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THE CROOKED STEM WELL CARVED WITH NUMEROUS GROTESQUE FACES, FISH, EELS, FRUIT AND SAUSAGES, ETCHED WITH NAMES AND COMMENTS INCLUDING: 'IPSWICH NELL', 'LIVE EELS', 'RED HERRING', 'OLD PEG', 'BLACK CURRANTS' ABOVE A CARVED BUNCH OF THEM. 'LONDON MOLL', 'CHERRY RIPE' AND 'RIPE PEARS' ABOVE A CARVING OF FOUR PEARS. 'COLCHESTER SUE', 'NORWICH TOM' AND 'FRESH SOLES' ABOVE A CARVING OF A FLAT FISH. 'OLD RUTH', 'OLD MIKE', 'NEW MACKEREL' AND 'FRESH SAUSAGES' ABOVE A CARVING OF A STRING OF FOUR SAUSAGES.
OLD SMOOTH POLISHED PATINA
19TH CENTURY
SIZE: 105CM LONG – 41¼ INS LONG

LITERATURE

MADE FOR DEFENSE AS WELL AS WALKING WITH THIS UNUSUAL CANE IS A REFLECTION OF THE OWNER'S PERSONALITY AND THE DESIGNS PROBABLY HELD IMPORTANT SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE ARTIST REFLECTING PIVOTAL EVENTS AND FAVOURITE ALLEGIANCES. IT COULD HAVE BEEN USED AS A CUDGEL, AND FOR CARRYING A TRAVELER'S BELONGINGS TIED IN A BUNDLE BOUND TO THE CROOK OF THE STICK, BUT IT MAY HAVE HAD NO OTHER ORIGINAL FUNCTION THAN TO OCCUPY THE MAKER AND THEN TO ENTERTAIN THE OBSERVER.