

Lot 314 Stag's head mounted on carved shield, representing Coat of Arms, dated 1653.

Example image



Current location unknown.

In the 1947 sale this item was sold for £5 and was listed as part of the Vestibule and Hall items.

Esme Smyth insured the stag's head with the Royal Insurance Company in Bristol in June 1935 for £10.

It would appear that the shield/coat of arms would be dated 1653. The actual stag's head is unlikely to have been displayed since taxidermy techniques were not sufficiently advanced to allow the preservation of the whole head. The antlers were removed and mounted onto a carved wooden stag's head or as in the example above the bony skull was mounted onto the shield.