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SOLD....Portrait of Dorothy Coventry, Lady Pakington
c.1650: attributed to Theodore Russell.

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Date of manufacture:

Description

Oil on canvas in period carved and giltwood frame. Unusually for a portrait of this age the canvas has never been lined and is supported by the original stretchers held together by handmade iron clout nails. The sitter, traditionally known as Lady Pakington, looks confidently at the viewer, her hair, pearls and silk clothing the last word in fashion at the time. DOROTHY COVENTRY (1623-1679) was the daughter of Sir Thomas Coventry and Elizabeth Aldersley. Sir Thomas was Keeper of the Great Seal and a Privy Counsellor. Dorothy married Sir John Pakington of Westwood, Worcestershire. This magnificent country house remained in the family from the time of Henry VIII intill 1906. (see image 5). Sir John was imprisoned in the Tower of London by Parliament for his Royalist convictions; he was fined the colossal sum of £5000 and had his estate confiscated and his Buckinghamshire house was demolished. Undeterred, on his release, he fought in the Battle of Worcester in 1651 where he was captured and fined again...this time £7670. After the Restoration he became MP for worcestershire. Like her husband, a fervent Royalist, Dorothy shared in the circulation of religious and philo...

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