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Item IRISH SATINWOOD & BURR YEW FITTED GENTLEMAN'S DRESSING TABLE

Date Dublin, circa 1790, label of Joshua Kearney; inscribed Carrig House ...; 4056.

Provenance Carrig House, Bellvue, Tivoli, Co. Cork. Ireland.

Dimensions Height 34 1/4" (87cm) Width 27 1/4" (69.2) Depth 20" (50.8cm)

Description *The oval burr yew-inlaid, satinwood-lidded top, opening to a fully fitted interior with a mirror and satinwood lidded boxes, over a slide and drawer; the replaced lock stamped ⓂWR PATENT and the underside inscribed; original label; good condition throughout with small repairs commensurate with age and use.*

This handsome piece of gentleman's furniture is a rare survivor from the late 18th century, being both labelled by the maker and inscribed with the provenance.

The design is a variant of plate 72 in *The Cabinet Maker and Upholsterer's Guide*, by George Hepplewhite (1727-1786), veneered in expensive imported figured satinwood and cross-banded in kingwood, the divided top inset with a pair of British specimen burr yew wood ovals to the rising lids, the linings are in mahogany and the removable and fitted interior boxes have satinwood lids.

This dressing table retains the label of Joshua Kearney of Dublin - dubbed 'cabinet maker to the King' - and was probably made around 1790 for the Topp brewing family who clearly had the substantial means to acquire the finest metropolitan furniture as well as to commission the most fashionable architecture. The underside of the drawer is inscribed in pencil *Carrig House, Lower Road*, and stenciled 4056; Carrig House, in the once fashionably wealthy Bellevue area of Tivoli in Cork, was built in neoclassical style in the 1820s, probably by local architect Henry Hill, and likely to have been the first dwelling on that spot.

Price £8,500

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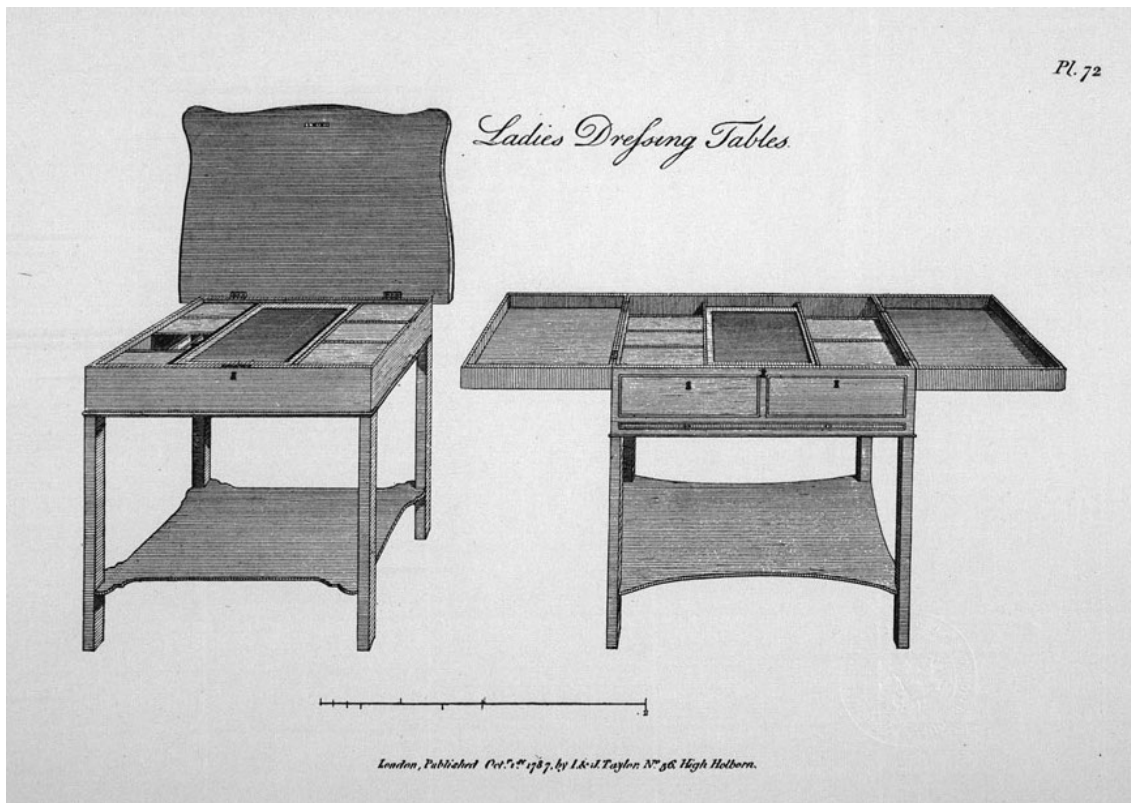


Fig. 1



Fig.2



Fig.3