

**SA1129784**

Portrait of Lady Isabella Legh in a Woodland Holding Flowers  
c.1693; Follower or Circle of Sir Godfrey Kneller (1646-1723),  
Oil on canvas painting

Price

**Sold**

**Item Reference: SA1129784**

**Date of manufacture: 17th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 141 cm (55.5")

Width = 119 cm (46.9")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

## Description

This elegant portrait, painted circa 1693, formed part the Legh family collection at their magnificent home, Adlington Hall. Adlington was built on the site of a Saxon hunting-lodge and became the home of the Legh family during the reign of Edward II, thus cementing the family's custodianship of Adlington for the next 700 years. Our portrait can be seen hanging in the Drawing Room in a photograph taken by Country Life magazine in 1905 (see photo). Through this portrait, collectors have a chance to acquire an evocative vestige from a glittering aristocratic way of life that is fast disappearing. It is a good example of portraiture of aristocratic and wealthy women in England during the last quarter of the seventeenth century. Beautifully composed, the sitter is seated in a woodland and a rocky outcrop. This arcadian setting draws from the tradition of pastoral literature where life in the country was perceived as peaceful, contemplative, free of worry, and a time to pursue pleasure. By the early seventeenth century, Arcadia was already a popular theme in art and all educated individuals were familiar with Latin and Greek pastoral poetry. The topic was so ingrained ...

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