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SOLD....Portrait of Sir Maximilian Norris; Manner of Robert Peake

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Description

SIR MAXIMILIAN NORRIS (also known as Norreys) was a relative of Henry Norreys, Keeper of the King's Privy Purse, who was executed in 1536 for alleged adultery with Queen Anne Boleyn. Maximilian was one of five brothers who campaigned in Ireland and on the Continent against the Spanish; he was killed fighting in Brittany in 1593. The present representatives of the Norris family are the Berties, Earls of Abingdon. This painting dates from c.1800 (the frame dating from that period) and is a copy of a lost 16th century original. It is typical of much Elizabethan portraiture in its iconic feeling, use of symbolism and the fashionable poetic melancholic appearance of the sitter, who wears the 'sable harness' or black armour also in fashion at that time. Upper right the copyist has misspelt the knight's name as 'Maximisian' and upper left has incorrectly copied the Latin inscription as 'His Aut Nullis', which should read 'Hic Aut Nullus'. One can only presume the inscriptions on the original were indistinct. Beneath the sitter's name can faintly be discerned an overpainted inscription. The symbolism of the hand, sword and armillary sphere is interesting. The use of the armi...

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