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Portrait of a Lady, Mrs William Acton of Bramford Hall, in a Silk Dress and Blue Fur-Trimmed Cape c.1740; Signed Thomas Bardwell (1704-1767)

Price

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Item Reference: SA1117835

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 143.5 cm (56.5")

Width = 118 cm (46.5")

Depth = 8.5 cm (3.3")

Description

This exquisite work, painted circa 1740, formed part of the collection of family pictures and heirlooms of the Barons de Saumarez, descendants of the sitter, at their magnificent 1,400-acre manor, Shrubland Park, near Ipswich. The manor was considered amongst the finest Italianate country homes in Britain and the family held the estate for over 200 years until it was sold in 2006. Signed by the prolific Suffolk artist, Thomas Bardwell, it is a finely depicted portrait of a beautiful young lady and a prime example of his work. His graceful portraits were very much admired at the time and today his work is represented in many museums and grand country houses throughout Britain. Our portrait, depicts a subject about thirty years of age, and on the basis of clothing and hairstyle, it was painted around 1740. Mr Kirby Talley Jr., in his writing for the Walpole Society (Thomas Bardwell of Bungay, Artist and Author 1704-1767 with a Checklist of Works', Walpole Society, Vol. XLVI, 1976-78) identified the sitter as the wife of William Acton of Bramford Hall (c.1684-1744) and recorded it in the Saumarez collection, descendants of the sitter at their magnificent family home,...

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