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Portrait of Elizabeth or Frances Brooke; Follower of Bartholomew Dandridge.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA222741****Date of manufacture:**

Description

Oil on canvas in gilded frame. The young girl, carrying flowers in her apron, waves as if in recognition - but her gaze, and her thoughts, seem far away. The flowers are a symbol of youth and beauty, both equally transient. The sitter is thought to be a sister of Jane Brooke (see item 8747 in 'Portraits Sold'). Elizabeth and Frances were the daughters of Peter Brooke and his second wife Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Jonas Langford Esq of Theobalds, Hertfordshire and Antigua, British West Indies. Elizabeth married Randle Ford Esq. barrister, of Wexham, Buckinghamshire on 13 December 1785; She died in 1806. Frances married Thomas Oliver Esq. of Leytonstone on 20 December 1786. 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, lower right, hanging on the staircase wall and partially obscured by the chandelier. **BARTHOLOMEW DANDRIDGE (1691-c.1754)** studied at Sir Godfrey Kneller's academy ...

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