



**Belle Époque Grand Duchess Alexandra of Mecklenburg-Schwerin
Aquamarine, Diamond, Ruby, Pearl Pendant Necklace, Circa 1905
£40,000.00**

A Belle Époque aquamarine, diamond, ruby, pearl, platinum and gold pendant necklace, formerly the property of Grand Duchess Alexandra of Mecklenburg-Schwerin. Featuring an openwork design, with a central, emerald-cut aquamarine, in a gold, millegrain edged rub over setting, surrounded by alternating rays of calibré-cut rubies, in gold and rose-cut diamonds, in platinum, millegrain edged, rub over settings, with a design of single diamonds either side of the aquamarine and graduating pairs at either end; onto an openwork air gap, held with knife edges; enclosed by a scalloped border of rose-cut diamonds, in grain settings, with millegrain edges; with a decorative cheniered gallery below, in platinum; with a rose-cut diamond set, millegrain edged platinum and gold bail, onto a rose-cut diamond set circle; attaching a delicate, three row woven seed pearl necklace; with a matching rose-cut diamond set circle clasp, circa 1905. Estimated aquamarine weight 40.00 carats. Estimated total diamond weight 4.50 carats. Ruby 1.20 carats.

Grand Duchess Alexandra of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, born Princess Alexandra of Hanover and Cumberland, 1882-1963. Born in Gmunden, Austria, on September 29, 1882, Alexandra was the daughter of Ernest Augustus, Crown Prince of Hanover, and Princess Thyra of Denmark. She was named after her maternal aunt, Queen Alexandra of the United Kingdom. She was also the niece of Empress Maria Feodorovna of Russia. Because of her family's Hanoverian roots, she was a British princess until her titles were removed by the British government, in 1917, during World War I. In June 1904, she married Grand Duke Frederick Francis IV. She served as the final Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg-Schwerin from 1904 until the monarchy was overthrown, in the 1918 German Revolution. The couple had five children. Following the abdication of her husband in November 1918, she lost her formal court roles but remained a prominent figure in European royal circles. She lived quietly in Germany and Austria until her death in 1963.

Approximate weight: 32.67 grams

Origin	German
Period	Early 1900s
Style	Edwardian
Condition	Good
Materials	Gold
Main Gemstone	Aquamarine
Main Gemstone Cut	Emerald Cut
Main Gemstone Carat	40.00 carats
Dimensions	Pendant length 43.8mm, with bail 52.9mm, pendant width 36.7mm, necklace length 526mm
Secondary Gemstone	Diamond

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