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Portrait of George Buchanan, 1506-1582, poet, historian, and administrator

Price

GBP 6,500

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Item Reference: SA441092

Date of manufacture: 16th century

Dimensions

Height = 35 cm (13.8")

Width = 28 cm (11.0")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

Attributed to Frans Pourbus the Elder, 1545 - 1581 Portrait of George Buchanan, 1506-1582, poet, historian, and administrator Signed/Inscribed: "GEORGIVS BVCHANANVS" oil on oak panel 35.54 x 27.94 cm. (13.3/4 x 11in.) Buchanan, George (1506–1582), poet, historian, and administrator, was born about 1 February 1506 at a farm called The Moss in Killearn parish, Stirlingshire, the fifth of eight children of Thomas Buchanan (d. c.1512) and Agnes Heriot, traditionally said to be of the Heriots of Trabroun, Haddingtonshire. His father and grandfather, Robert Buchanan of Drumikill, died while he was a child and he was brought up by his mother, who was given a lease of lands near Cardross, Menteith, in 1513. He probably spoke Gaelic. One of his five brothers, Patrick, became known as a humanist. A nephew Thomas succeeded him as keeper of the privy seal, and Thomas's wife Janet was Buchanan's executor. A few details of Buchanan's early life are given in his autobiographical Vita, first published in 1598. Its authenticity is generally accepted, though Peter Young, assistant tutor to James VI, has been suggested as a possible author. At the instigation of his uncle James Heriot he ...

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