

BIEDERMEIER SOFAS & DAYBEDS SO179



Highly important sofa from the family of Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte, attributed to Wilhelm Kimbel, South Germany (Mainz), circa 1835. Walnut on pine with woodcarved French (Napoleonic) eagles.

19 1/2 / 33 " h, 79 " w, 27 d.

Provenance: From the property of Hortence Beauharnais, daughter of Josephine (wife of Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte) whom she had with her first husband Alexandre de Beauharnais. Hortence Beauharnais was the mother of Napoleon III. From Castle Arenenberg in the Thurgau, Switzerland. Reference: Dr. Heidrun Zinnkann, dissertation "Mainzer Moebelschreiner der ersten Haelfte des 19. Jahrhunderts" (Mainz Cabinetmakers from the first half of the 19th century), Frankfurt, 1985.