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# Château de Troussay

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Baron Stanislas de Sainte-Marie likes to call his Château de Troussay "the smallest château in the Loire Valley". This charming ancestral home in Cheverny was built in the 15th century by a salt store inspector from Blois. In 1732 it was sold to the Pelluys family, related to Colbert, before passing by marriage in 1787 into the family of Louis de la Saussaye, a member of the Institut de France, former director of the Lyon Academy and a historian of the Loire Valley. He began restoring the château in 1828, refurbishing it with period pieces in keeping with the style and history of the place. It is this 19th century heritage that enthusiasts will be able to buy at this three-day

sale (Rouillac auction house). Around 100 books from the library will be available (estimated between €30 and €800), as well as furniture, paintings and objets d'art from the 15th to the 18th centuries. The main drawing room contains four appealing 18th century armchairs in moulded oak, which can also serve as prie-dieus, or church-kneelers (€5,000/8,000). Nearby is an equally attractive late 17th century cabinet with veneered wood and ivory facings, embellished with polychrome marquetry depicting vases and flowery cornucopia (€6,000/8,000). The dining room holds a Strasbourg dresser from around 1700 made of natural and blackened wood, with fruit-tree and burr wood veneering, adorned with annulated columns (€9,000/12,000). Meanwhile, the drawing room houses some fine Old Masters, like "The Rape of Europa" by Jean-Baptiste Féret, who was admitted to the Academy in 1709 (€12,000/18,000).

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