



Walter Cave Attributed, Arts & Crafts Pair of Oak Armchairs with Curved Backs

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£2,600

DESIGNER	Walter Cave
PERIOD	Arts & Crafts Movement , 1900-1909
YEAR	1900
STYLE	Arts and Crafts
ORIGIN	United Kingdom
MATERIALS	Oak
DIMENSIONS	H: 41 in (104.14 cm) W: 24 in (60.96 cm) D: 22.5 in (57.15 cm)
CONDITION	Good

About this piece

Attributed to Walter Cave, a **pair of armchairs** in **oak** aligned to the *Arts and Crafts* movement (1880–1910), **c.1900**. Each chair has a bowed cresting rail above a second shaped rail and a slatted lower back panel. The upholstered leather seat sits within a plain frame over tapering legs; the front and side stretchers are set low, while the rear stretcher is higher, creating a stepped run around the base. Arms are curved with small through-dowels visible at the front posts and again at the rear arm fixings; the arm-rest ends show double-dipped top curves. The rectilinear composition is softened by the wavy back rails and the arm profiles, expressing straightforward joinery and measured detailing typical of late *Arts and Crafts* seating.

Walter Frederick Cave (1863–1939) was an English architect and furniture designer associated with the Art Workers' Guild and the Arts and Crafts circle; he designed interiors, furnishings and decorative work alongside his architectural practice. The restrained vernacular lines and gentle curvature here align with that vocabulary.