

## Lot 186

### **Antique Japanese Daisho Set of Swords and Mounts. (continued)**

The wakizashi is a beefy, wide, shobu-zukuri shape, with a nie deki gunome midare hamon. The hada is ko-itame, itame, with some masume grain in places. The boshi is Yakizume, with small turn back. The sword dates from the Kanbun era, around 1661. The tang is ubu, mumei (unsigned), with one mekugi-ana. The blade length is 37.5cm or 14-3/4", with a NBTHK Hozon paper dated Heisei 27(2015) that attributes the sword to "Shinto Jumyo". There were numerous sword smiths that used the name Jumyo from Koto to Shinto and later times. They were considered an auspicious sword to give or receive as gifts. It has a copper habaki with a shakudo foil cover. The saya is the same type as the long sword, covered in bristles embedded in dark brown lacquer, with nanako gold colored metal koiguchi and kojiri. There is a pocket in the back side of the saya for a kozuka. There is a white sageo cord wrapped around the saya and the kurikata. The tsuka handle is covered in ray skin and wrapped in matching woven brown silk ito with white chevron flecks. The fuchi and kashira are iron with Namban designs of Chinese writing characters, similar to those on the long sword. The menuki are dark shakudo rice bales and tied bags. The seppas are gold foil covered copper. The tsuba is mokko shaped with relief carvings of three gods with copper and silver faces, and gold inlaid details to their kimonos. It is a similar theme and design, but not quite the same as the katana tsuba, and may represent the same fable or story. It measures 68mm wide x 72mm tall, with a kozuka hitsuana. There is a kozuka present in the saya pocket, with a signed blade. The kozuka handle is copper with a nanako plate featuring a dragon and a tiger with gold and silver details. All the fittings are unsigned. Condition is very good, the blade in a nice state of polish with clear grain in the metal, a nice hamon, and showing little to no use or marks. The saya lacquer is in excellent condition, the fittings are in good condition showing light age. The kozuka blade has some heavy rust that obscures some of the signature. The kozuka handle has scratches, wear, and dings from use. The tsuba and fuchi/kashira show a light rust patina to the iron with some losses to the gold inlaid details, with some red rust on the kashira. The tsuba shows some evidence of recent cleaning to the iron surface. The seppas show some looseness to the gold foil covering. The silk ito shows losses and light wear from age and use, with some repairs to keep it intact. The same' shows shrinkage and minor losses to the nodules. The menuki are very nice, with a pleasing dark patina, and show light dusty soiling from age. Overall a nice, well preserved, daisho set of swords and mounts, showing the right amount of age. Est.: \$5,000-\$7,500.