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Triple Portrait of The Hon. Mrs. Denham - Cookes and Her Children 1896, by Edward Hughes.

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Date of manufacture: 1890

Description

Oil on canvas in giltwood frame, signed and dated "Edward Hughes 1896" lower left, on the stone plinth. This superb triple portrait shows the Honourable Mrs. Denham-Cookes and her children Arthur Brownlow and Clara Evelyn in their garden at 16 Princes Gate, London. (This house is now the Iranian Embassy and is famous for its siege and capture by the SAS in 1980). Their father was Colonel George Denham-Cookes, and his son Arthur followed him into the army, becoming a captain in the 24th Battn. London Regiment. Prior to this he had become an M.A. Trinity Hall, Cambridge and a Member of the Inner Temple. Arthur had married, in 1916, Ursula Bloom, the novelist, and in 1917 they had a son, Pip Denham-Cooke. Tragically, having survived the First World War, Arthur died of influenza in November 1918 aged 27. EDWARD HUGHES (1832-1908) was a highly successful painter who exhibited at the Royal Academy, The British Institute, and The Grosvenor Gallery, displaying over the period from 1847 to 1892 a total of 69 works. He is best known for his genre pieces in the manner of Thomas Faed and in his later career for his portraits of the aristocracy, which strongly recall the 'fancy' pi...

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