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SOLD....Portrait of a Lady,
traditionally identified as Mary
Queen of Scots (1542 - 1587),
Circle of Francois Clouet.

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Item Reference: SA378352

Date of manufacture: Before 1700

Description

Oil on oak panel in an 18th century gilded frame bearing a collection number. Inscribed upper left "1574" and upper right "Aetatis" (at the age of), the age is missing as the panel has been altered on this edge. Mary Stuart would have been 32 years old at that time and that looks about right for the sitter. Image 5 shows an image of Mary as Queen Dauphiness of France by Francois Clouet at the age of sixteen and there does seem to be a resemblance between the young girl and the mature woman. It is possible that the portrait was painted in the early 17th century when James Stuart, Mary's son, was on the Scottish and English thrones and Mary's image was revamped from traitor to martyr. Of course, it may also be that the sitter was a noblewoman who looked like Mary. There are so many images claimed to be of her and so many artists depicted her in their own way...half the portraits seem to bear no resemblance to each other, especially the 18th and 19th century ones. This portrait came from the old collection of an ancient and noble Scottish family and was in that collection for almost 100 years. Verso a manuscript pen and ink label is inscribed " Mary Queen of Scots by Mark Ga...

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