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SOLD.....PAIR OF PORTRAITS OF MATTHEW AND ANNE BABINGTON 1645; Circle of Daniel Mytens.

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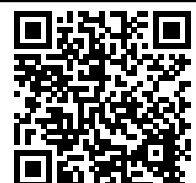
(ONE OF THE PAIR OF THE BABINGTON PORTRAITS). Oil on canvas of Mathew Babington of Rothley Temple, Leicestershire, painted in 1645 during the Civil War (1642–1651). Inscription bottom right 'Aet 32. Ao 1645' (Aged 32 in 1645), also bears initials 'DMf' ("Daniel Mytens fecit" i.e. Daniel Mytens made this). Upper left the Babington coat of arms with the motto "Foy est Tout" (Faith is All) a phrase reputedly said to Henry V on the eve of the Battle of Agincourt in 1431 by Thomas Babington, a squire in the King's personal retinue. The sitter is expensively and fashionably dressed with much play of silk, lace and silver; in the background the formal gardens of Rothley Temple. The house still stands; now known as Rothley Court, it has been an hotel since 1960. (See image 5). Rothley Temple originally belonged to the Knights Templar from 1203, then the Knights Hospitaller until their suppression in the 1560s, when it was acquired by the Babingtons. MATTHEW BABINGTON, Lord of the Manor and Soke of Rothley (1612-1669) son of Thomas Babington and Catherine, daughter of George Kendall of Smithsby, Derbyshire. He was educated at Queens College, Cambridge, then the Inner Temple in 1...

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