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## A SUPERB CARVED 'BLACK FOREST' BENCH

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H: 37.5 in / 95 cm | W: 64 in / 162 cm | D: 20.5 in / 52 cm

A Superb Carved 'Black Forest' Bench

Constructed in carved Lindenwood, the seat supported by two free-standing bears with lovely patination and glass inset eyes; the frame of the bench modelled from branchwork with the back depicting six merrymaking bears dancing and playing music beneath the canopy of the carved oak tree whose leaves are also carved in relief on the seat.

Brienz area, circa 1890

### 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 Forest' 1820-1940*. Woodbridge: Antique Collectors' Club, 2005, illustrating related examples.

