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**SOLD...**Portrait said to be of Mrs. McFarlane, daughter of the first Baronet Halkett of Pitferrane c.1715; by William Aikman

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## Description

Oil on canvas in feigned oval within old 18th c. style gilt frame. The sitter may possibly be Mary Halkett, daughter of Sir Charles Halkett, the first baronet, knighted by King Charles II. Sir Charles married Janet Murray, daughter of Sir Patrick Murray of Dryden; she bore him seven children. The Halketts are a family of ancient lineage, in Scotland by the 13th century and settled at Pitferrane in the 14th. The family seat was a small castle or tower house sold in 1951 when Lady Madeleine Halkett died; it is now a golf club. WILLIAM AIKMAN (1682-1731) was a Scottish portrait painter, only son of the Laird of Cairney, Forfar where he was born. He developed a passion for painting and studied under Medina, sold the family estate and went to Rome in 1707 for three years. He settled in Edinburgh in 1712 and was an excellent taker of likenesses, the best Edinburgh portraitist of his time, painting most of the nobility, gentry and lawyers. In 1723, encouraged by the Duke of Argyll, he moved to London where he was not only patronised by Scots, but became well known in literary circles and the friend of Pope, Gray, Thomson and others. He died in London but by his wish was b...

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