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## DAYBED BY OWEN JONES



£45,000

Code: 6288

Circa 1873

Designed by Owen Jones and manufactured by Jackson & Graham, London

Veneered with sycamore, rosewood and walnut, all covered in RU Argent (5377)

Provenance: James Mason (1824 - 1903) Eynsham Hall, Oxfordshire.

Dispersed circa 1954; Suffolk Antique Trade 2017

It appears that the suite of furniture was originally covered with a woven Jacquard silk to Owen Jones' design called "Sutherland." This was woven by Warner, Sillett & Ramm (Image 7).

An armchair (circ.35-1954), a side chair (circ.523-1953), an open armchair (circ.34-1954), a dressing table (circ.33-1954) and a centre table (circ.522-1953) were donated to the V&A in 1954 by The Home Office when it was being used as a police training college.

Very few other pieces from this commission have surfaced. They include an occasional table (with Paul A. Shutler in 2009), another occasional table (with Blairman & Sons in 2013) and a small centre table (with Mallett in 1998).

Watercolour designs for the proposed furnishing of Eynsham Hall are in the collection of the library of Reading University. The proposal for the conjoined drawing room, music room and card room shows the en suite armchair, but with two sofas of a more elaborate model from Jones's well known commission for Alfred Morrison. An example of the latter survives in a private London collection. The watercolour does show our daybed (see

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accompanying image 6), drawn end on beside the Drawing Room fireplace and with what appears to be the occasional table previously with Shutler (Image 8).

Presumably James Mason preferred the simpler design of the armchair to be applied to the sofas, although sofas of both designs may have been made. Our sofa is therefore likely to be one of a pair supplied for the music and card rooms.

Other pieces from Eynsham Hall that are not shown in the watercolour proposals are known to exist: the occasional table with Blairman & Sons in 2013, for example.

## Dimensions:

H 75cm x W 174cm x D 65.5cm

H 29<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x W 68<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x D 26"



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