



Robert Mouseman Thompson. A rare oak longcase clock

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SOLD

DESIGNER	Robert (Mouseman) Thompson
YEAR	1930
MATERIALS	Oak, Brass, Silver, Hickory

About this piece

Robert 'Mouseman' Thompson (1876-1955). A rare oak longcase clock, of exceptional quality with carved florets to the front and his famous little mouse climbing up the side :- HICKORY DICKORY DOCK, THE MOUSE RAN UP THE CLOCK. The German movement with a 10 inch brass square dial and a silvered Roman numeral chapter ring, with three chiming rods inside, these movements were made by E.Schmeckenbecher an old German clock maker. See Tennants' sale 19th November 2003 for an oak chiming longcase clock. That clock was made in the Thompson workshops in the 1970s. Circa late 1960's,70's. Height 76" 194cm, Width 18", Depth 13". Mouseman Long Case clocks were made in very small numbers usually by commission only and I have only ever managed to find five including this one that have come onto the market. They began producing them in the late 1960's and through the 1970's and were made by Len Haw and Malcom Pipe and they sold for £9000 back then, we believe they stopped producing them in the late 1970's. Robert Thompson Mouseman was born in 1876 and took over the family carpentry business in 1895 when his father died. He started signing his furniture with a mouse in 1923 and he died in 1955.