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**SOLD....Portrait of Jane Brooke;
Follower of Philip Mercier**

Price

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Date of manufacture:

Description

Oil on canvas in gilded frame. The sitter, Jane Brooke, is pictured with her spindle. Working with wool or silk was very fashionable and considered an appropriate pastime for a young lady. Needlework was a highly valued skill amongst the upper classes. Jane was the daughter of Peter Brooke and his second wife Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Jonas Langford Esq of Theobalds, Hertfordshire and Antigua, British West Indies. There were two other daughters, Elizabeth and Frances. Jane was the youngest daughter; she married, firstly, William Hulton of Hulton Park, Lancashire on 22 August 1785 and, secondly, William Tyrell Boyce Esq. The Brooke family of Mere lived at Mere Hall, Knutsford from the 1650s until 1993. Colonel Ronald Langford-Brooke had died in 1980 and his wife Helen in 1993. A dispersal sale of the contents, including this portrait, was held on the premises by Christie's in May 1994. Image 8 shows Mere Hall and in Image 9 this portrait can be seen, upper right, hanging on the staircase wall. PHILIP MERCIER (c.1689-1760) was a French painter and etcher, who lived principally and was active in England. He was born in Berlin of French extraction, the son of a Hu...

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