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**Portrait of William Winder
c.1700; English School.**

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Date of manufacture: 1700

Description

Oil on canvas in the original carved black and gold frame. WILLIAM WINDER was baptised at Lorton, Cumberland on 24 September 1690; he was the son of John Winder, Esquire, Barrister of Gray's Inn, and Lettice, daughter and co-heiress of William Williams of Johnby Hall, Cumberland. He was a merchant and Consul at Barcelona from 1723-1734. The Winder family were given a Royal Charter to most of old Cumberland County in the 14th century and then lived at Lorton Hall for the next three hundred years. As the most prosperous and royally-connected landowners, they gave their name to Windermere amongst other local features and villages. The unknown artist, clearly influenced by the famous artist Robert Byng (1666 - 1720) who was noted for his portraits of children, has depicted the attractive sitter with great charm. William looks steadily out at the viewer, as befits the heir of an ancient and important family; in his left hand he holds an orange, these were an expensive luxury in Northern Europe, coming as they did from the warm South. They also has considerable symbolic significance. The orange tree bears leaves, flowers and fruit all at the same time. The leaves, which are e...

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