

THE NEVILL HOLT HALL FOLIO CABINET

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Of free standing form, constructed in satinwood, extensively adorned with engraved brass strapwork, carrying handles to the sides, the initials 'CN' and the family crest, a Bull's Head issuing from a ducal crown; rising from a plinth base, having a lockable rising top, and hinged triple panelled facia opening to reveal a fiddle back mahogany fretwork divider, and a remarkably engineered folio support and display arrangement.
Circa 1850

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Provenance

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Bearing the family crest of the Nevill Holt family and the initials "C.N." denoting a custom commission most likely for Cosmo George Nevill (1823-1896), the last heir and owner of the family seat in Leicestershire. Mention of a great house standing here goes back to the year 1302, with significant additions and alterations throughout the centuries. From 1829-1832, the great architect J.B. Papworth started introducing gothic details to the house, a theme which clearly continued in its interiors as seen on the present folio cabinet which was probably commissioned when Cosmo inherited the estate in 1848. The estate was sold at auction in 1868.