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IN MY OPINION the violin illustrated is an authentic English example by **William Robinson** (1880-1960) made in 1943 and numbered 369 as indicated by the original label. During his working life from 1910 to 1953 he had the support of Dykes & Sons on New Bond Street, and his instruments were well received within the professional market during his lifetime.

The violin is of a rather broad pattern that is common to Robinson's work, but whilst he tends towards a Guarneri-inspired design, the soundholes with very broad wings that are balanced top-to-bottom is much more reminiscent of Stradivari's work of his final few years in the 1730s. The broad, slightly wavy spruce is a typical feature of Robinson's work, perhaps using wood reserved for the piano soundboards rather than for violin making.

The violin, as illustrated, is in an excellent state of preservation.



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