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**SOLD....Portrait of a Gentleman
c.1715; Follower of Kneller**

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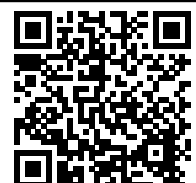
Description

Oil in canvas in distressed 19th c.gilt frame. A pleasing early 18th century portrait of a good-looking young man painted by an unknown artist; one of the many provincial portraitists who painted the lesser gentry and prosperous mercantile classes. The portrait itself is a good, honest, no-nonsense image of the sitter...he looks directly and frankly at the viewer. The unknown artist was clearly influenced by the work of Sir Godfrey Kneller, an artist very fashionable at this time. SIR GODFREY KNELLER (1646-1723) was the most distinguished painter of baroque portraits in England. Born in Lubeck, he trained with Bol and Rembrandt, coming to London in 1676. By 1679 he had painted the King and remained the most famous and successful portrait painter in England until his death. In 1688 he was made Principal Painter to the King and was knighted in 1692 and a made a baronet in 1715. His style had a profound influence on British portraiture and a large number of artists, many very talented in their own right, emulated his fashionable style. SIZE: 38 x 32.5 inches inc. frame. PROVENANCE: Sussex Private Collection.
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