

BUTCHOFF

EXCELLENCE IN ANTIQUES

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A CARVED BLACK FOREST BENCH

H: 39 in / 98 cm | W: 45 in / 113 cm | D: 20 in / 50 cm

A Carved Black Forest Bench

Constructed in carved Lindenwood, the animalistic legs carved to represent hooves and hairy paw feet, supporting a naturalistically carved bench and back incorporating three bear cubs playing among the branches and foliage.

Brienz area, circa 1900

Literature:

Brienz, Bernese Oberland, Switzerland

Brienz, in the Bernese Oberland, Switzerland was remarked upon in Baedeker's Travel Guide, as having a

population of 2400, of whom 600 persons were employed as woodcarvers, to supply the tourist trade to Switzerland with mementos of the tour. A museum devoted entirely to the art of wood carving may be visited today.

Literature:

Arenski, Jay, Simon Daniels, and Michael Daniels. *Swiss Carvings: The Art of the 'Black Forrest' 1820-1940*. Woodbridge: Antique Collectors' Club, 2005, pp. 146-150 illustrating related examples.

