

Item #31163 Period Antique Historical Tapestry 10'0" H x 14'6" W



Item Number	31163
Name	Historical Tapestry
Size	14' 6" X 10'
Origin	
Style	
Size Category	Horizontal Tapestries
Antiquity	Circa 17th Century Period Antique
Primary Design	Pictorial
Sub-Design	Directional
Design Genre	Genre Tapestry Historical Tapestry Romantic Tapestry
Field Color	Ivory
Border Color	Brown
Composition	Wool with silk inlay
Condition	Very Good

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Description

A Flemish historical tapestry, from the weaving center of Antwerp, woven in the third quarter of the 17th century, and attributed to Jan Frans Cornelissen. The tapestry depicts "The Marriage of Numo Pompilio," from the series, "The Story of Numo Pompilio."

The tapestry depicts the second king of Rome, Numo Pompilio, standing at left with his advisers, marrying Tattius, the daughter of the Sabine king, standing on the elevated platform at right with her entourage, within a regal setting with Roman columns in the background. Enclosed on three sides by an elaborate scrolling border, with images of nymphs, maidens, vases, putti, floral



sprays and garlands, and connected by a crest at top center. Wool with silk inlay.

Subject: According to Plutarch (circa 46-119 AD), Numo Pompilio (715-673 BC) was the second King of Rome after Romulus. After the death or disappearance of Romulus and the subsequent *interregnum* (a year without a king), Pompilio was elected by a council of Romans to be the next king, without his own knowledge, and was notified by the ambassadors, Proculo and Veleso of his newfound kingship. Pompilio initially rejected the offer because of his pacifist views, his intellectual interests, and his rural mentality, but he was convinced to accept by another prominent Roman statesman, Maricio. As king, he strengthened the peace agreements and rights laws between Rome and other cities, created major religious institutions (including the famed Temple of Janus at the foot of Mount Argiletum, as well as the Temple of the Vestal), reformed the calendar by dividing it into twelve lunar months, and organized the first corporation of various classes of artisans. He married Titus Tatius, the daughter of the Sabine king.

History: The series, “The Story of Numo Pompilio,” is believed to have been designed in the 1660’s, and to have been sold through the merchants Forchoudt in Antwerp. Their inventories first mention the series in 1669 in two entries as a set of eight tapestries and another of six panels, while it is mentioned again in 1670, 1675, 1677, and 1678 (each time in reference to Jan Frans Cornelissen), and again in 1681 and 1682 (in reference to Anna Maria Wauters).

Hanging: The tapestry comes ready for hanging, with linen backing and a strip of hook and loop tape at the top end, which can be connected to the opposite side of the supplied hook and loop tape, which could be tacked to your wall. For those who prefer the use of a tapestry rod, we can add the appropriate size loops to accommodate your needs. We now have a large selection of antique



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accessory, antique, antiques, antique rug, antique carpet, antique tapestry, carpet, carpets, cleaning, classic oriental rugs, collectibles, collector items, collector piece, decor, decorative accessory, decorative item, decorative rug, decorator, design, designer, europe, european, farsh, fine, fine antique decorative rugs and carpets, floor covering, floral, geometric, ghali, hali, hand knotted, hand made, hand woven, home decor, home design, interior decor, interior decorator, interior design, interior designer, iran, iranian carpets, iranian rugs, luxury, luxe, new york, new york city, nyc, oriental rug, oriental carpet, persia, persian rug, persian rug gallery, persian carpet, persian carpets new york, persian carpets nyc, persian gallery, period european tapestry, period european tapestries, pgny, pillow, pillows, vintage, vintage carpets, vintage decorative pillows, vintage rugs, rare textiles, repair, restoration, rug, rug cleaning, rug repair, rugs, semi antique, pillow, pillows, tapis, tapisserie, tappeti, tappette, tappic, teppiche, textile, traditional, traditional decor, traditional design, used rugs, used tapestries, wall hanging, wall decor, wool pile, wool rugs,

Subject

The Marriage of the Roman King, Numo Pompilio