

**SA309545**

**Portrait of Ann Wells, later  
Duchess of Chandos c.1722;  
Follower of Michael Dahl.**

Price

**Sold**

**Item Reference: SA309545**

**Date of manufacture:**

## Description

Oil on canvas in good period carved and giltwood frame. An old label, verso, identifies the sitter as Ann Wells (1709-1759) daughter of John and Sarah Wells of Brasted Park, Kent, baptised in 1709. This is probably the Ann Wells who married, secondly, Henry Brydges, 2nd Duke of Chandos at Mr. Keith's Chapel, Mayfair. (Image 7 shows Ann when Duchess of Chandos). The Duke held the office of Member of Parliament for Hereford; he was Master of the Horse to HRH The Prince of Wales and was invested as a Knight, Order of the Bath on 12 January 1731. The Duke was also 5th Baronet Brydges, 10th Baron Chandos of Sudeley, 2nd Earl of Carnarvon, 2nd Viscount Wilton and 2nd Marquess of Carnarvon. King George II remarked "there is my Lord Carnarvon, a hot headed, passionate, half-witted coxcomb." Ann, Duchess of Chandos, died 9 August 1759 at Keynsham Abbey, Somerset without male issue. MICHAEL DAHL (1659-1743) was born in Stockholm; after studying in Paris, Rome and Frankfurt he settled in London in 1689. He soon became the best patronised portrait painter in England after Kneller. He was much employed at the Court painting many portraits. SIZE:canvas 29.5 x 24 inches. Framed: 3...  
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