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Portrait traditionally called James Radclyffe (Radcliffe), 3rd Earl of Derwentwater; Studio or Circle of John Closterman.

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Date of manufacture: 1700

Description

Oval oil on canvas mounted in later giltwood frame. JAMES RADCLYFFE (Radcliffe), 3rd Earl of Derwentwater (26 June 1689 – 24 February 1716) was an English Jacobite, executed for treason. His death is remembered in an English traditional ballad, "Lord Allenwater". He was the son of Edward Radclyffe, 2nd Earl of Derwentwater and Lady Mary Tudor, the natural daughter of Charles II by Moll Davis. He was brought up at the exiled Court of St Germain as a companion to the young prince, James Francis Edward Stuart (the 'Old Pretender' after his father James II died), and remained there at the wish of Queen Mary of Modena, until his father's death in 1705. He succeeded to the family titles and estates in Northumberland on the death of his father in 1705. He spent the next two years at Dilston Hall, Northumberland, (see image 5), the mansion built by his grandfather on the site of the ancestral home from 1521; he began the construction of a grand mansion to replace the old Hall, a task that was never completed. He joined the conspiracy of 1715; he was suspected by the government, and on the eve of the insurrection the secretary of state, Stanhope, signed a warrant for his arrest.

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