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SOLD....Portrait of Elizabeth Felton, Lady Hervey, c.1705; by Michael Dahl

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Description

Oil on canvas in period carved and giltwood frame. The sitter in this portrait has traditionally been identified as "Lady Hervey". It seems most likely that the sitter is Elizabeth Felton, second wife of John, 1st Earl of Bristol, whom Dahl is known to have painted through an engraving by John Simon (National Portrait Gallery). The similarities in likeness between the engraving and the present picture are compelling. ELIZABETH FELTON (1676-1741) was the daughter of Sir Thomas Felton, 4th Bt. and Lady Elizabeth Howard. Her home was Playford Hall, Suffolk (see image 5) and her father was Master of the Household to Queen Anne. She married John Hervey, 1st Earl of Bristol, son of Sir Thomas Hervey and Isabella May, on 25 July 1695 at Boxted Hall, Suffolk, England. She held the office of Lady of the Bedchamber to Queen Caroline. As a result of her marriage, Elizabeth Felton became Baroness Hervey of Ickworth on 23 March 1702/3, then Countess of Bristol on 19 October 1714. Elizabeth was noted for her vivacity and love of pleasure and of play. Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, a close friend, wrote that "the Countess has come out a new creature... is grown young, blooming, coquette..."

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