

Family Medals at Charterhouse

Three groups of medals from the same family are entered into the Charterhouse 22nd September auction of collector's items in Sherborne.

"The market for medals remains very strong. We have set some world record prices over the past couple of years for medals including the amazing Dambusters raid group which sold for £148,800 which has firmly put us on the map for achieving high prices," commented Richard Bromell.

It is the first time the three Symonds family medal groups have appeared on the open market and they are being sold by a family member. He has decided that rather than leaving them to put away in a drawer that they should be held, enjoyed and researched by collectors.

The medals were all awarded to members of the Symonds family stretch from a Queens South Africa (or Boer War) medal from the closing days of the 19th century through to a General Service Medal with a Palestine 1945-48 clasp. In between these campaigns, the family were awarded medals for the First and Second World Wars and also served in India. However, what is also interesting is that all three family members served with the same unit which is The Army Service Corps.

The longest group of is of 12 medals includes an MBE awarded to Major T H Symonds. He was part of the early war effort in 1914 and continued to serve though the Second World War ending up in Calcutta in 1945. All the medals have clearly been worn with pride, with the older ones showing signs of enthusiastic polishing over the decades!



Worn with Pride – the Symonds family medals*

