunk door cross mouldings. Some damage to top hinge of hood door. Bad crack to door lower edge. Typical 'windmills' movement with all parts present including all the date mechanism wheels. Probably a replacement escapement and a poor repair to crutch. Movement very dirty and with some wear so will require an overhaul to return it to working order. Pendulum and weights present although weights in poor condition. Non matching weight pulleys. Typical 'William Star Date' dial. Hands not original apart from date indicator, this is original. Replacement trunk door lock. Please be aware we give no guarantees to working order or reliability of any clock or watch.

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