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A 'BLACK FOREST' BEAR BENCH

H: 34 in / 86 cm | W: 53.5 in / 136 cm | D: 18 in / 46 cm

A 'Black Forest' Bear Bench

Constructed in carved Lindenwood, the seat supported by two free-standing bears; the frame of the bench modelled from branchwork with a carved bear in the central roundel amongst oak foliage, whose leaves are also carved in low 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.

