



Antique Upholstered Howard Style Button Armchair

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REF: 28201

Height: 84 cm (33.1")

Width: 78.5 cm (30.9")

Depth: 81 cm (31.9")

## Description

Howard Style Button Back Armchair.

A 19th century Howard style button back upholstered arm chair with walnut turned front legs and square sweeping back rear legs. The front legs raised on cup castors with white ceramic wheels.

The name of Howard and Sons is synonymous with high end upholstered furniture and is highly sought after. They have an unprecedented international reputation as 'makers of bespoke furniture', and the name Howard & Sons continues to resonate throughout the interior design industry nearly 200 years on. John Howard established Howard and Sons in London in 1820, going on to trade from multiple addresses in central London, their most notable address being Berners Street. Cabinet Maker to start with, making his first venture into upholstered furniture in 1844. In 1869 the company consolidated its many workshops into the one building on Cleveland St. and became a limited company in 1899. They won awards at multiple exhibitions, including two golds and a silver at the Paris exhibition of 1900, gaining their first Royal warrant in 1901.

Howard and Sons would mark their work in several ways making identification easier. Cabinet work would either have paper labels, stamps, and on later pieces Ivorine labels. Upholstered furniture would have either a name and/or number stamp on the inside of the back foot, a paper label on the hessian or a name stamp on the castor cup or wheel. The content i.e. address on the stamp varies depending on the date of the piece.