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**Portrait of George Husey 1758,
by Thomas Worlidge.**

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Description

Oil on canvas in fine quality 18th century carved and giltwood frame. Signed and dated lower left "Thos. Worlidge Pinx. 1758" and inscribed lower right "George Husey. Age 19". GEORGE HUSEY, a prosperous linen draper, born in 1739, lived in Salisbury and married Jenny Coster. They had a daughter Elisabeth in 1785 who was born in Compton Pouncefoot, Castle Cary, Somerset. She married Lewis Goodwin Senior/Husey-Hunt in 1809 in Bristol. Elisabeth died in 1832. THOMAS WORLIDGE (1700-1766) was born in Peterborough of Roman Catholic parents, and studied art in London as a pupil of the Genoese refugee Alessandro Maria Grimaldi (1659-1732). He painted portraits of his master Grimaldi and his master's wife about 1720. He married Grimaldi's daughter, and remained on close terms with Alexander Grimaldi, his master's son. Subsequently he received instruction from Louis Peter Boitard. About 1736 Worlidge and the younger Grimaldi are said to have visited Birmingham, where Worlidge reintroduced the art of painting on glass. For a time, too, he seems to have practised portrait painting at Bath, Somerset. About 1740 Worlidge settled in London in the neighbourhood of Covent Garden, wher...

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