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**Portrait of Francis Gregor 1713,
by William Gandy.**

Price

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Item Reference: SA431318

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 90 cm (35.4")

Width = 78 cm (30.7")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

Oil on canvas in a gilltwood frame. The Gregors were an important Cornish family who came to prominence during the 16th and 17th centuries as merchants and landowners. FRANCIS GREGOR, (1686-1762), aged 27 in the portrait, was born in Trewarthenick in the parish of Cornelly, Cornwall. He married, firstly, Maria Ratcliffe who died in 1720, and secondly in 1724, Dorothy Harn, died 1792. Francis became Deputy Lieutenant of the Duchy of Cornwall: his son, Francis, served in the 53rd Regiment at Quebec under General Wolfe and became his secretary. In this portrait he holds a vellum scroll dated 1215, the date of the Magna Carta. This painting, until the late 1960s, hung in the Great Hall of Trewarthenick House, Cornwall, at that time the property was sold out of the family. In 1969 the portrait was relined by the then owner and the signature of the artist on the verso of the canvas was obscured. It was, however traced and this tracing comes with the portrait, as does much correspondence with Cornwall County Council concerning the portrait and family, a handwritten family tree, a copy of the Journal of the Royal Institution of Cornwall concerning the family and showing this ...

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