

SA151410

SOLD.....Portrait of a Gentleman 1663; English School.

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Item Reference: SA151410

Date of manufacture:

Description

Oil on canvas, unframed. Inscribed "Anno Domini 1663" This mid-17th century portrait shows a young man who looks confidently out at the viewer. Although the sombre clothing might cause one initially to think the sitter is a Puritan, a closer inspection would suggest otherwise. His hair is long, luxuriant and very fashionable and the type of neckwear...called a falling band...was worn by academics and lawyers as well as the clergy. Bands varied from small white turn-down collars and ruffs to point lace bands, depending upon fashion, until the mid-seventeenth century, when plain white bands came to be the invariable neck-wear of all judges, serjeants, barristers, students and clerical and academical men. Bands were adopted in England for legal, official, ecclesiastical and academical use in the mid-seventeenth century. They varied from those worn by priests (very long, of cambric or linen, and reaching over the chest), to the much shorter type shown here used by other professions. SIZE:30 x 24 inches unframed. PROVENANCE: Private Collection, Gloucestershire

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