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**Portrait of Catherine, Lady
Brooke c.1643; Atributed to
Theodore Russell**

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Date of manufacture:

Description

A fine quality oil on panel in a 17th century frame, sensitively depicting the attractive young sitter. She wears mourning for her husband, recently killed in the Civil War, and holds flowers before her breast, these represent the fleeting and fragile nature of life. Amongst them seems to be Pink Laurel which, with its associations of honour and triumph and its Christian association with eternal life, would be appropriate. CATHERINE GREVILLE, LADY BROOKE (Baroness Brooke of Beauchamps Court) was born Lady Catherine Russell and was the daughter of Francis Russell, 4th Earl of Bedford (later Duke). She married Robert Greville, 2nd Baron Brooke of Beauchamps Court c.1630. They had three children, all male, who became the 3rd, 4th and 5th Barons. She died in 1676, thirty three years after her husband's death. Robert Greville (1607-1643) was MP for Warwick in 1628, and was involved in the foundation of Saybrooke in Conecticut. During the Civil War he gained the rank of Colonel in 1642, fighting at the Battle of Edgehill in the Regiment of Foot. Promoted to Major-General, he commanded Parliament's forces in Warwickshire and Staffordshire and was looked on as the Earl of Essex...

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