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John Astley, Portrait Of Martha Hatchett - Antique Oil Painting

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1123651****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 92 cm (36.2")

Width = 78 cm (30.7")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This splendid mid-18th-century oil painting by British artist John Astley (1724-1787) depicts Martha Hatchett (nee Owen) (1713-1792), the second daughter of Thomas Owen of Llynllloed, Montgomeryshire. It was probably commissioned for her new home, Tedsmore Hall in West Felton, Shropshire and it's presented in a feigned oval. Astley was a significant Georgian portraitist who developed a reputation for fine wine, women, and ostentatious behaviour. Martha Hatchett, seen here circa 1768, was the wife of Richard Bulkeley Hatchett (1720-1800), who was responsible for building the core of the Tedsmore property. Her elegant attire is typical of that favoured by aristocratic women of the period and includes a pearl choker and sleeves with various flounces. It's a sensitive portrayal, capturing a softness behind the eyes - a genteel persona. Born in Wem, Shropshire to Richard Astley, a surgeon, and Margaret Astley, John Astley's turbulent life resembles a melodramatic novel. Numerous biographers, including close friends, have described his antics with varying degrees of disapproval and mirth, and, needless to say, it's challenging to uncover the real artist without wading through ...

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