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Portrait of a Lady in White Dress and Blue Mantle, Frances Lady Berkeley c.1695; By Michael Dahl (1659-1743), Oil on canvas painting

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Item Reference: SA1168514

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 93 cm (36.6")

Width = 79 cm (31.1")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

This elegant and graceful portrait was painted by Michael Dahl, whom by 1700 became the most successful painter in England, and was capable of outperforming Kneller, Richardson, and Seeman. The sitter is a descendant from the ancient Temple family, who derived from the Saxon earls of Mercia; they take their name from residence in one of the houses of the Knights Templars. The work is a sublime example – in quality but also in its excellent state of preservation – of portraiture in England at the end of the seventeenth century. The subject is Frances, Lady Berkeley of Stratton, who was a daughter of Sir John Temple (1632-1705) and Jane Yarnier (died 1708). Her father was an influential Irish lawyer, politician, and Attorney General for Ireland. Born circa 1673, Lady Temple became known as Lady Berkeley of Stratton when she married William Berkeley, 4th Baron Berkeley of Stratton – he was the brother and heir of John Berkeley, 3rd Baron Berkeley of Stratton (the first husband of her sister, Jane Temple). The couple had four daughters and three sons, including Frances, who married William Byron. Lady Frances was a great great grandmother of the poet Lord Byron and ano...

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