

SA10583

SOLD...Portrait of Duncan Forbes of Culloden (1570-1654); Scottish School

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Item Reference: SA10583

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Description

An interesting painting in that the sitter is shown smiling, unusual in 17th c. portraiture. Forbes is an old Scottish name, coming from the lands of Forbes in Aberdeenshire, close to the modern town of Alford. The first bearer of the name on record is one Duncan de Forbeys in c.1272. They were an east coast family, prominent in Aberdeenshire, and spread around the Moray Firth in the medieval period. They appear in Inverness at an early date, and rapidly became successful merchants. In 1622 for the Scottish Parliament's tax on annual rents, money loaned with property as security, Duncan Forbes 'owed to 5 individuals £6,666 13s 4d Scots', but was in turn owed £10,000 Scots by another five individuals, including the clan chief, Sir Adam MacKay of Strathnaver in Sutherland. He was wealthy enough by 1626 to be able to buy the estate of Culloden - a clear example of a wealthy urban merchant leaving trade to set his family up as land owners and lairds. This Duncan Forbes, known as 'Grey Duncan', the progenitor of a long line of Duncan Forbes of Culloden, was descended from the family of Forbes of Tolquhoun on his father's side, and of the Keiths, Earls Marischal of Scotland, ...

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