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**Portrait of Thomas Wrightson
1714; Circle of Sir Godfrey
Kneller.**

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA434184

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 99 cm (39.0")

Width = 86 cm (33.9")

Depth = 11 cm (4.3")

Description

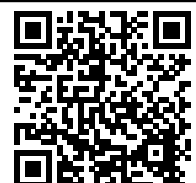
Oval oil on canvas, now in a rectangular Late Georgian frame. THOMAS WRIGHTSON 1674-1724, of Cusworth House, near Doncaster, Yorkshire was High Sheriff of Yorkshire in 1714. He married Jane, daughter of Sir Paul Barret. Cusworth Hall is an 18th-century Grade I listed country house. Set in the landscaped parklands of Cusworth Park, it is a good example of a Georgian country house. It is now a country house museum. The Wrightson family had held the lordship of Cusworth since 1669. The present house was built in 1740-1745 by George Platt for William Wrightson to replace a previous house and was further altered in 1749-1753 by James Paine. On William's death in 1760 the property passed to his daughter Isabella, who had married John Battie, who took the additional name of Wrightson in 1766. He employed the landscape designer Richard Woods to remodel the park. Woods was one of a group of respected landscape designers working across the country during the 18th century and Cusworth was one of his most important commissions in South Yorkshire, another being at Cannon Hall. Woods created a park of 250 acres with a hanging and a serpentine river consisting of three lakes embellis...

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