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**A SENSATIONAL CARVED 'BLACK FOREST' BEAR
BENCH**

Dimensions: H: 41.5 in / 105 cm | W: 55 in / 140 cm | D: 24.5 in / 62 cm

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An extremely rare example of Lindenwood carved with extraordinary skill, the rectangular seat supported by two free-standing bears and a larger central bear flanked by two conifers. Each with realistic carved fur, wax patination to render the nuances, and inset with realistic glass eyes. Brienz, circa 1890

Only a handful of the most accomplished Swiss carvers were able to produce works of this calibre to this degree of realism. A rare-to-the-market example.

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.